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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 29 April 2025. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

You asked us:

In the most recent assessment, how many of the key 88 projects listed in the Clean Power by 2030 Action Plan are scheduled to finish after 2030?

Our response

We confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

The [Clean Power 2030 Action Plan](#) is a UK Government report published in December 2024.

The [Clean Power 2030 report](#) (CP30 Report) is NESO's advice to Government on how Britain can achieve clean power by 2030, provided to Government on 5 November 2024. The CP30 Report was provided to Government as impartial, expert advice on potential pathways and scenarios so that the Government could then determine any measures such as policies, plans and programmes, to be put into place. All published information relating to NESO's CP30 report is available on the NESO website: [Clean Power 2030 | National Energy System Operator](#).

Section 2.4 'Electricity networks', pages 31–36 of the NESO Clean Power 2030 report, includes: 'We conclude that to meet clean power in an efficient way in 2030, of the 88 wider transmission projects, 80 must be delivered by 2030. To date, nine of these have been built and 68 are in

development, with expected delivery dates by 2030 or earlier. Three projects identified as being critical to clean power have a current delivery date after 2030. These projects will need to be accelerated to 2030 delivery.'

The information on network infrastructure projects within the CP30 Report, including their projected completion dates, was provided to NESO by the Transmission Owners.

The table on page 33 of NESO's CP30 report (also on page 64 of the Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan) summarises the project statuses. Further information is provided in [Clean Power 2030 – Annex 2: Networks, connections and network access analysis](#).

Tab N1 of the [Clean Power 2030 Data Workbook](#) provides information on network infrastructure projects, including the responsible Transmission Owner.

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

NESO was created by the Energy Act 2023 which amalgamated the Energy System Operator (ESO) and other core functions:

- Coordinating and directing the flow of electricity over GB's electricity system.
- Carrying out strategic planning and forecasting across both the electricity and gas systems.
- Acting as an independent advisor, providing analysis and information to the Government of the day and Ofgem.

NESO is responsible for designing an energy system that meets future electricity infrastructure needs. Transmission owners create proposed solutions to meet these needs. This might include refurbishing, upgrading or building new essential infrastructure or accelerating grid connections.

For up-to-date information on the status of a specific project we would advise you contact the relevant Transmission Owner.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)