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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 1 May 2025. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

You asked us:

I'm looking for data of the Enhanced Services Provision requests that were submitted and accepted since the SO:TO optimisation trial turned into BAU (similar to the format of appendix A in the attached, which covers the trial period). ...Where can I find that data?

Our response

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

The output delivery incentive (ODI) trial was aimed at encouraging Transmission Owners (TOs) to proactively identify and provide solutions to the then Electricity System Operator (ESO) to help reduce constraint costs, in accordance with the STCP 11-4 process. STCP 11-4 is a procedure that enables NESO (and previously NG ESO) to buy a service from the TOs, where this service has been identified as having a positive impact in assisting in the minimisation of costs on the GB Transmission network.

The ODI trial ran from April 2021 to March 2023, and National Grid ESO published its final report in June 2023, in line with the obligation to provide an assessment of the ODI trial:

- [NG ESO SO:TO Optimisation Output Delivery Incentive \(ODI\) Report – June 2023](#) (as referenced in your request)
- [SO:TO Optimisation Governance Document](#)

In June 2023, Ofgem confirmed the continuation of the ODI until the end of the RII0-2 Price Control period: [RII0-2 System Operator: Transmission Owner Optimisation output delivery incentive](#). From 2023-24 NG ESO, and subsequently NESO, have included information on STCP 11-4 enhanced service provision requests in the RII0 2 Business Plan 2 (2023-25) quarterly reporting. Please see BP2 2023-24 Reporting and BP 2024-25 Reporting available here: [How we're performing under RII0-2 | National Energy System Operator](#).

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

- We do not hold information on accepted enhanced service provision requests in the same format in which the information was presented in the June 2023 report. We have provided links to the publicly available information published by NG ESO, and subsequently NESO, in relation to accepted STCP 11-4 enhanced service provision requests. We believe this meets the scope of your request.
- If your request was intended to be for more detailed information relating to specific STCP 11-4 enhanced service provision requests, please let us know.
- For information, the National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) was part of the National Grid PLC group of companies until 30 September 2024 and was not subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). On 1 October 2024 ('Day 1') we became the National Energy System Operator (NESO) under government ownership (the Independent System Operator and Planner as designated in the Energy Act 2023). Regulation 14 of the Energy Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/706) amended Part 6 of Schedule 1 (other public bodies and offices: general) of the FOIA, inserting the following: "*The Independent System Operator and Planner designated in accordance with section 162 of the Energy Act 2023 in respect of information held by it as a result of the exercise of its functions under, or as a consequence of, that Act.*" NESO has therefore been subject to the FOIA since 1 October 2024 and may refuse FOIA requests in respect of information collected, received, or created prior to Day 1.
- The three transmission owners (National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), SSEN Transmission and SP Transmission) report on their accepted enhanced service provision through annual Regulatory Financial Performance Reports.

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)