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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 21 May 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). This is because we have determined that information relating to connection agreements meets the definition of 'environmental information' provided at Regulation 2(1)(c) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us for further information following our response to your previous information request (FOI/25/005). Our emphasis added:

Sunnica state in their Consents and Agreements position statement dated 11th November 2022 to the Planning inspectorate that a Bilateral Connection Agreement to connect to the scheme to the NETS was as follows:

The applicant (Sunnica Ltd) accepted a grid connection offer in December 2018. The Bilateral Connection Agreement was completed 13th February 2019 and an Agreement to vary was entered 23 August 2021

It is noted in the Planning Inspectorate recommendation to the SoS dated 28th June 2023 that NGESO and NGET are both owned and operated by National Grid plc as two distinct legal entities (from April 2019)

Please can you explain why a second agreement was entered into on 27th September 2024 and if that agreement dated 13 Feb 2019 was null and void.

Our response

The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) require us to confirm whether recorded information is held at the time of a request, and to disclose that information unless an exception applies. We confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

The TEC Register is a current list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with us. These include existing and future connection projects and projects that can be directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) or make use of it. There is only one entry for PRO-000393 on the current TEC Register (18/06/2025): [Transmission Entry Capacity \(TEC\) register | National Energy System Operator](#)

NESO holds an archive of the TEC Register. These have been published in response to previous information requests (reference numbers FOI/24/0031 and FOI/24/0040) and are available on the EIR/FOI disclosure log: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#)

Changes to contracts for TEC will be reflected in the historic TEC Registers. For information:

- The first TEC Register published after 13 February 2019 that lists a project with customer 'Sunnica Limited' is dated 21 February 2019.
- The TEC Register dated 20 August 2021 shows as 'effective from' date for project with customer name 'Sunnica Limited' of 1 April 2025. The subsequent TEC Register (24 August 2021) shows an 'effective from' date of 31 October 2027.
- Please note project numbers were not previously included on the TEC Registers.
- The TEC Register dated 26 November 2024 shows an 'effective from' date for PRO-000393 of 31 October 2027. The subsequent TEC Register (3 December 2024) shows an 'effective from' date of 31 October 2030.

You may wish to review TEC Registers published between the dates for which information has been provided above for information on any other changes to the entry for customer Sunnica Limited / PRO-000393.

As explained in our previous response ([FOI/25/005](#)) NESO will not disclose the details of a specific connection agreement. Regulation 12 (5)(e) states that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. We believe that the content of specific connection agreements is commercial in nature and our use of this exception is explained in our response to [FOI/25/005](#).

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

You state in your request that '*NGESO and NGET are both owned and operated by National Grid plc as two distinct legal entities (from April 2019)*'. For information, the National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) was part of the National Grid PLC group of companies until 30 September 2024. 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). NGET remains part of National Grid plc: [National Grid Electricity Transmission | National Grid](#).

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)