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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 29 May 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Request

You asked us for:

A list of all documents, correspondence, meeting minutes, pieces of paper, and all information known to you that in any way, and all ways relates to,

- 1. Any south-north gas flows into the Moffat Interconnector in Scotland, and if so, how often this reverse flow happened in the previous 12 months.*
- 2. Any non-north-sea-sourced gas entering the Gas Networks Ireland Interconnector at Moffat and, if so, how often this happened in the previous 12 months.*

Please enumerate the list, clearly displaying date of receipt, sender and name of sender, recipient(s), along with a meaningful description and any preparatory, briefing, summary or discussion documents concerning the requested information.

For information, we know that the predominant gas flow in Great Britain is north to south, with St. Fergus being a major entry point where North Sea gas enters the system, and that NESO's 'Gas Network Capability Needs Report - December 2024' states on page 23 that "NTS compression does not currently support the transport of gas to the high-demand parts of Scotland from the

southern zones or from the zone's more southerly terminals at Teesside & Barrow". We are trying to get an accurate picture of any non-north-sea-sourced gas entering the Gas Networks Ireland Interconnector at Moffat.

Our response

NESO does not hold information in scope of your request.

NESO, as a whole system operator, is Great Britain's gas network planner, with specific obligations outlined in the [gas system planner licence](#). NESO has responsibility for the planning of the gas system, gas forecasting and market strategy but is not responsible for the day-to-day operation of the gas system.

NESO produced the [Gas Network Capability Needs Report \(GNCNR\) 2024](#) under its gas licence obligations. GNCNR gives an independent view of GB's gas transmission system – the National Transmission System (NTS) – capability to meet current and future network requirements.

[National Gas Transmission](#) is the owner and operator of the gas NTS in Great Britain and is the System Operator. Operational data used within the GNCNR were provided to NESO by National Gas. As your request is for operational data you may wish to submit an information request to National Gas:

- [National Gas Data Portal](#)
- [National Gas Environmental Information Regulation contact details](#)

This concludes our response to your request.

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)