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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 1 July 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 relates to a measure that could affect the environment and therefore meets the definition of 'environmental information' provided at Regulation 2(1)(c) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us:

This is a Freedom of Information Request regarding the electricity grid connection status for Push Energy for a project name known as The Hatton Solar Farm Limited located in Hatton, Lincolnshire. I have checked the information contained within the published registers but can find no answer to any of the questions detailed below and therefore would be grateful if you could please confirm the following:

A. whether a grid connection agreement with Push Energy for the Hatton Solar Farm is currently in place?

B. the capacity of the connection and if the connection to the grid is subject to the named applicant building a new 132kva substation?

C. Whether the grid connection defines a specific location of the proposed solar farm or substation and does it allow for a change in location of the solar farm and/or substation?

Our response

The TEC Register is a list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with NESO. 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. The current TEC Register is available here: [Transmission Entry Capacity \(TEC\) register | National Energy System Operator](#)

All projects which have a connection agreement with NESO are listed in the TEC Register, so if a project is not listed in the TEC Register, there is no grid connection agreement in place. The TEC Register dated 22 July has no listing for Hatton or for Push Energy, under Project Name, Customer Name or Connection Site.

We therefore confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR states *"A public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received."* All EIR exceptions are subject to public interest test (PIT), however the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) recognises that it is not possible to carry out a meaningful PIT where information is not held.

This concludes our response to this request.

Advice and assistance

The TEC Register only covers connections to the transmission network. Some generation projects, particularly smaller projects, are contracted by Distribution Network Operators (DNO). Larger projects connecting at a distribution level that are likely to impact on the transmission network will be required to undertake a Transmission Impact Assessment (TIA). You may also wish to contact your local DNO, in this case National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED).

Further information about NESO's role in Connections is available here: [Connections | National Energy System Operator](#).

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, 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. You can find our procedure here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#). The ICO's website also provides guidance on the internal review process: [What to do if you are dissatisfied with the response | ICO](#).

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)