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Dear requester

### Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 11 September 2025.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we have determined that information on connections falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

### Request

You asked us:

*We are seeking detailed information on embedded generation sites, ideally structured as follows:*

#### *Historic Capacity*

- Site Name
- Technology type (e.g., solar, wind)
- Installed Capacity (kW/MW)
- Commissioning Date
- Capacity Changes

#### *Historic Actual Generation*

- Site Name
- Technology type (e.g., solar, wind)
- Actual dispatched generation (MW)
- Date & time of dispatched generation

## Our response

Unfortunately, we are unable to progress your request any further without clarification of the scope of your request. We would need you to specify a geographical region (i.e. Scotland, or England and Wales) and timeframe to be able to identify, locate and retrieve information in scope of your request. Whilst we can't respond to your request without clarification, we have provided links to publicly available information that might meet your requirements in the advice and assistance section below.

Regulation 12(4)(c) of the EIR allows for a public authority to refuse a request where it is formulated in too general a manner. This exception applies where a request is too non-specific for a public authority to identify and locate information.

This exception is subject to the public interest test in the EIR. However, the Information Commissioner recognises that it is difficult to conduct a public interest test when a public authority is unsure what information the requester is after. The Commissioner therefore takes the position that the public interest in maintaining the exception will outweigh the public interest in disclosing what may be the wrong information.

This concludes our response to your request.

## Advice and assistance

For Embedded Generation in Scotland, we publish the [Embedded Register](#). This includes all connected or contracted to connect embedded generation projects in Scotland. If you would like access to archived copies of the Embedded Register, we would be happy to provide them, but we would need you to specify a timeframe.

In England and Wales the management of Embedded Generation is different, which affects the information we hold. For connections at a distribution level, the connection contract will be held with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) and not with NESO.

DNOs publish embedded capacity registers which should have the data you are seeking. You can find links to the DNO registers on the Energy Networks Association website: [Connections data – Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](#).

Whether an embedded generator agreement is additionally required with NESO depends on the size of the generator, how they are registered, and whether they wish to be an active balancing mechanism (BM) participant or provide certain services to NESO:

- Embedded generators under 50MW are classed as 'Small' and do not require an agreement with NESO unless they want a 'Bilateral Embedded Generator Agreement' (BEGA).

- A BEGA would result in that site and data being published on the [Transmission Entry Capacity \(TEC\) register](#) which is publicly available.

Archived copies of the TEC Register have been published in response to a previous Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request. You can access the response through our FOI/EIR disclosure log: [Disclosure log | National Energy System Operator](#). For TEC Registers from 2020 please see the response with reference FOI-24-0040, and for TEC Registers from 2014-2020 the response with reference FOI-24-0040 (a).

- A Medium embedded connection would be defined as being less than 100MW, but greater than 50MW and require a 'License Exemptible Embedded Medium Power Station' (LEEMPS) contract. However, as no LEEMPS contracts are currently in place, this is not information we would hold.

NESO does not have real time visibility of most of the embedded generation. We would therefore advise you to contact DNOs for further information.

### **Next steps**

Once we have received clarification of your request we will respond as soon as possible and within 20-working days of receiving that clarification. If we do not receive clarification within 40-working days, we will close your request.

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](http://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)