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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 22 September 2025.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we believe that power flow data for Grid Supply Points falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us for: *12 months half hour data for each GSP*

You further specified that you wanted full GSP information, not just the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) published data.

Our response

Unfortunately, we are unable to progress your request any further without clarification of the scope of your request. To identify, locate and retrieve relevant information, we would need you to more fully describe the data you are requesting and provide a specific 12-month timeframe. Whilst we can't respond to your request without clarification, we have suggested alternative options you may wish to explore 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 the 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

In your email of 22 September 2025, you provided some information to us on the purpose of your request.

NESO holds a variety of power flow and other physical asset data that is provided to us in confidence and only for the purpose of our licensed activities.

While we consider all requests for information on a case-by-case basis, EIR legislation provides exceptions that may apply when information has been provided to us in confidence and disclosure of the information would have an adverse effect on the commercial interests of NESO or another organisation, threaten national security or public safety.

It is important to note that responses to requests under both the EIR and the FOIA are considered to be disclosures into the public domain rather than private or limited disclosures to an individual requester. When reviewing the requested information, we are therefore required to consider the consequences of disclosing the information to the wider public.

Were we to consider sharing data directly with you outside of the legislation, we would need to consult with the data owners. You may therefore wish to contact Transmission Owners or Distribution Network Owners directly to request this information. It may be possible to explore data sharing methods with them.

NESO currently do not publish any GSP demands (outturns). Elexon publishes the CDCA-I030 report. This includes the volume of energy that was metered at each Distribution System Connection Point for each Settlement Run per day. This can be used to determine the areas of demand and generation in the distribution networks and the line losses that can be expected as these are factored into Suppliers' tariffs. This is essentially Elexon's aggregated metering flows

report (CDCA I029) broken down into specific connection points in the GSP Group. On its own, the I030 file can be misleading and would need to be supported with embedded generation data to be of any real value. You may wish to contact Elexon for further information: [Data flows available from BSC Systems – Elexon BSC](#).

For information on FOIA and EIR at NESO please visit: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#).

Information on NESO's Data Sharing Approach can be found here: [Data Sharing Approach | National Energy System Operator](#).

Next steps

Should you decide to submit a clarified request, we will respond as soon as possible and within 20-working days of receiving 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. 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)