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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 1 December and was passed to the Information Rights Team to consider.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we believe that the requested information falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1)(b) and (c) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us:

I would like to request access to the pre-clearing buy orders and sell orders submitted to the Electricity Ancillary Services (EAC) market for a defined set of auction days. Specifically, I am requesting the anonymised pre-clearing bid data consisting of: – product type – quantity – price – minimum acceptance ratio – basket ID / parent-child structure (if applicable) – unit type (anonymised) The data does not need to include any participant names or identifiable commercial information, anonymised or pseudonymised IDs are fully acceptable. The purpose is to compare pre-clearing bids with the corresponding cleared results, which NESO already publishes.

You kindly provided clarification on 2 December to confirm that you would like information for the month of April 2025.

Our response

Sell orders are submitted to NESO ahead of an auction. At this point we cannot publish information as the bids and auctions are blind. We run an algorithm on the bids based on the principles set out in the market design documents which we publish here: [Enduring Auction Capability \(EAC\) | National Energy System Operator](#). Once the auction has been completed we publish all the bids in full and indicate which ones have been accepted and which have been rejected. Auction data is published here: [Enduring Auction Capability \(EAC\) auction results | National Energy System Operator](#). The information does not change during this process and we only add the outcome of the bid to the information that we hold. No other information is held by NESO. We are fully transparent with regard to the bids and outcomes.

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

“EAC” is the accepted acronym for “Enduring Auction Capability” which is the platform that NESO uses to procure Ancillary Services.

The EAC auction results are published via our Data Portal ([Welcome to the NESO Data Portal | National Energy System Operator](#)). You may find this data portal helpful in your research. Please also the Balancing Services information in the Industry Information section of our website: [Balancing Services | National Energy System Operator](#).

On our website we provide some guidance about your rights under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. You may also find the Information Commissioner’s guidance on this useful: [How to access information from a public authority | ICO](#).

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)