

Connections Reform update

Webinar

18 December 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Detailed Checks
3. Queue Management
4. Q&A

Q&A

Today's Q&A is open and includes unanswered questions from last week.

We are moderating questions to ensure they are:

- not project specific
- not repeats of questions asked by others
- respectful and pertinent

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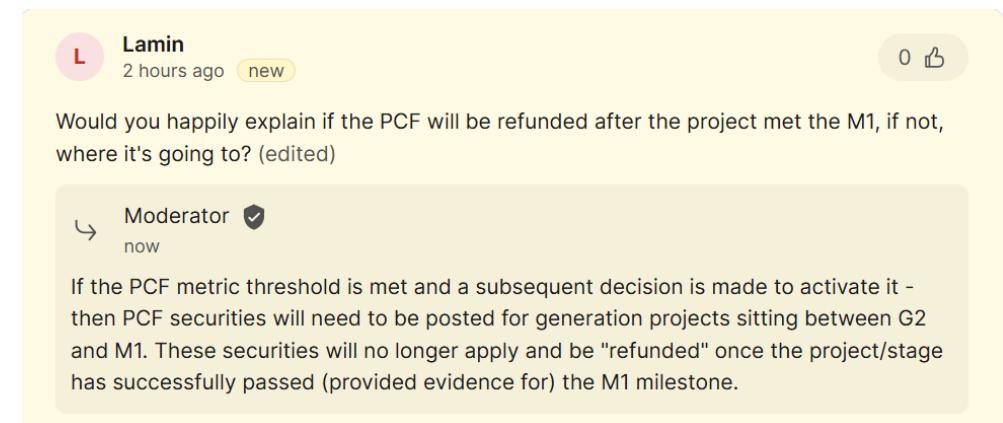


Q&A

Slido answer function

- To get through as many questions as possible we are answering straightforward questions on Slido directly.
- All attendees can see these answers, not just those who asked the question
- We will leave these answers in place **until the Q&A starts** and then mark them as answered so they do not impact the upvoting
- We will then publish the answers added to Slido along with the slides and recording

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Would you happily explain if the PCF will be refunded after the project met the M1, if not, where it's going to? (edited)

Moderator now

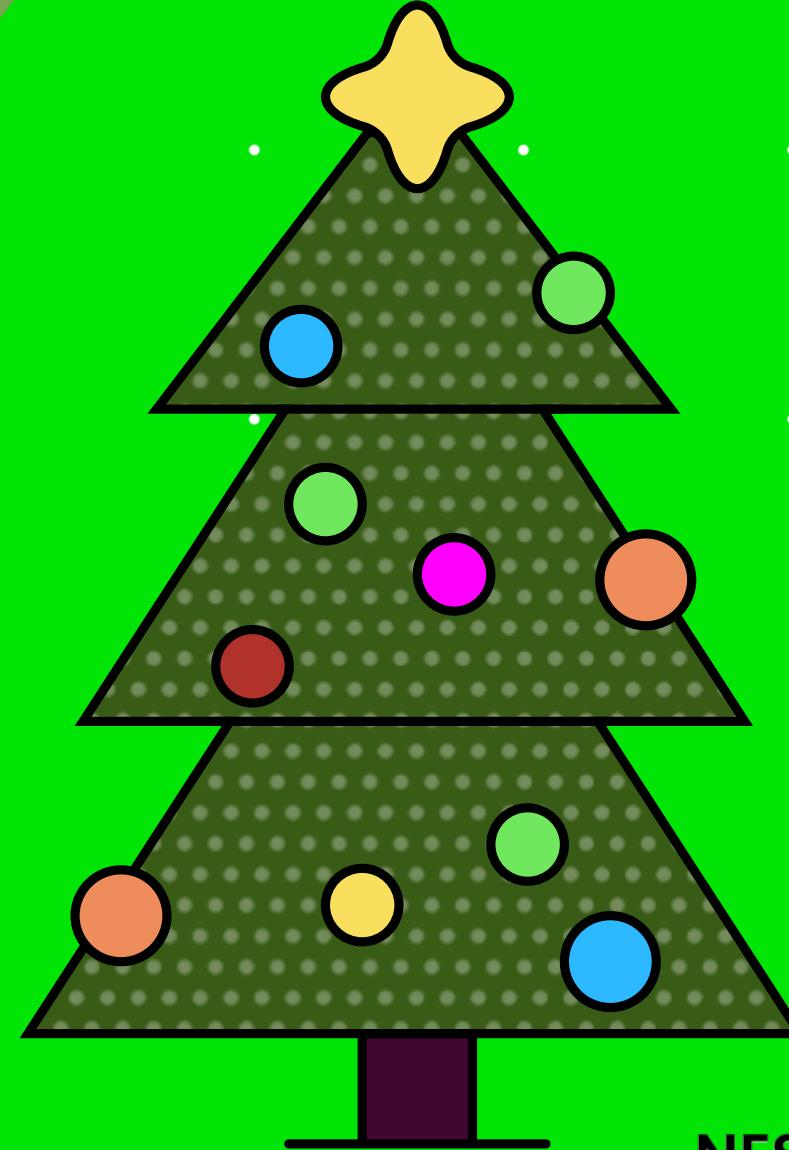
If the PCF metric threshold is met and a subsequent decision is made to activate it - then PCF securities will need to be posted for generation projects sitting between G2 and M1. These securities will no longer apply and be "refunded" once the project/stage has successfully passed (provided evidence for) the M1 milestone.



Seasonal period

We will not expect customers to take any action between **Friday 19 December** and **Sunday 4 January**

Our channels will remain open for incoming messages. We will be responding to customer queries during this time although response times may be slower.



Detailed Checks

Jamie Webb

Detailed checks update

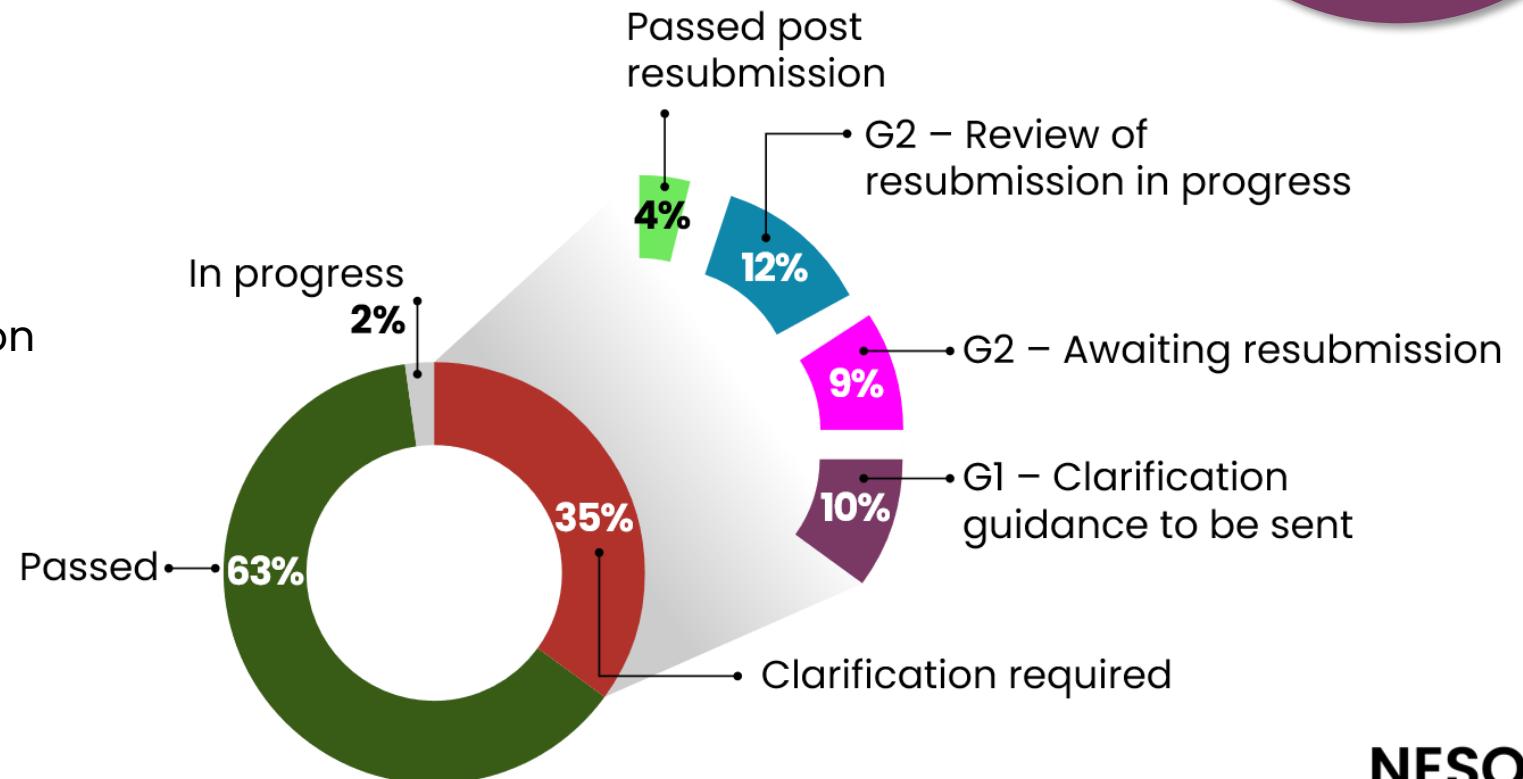
Key stats

- 100% of all checks have now commenced, with a total of 98% completed.

The breakdown is as follows:

- 63% of detailed checks completed and passed
- 35% of detailed checks require further clarification
- 2% of detailed checks in progress

The current progress summary for check completion is:



100%
of all checks
commenced

98%
completed

Detailed checks update

All gate 2 applications that have had queue formation outcomes subject to detailed checks will have now received resubmission comms.



If we have any outstanding questions regarding your resubmission evidence, we will contact you by phone or email.



We have begun issuing confirmation comms for applications where resubmission evidence has been submitted, assessed and detailed check outcomes have been confirmed.



In due course, Gate 1 projects will receive guidance on how to address any clarification points identified during detailed checks. Your applications will not go through the resubmission process; however, we will provide support should you wish to apply in the next window.



Reminder

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Queue Management

Ruth Matthew

Queue Management Guidance update

- Based on industry feedback, we are revising the *Queue Management Guidance* document to clarify that the exceptions process will be accessible to Users who have received Gate 2 Modification Offers.
- This exception will apply where Users with a Gate 2 Modification Offer can demonstrate that the delay period has adversely affected their ability to achieve any of the milestones M5 – M8 specified in Appendix Q of the Gate 2 Modification Agreement.
- The delay period is defined as starting from 31 December 2025, based on the original timelines prior to the October 2025 revision.
- Users must first accept their Gate 2 Modification Offer and then submit an exception request within 28 calendar days of signing.

Queue Management Guidance update

- In line with the current exceptions process, supporting evidence will need to be provided. This evidence must demonstrate that the project's ability to meet any of the milestones M5 – M8 was affected by the delayed rollout of the CMP435 offer. NESO will coordinate with the User and take a pragmatic approach to the nature and assessment of the evidence provided.
- Any extensions to milestones will correspond directly to the length of the delay; for example, a 30-day delay will result in a 30-day extension.
- Please note, even where an exception is not requested, the option to terminate will be considered carefully and applied pragmatically, taking into account the project's specific circumstances and the G2TWQ process, should a milestone be missed.
- The updated guidance will be finalised and published on our website before Christmas.

Q&A

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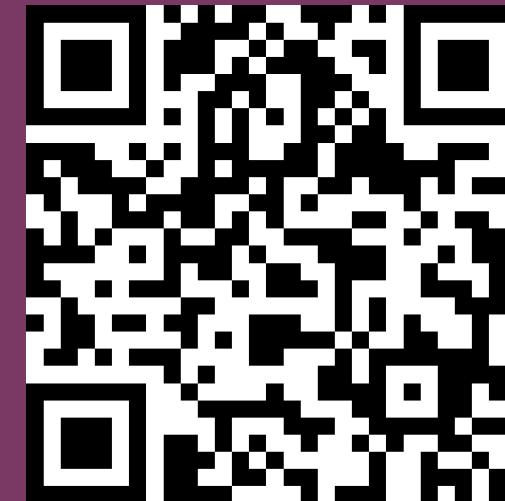
Slido Q&A

We will now answer the top-voted and unanswered Slido Q&As for the remainder of the session.

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We kindly ask that you do not raise project-specific questions and that you keep your questions constructive and relevant to the content we have shared today.



Thank you