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# Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market

## Eligibility Criteria VI

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## Version Control

Version Number	Date	Notes
<b>V1</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Instructions for tenderers during the Expression of Interest (EOI) and consultation stages of the tender. This document may be amended or updated at the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage.

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This document presents the eligibility criteria that each proposed solution must fulfil to participate in the third round of the Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market (delivery year(s) 2027-2028 / 2029):

- Solutions must be able to provide the inertia service at 0MW export if they are GBGF-S<sup>1</sup> technology. For GBGF-I technology, the asset must be able to provide contracted inertia irrespective of its MW or MVA<sub>r</sub> output.
- Solutions must meet the relevant Grid Forming requirements for either GBGF-I or GBGF-S in ECC.6.3.19.
- Solutions must either be directly connected to the transmission system or if Embedded must have a User System Entry Point of 132kV.
  - Solutions connected to Tertiary Windings of Supergrid Transformers and Grid Parks are considered Directly Connected.
- The proposed solution must be able to meet minimum 90% inertia availability (e.g., 7,884 hours of a 12-month contract, 15,768 hours of a 24-month contract).
  - In cases where there is a late start for the solution, this will apply pro-rota from when the solution is available.
- Solutions must have an existing connection agreement (whether already connected or due to connect in time for contract start).
  - These connections could be “firm” or “non-firm”<sup>2</sup> such that all the tender criteria are satisfied.
  - Bidders will need to evidence their connection agreement as part of their tender submission.
  - In relation to assets connecting to the distribution network, solutions must have at least a signed connection offer, provided bidders can demonstrate that a fully executed connection agreement will be in place prior to service start date.
  - For the purposes of the assessment, where a bidder is updating the capability of their asset to operate at 0MW in the instance of a synchronous generator installing a clutch, bidders do not need to demonstrate they hold a Mod App as part of this criteria. It is sufficient to evidence the existing agreement for these criteria.

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<sup>1</sup> This criterion permits the temporary injection/absorption of Active Power to enable the provision of Active Inertia Power during system changes.

<sup>2</sup> Non-Firm contracts contain restrictions that limit a user being able to export their full capacity under certain conditions. The non-firm period can either be temporary (staged contract) or permanent.

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- Providers should provide evidence from the relevant Network Owner to which they are connected, confirming acceptance of Grid-Forming technology being permitted to connect to their network and the connection agreement allowing this.
- Solutions that are part of an Active Network Management (ANM) scheme, which would impact upon the delivery of the Inertia service, will not be eligible to partake in this tender.
- Solutions must not be fitted with RoCoF protection relays or any other equipment which may impede their ability to supply Active RoCoF Response Power.<sup>3</sup>
- Providers stacking with existing Stability Pathfinder Contracts must ensure that the delivery of the existing Stability Pathfinder Contract is not impeded in any way by stacking with a Mid-Term Stability Market Contract. The availability of the underlying Stability Pathfinder contract must take precedence over the Mid Term contract.
- Providers who wish to stack active power services with the stability contract must demonstrate this capability through physical testing that considers the inertial response of the plant.
- Solutions based upon GBGF-I must operate with a fixed H. The maximum H constant allowed is 25 MW.s/MVA. This is to be based upon the Inertia Constant (He) as defined in the Grid Code. This H constant shall be based upon the Maximum Continuous Rating of the plant for the duration of the Stability Mid Term Market (1 October 2027 to 30 September 2028 / 2029).

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<sup>3</sup> Providers are expected to engage with the relevant DNO to understand the impact that any Grid Forming equipment may have upon their network. Providers should also clarify the impact of meeting these criteria upon the relevant DNO's networks and provide clarity to NESO on any Loss of Mains protection (including intertrips) equipment they have fitted. It is the expectation that DNO connected solutions would be fitted with an intertrip to provide Loss of Mains protection. Loss of Mains protection settings will impact upon the eligibility of solutions to partake in this tender.