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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 11 December 2025.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). This is because information about connection agreements relates to a measure that could affect the environment and therefore meets the definition of 'environmental information' provided at Regulation 2(1)(c) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us:

"1) If a solar farm had a gate 2 connection date thro a distribution network, would it appear on the EA register? If not, is it on a list anywhere publicly available, or available through a FoI request?"

2) Is the list of gate 1 connections publicly available, or available through a FoI request?"

Our response

We confirm that we hold recorded information in scope of questions 1 and 2.

Prior to the Connections Reform process, no project held a Gate 1 or Gate 2 offer.

The Existing Agreement (EA) Register details projects that applied for "Gate 2" in the Connections Reform process where consent was given for inclusion in the EA Register. As such, it does not include projects that did not consent to be included. It also does not include any outcomes or results of the reform process.

On 8 December 2025 NESO published the results of the new connections delivery pipeline. Further detailed results data was published in January 2026:

- [Connections Reform Results | National Energy System Operator.](#)
- [Connections Reform: Detailed Results Data](#)

The published information provides a high-level view of the reformed pipeline. Further aggregated information on the new connections pipeline will be made available over the coming weeks and months.

The TEC Register is a publicly available list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) with NESO. These include existing and future connection projects and projects that can be directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) or make use of it:

- [Transmission Entry Capacity \(TEC\) register | National Energy System Operator](#)

The TEC Register is published twice weekly, and is updated when contracts are signed or terminated, and when contractual milestones are met. If a project has been made a Gate 1 or Gate 2 offer this will be updated on the TEC Register once the Gate 1 or Gate 2 agreement has been countersigned by NESO. Until that point, the field specifying Gate 1 or Gate 2 will remain blank.

The TEC Register only covers connections to the transmission network. Some generation projects, particularly smaller projects, are contracted by Distribution Network Operators (DNO). You may wish to contact the relevant DNO to request further information. The Energy Networks Association provides a DNO lookup service: [Who's my electricity network operator? – Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](#).

NESO is not able to provide any further information relating to specific developers or their projects other than that which is made publicly available.

Whilst we review each request that we receive on a case-by-case basis, you will see from the responses published on our [Disclosure log | National Energy System Operator](#) that we have refused requests for information about the status of individual projects and if you were to submit a FOI/EIR request for information about the status of one or more individual projects, we would apply appropriate exemptions/exceptions under the legislation to meet our legal confidentiality obligations.

This concludes our response to your request.

For information

The National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) was part of the National Grid PLC group of companies until 30 September 2024. On 1 October 2024 we became the National Energy System Operator (NESO) under government ownership (the Independent System Operator and Planner as designated in the Energy Act 2023). We use infrastructure owned by transmission companies to pass high voltage electricity onto Distribution Network Operators (DNOs). The DNOs then reduce the voltage and distribute electricity to homes and businesses around the country.

NESO, in collaboration with the networks, industry, government and Ofgem has delivered a transformational change to the way that the grid connections process operates.

Information on Connections Reform is available here:

- [Connections Reform | National Energy System Operator.](#)
- [About Connections Reform | National Energy System Operator](#)

A key part of this reform is the introduction of the new Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process, which ensures that only projects that are ready to go and are aligned to the [UK Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan](#) progress through to the new connections delivery pipeline.

The Gate 2 Criteria Methodology and Connections Network Design Methodology can be found here:

- [Connections Reform design documents and methodologies.](#)

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your FOI/EIR 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)