

NESO Mid-term Reactive Power Market Pre-Market Consultation Query Log  
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27-Jan-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Eligibility Criteria	N/A	I just wanted to clarify what is meant by a 0MW technology in the Mid Term Reactive Power Market Eligibility Criteria document.	None	In the technical specification that we have published for consultation (here: <a href="https://www.neso.energy/document/375521/download">https://www.neso.energy/document/375521/download</a> ) we have provided a definitions list. This includes some information on what we mean by 0MW technology.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
27-Jan-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	N/A	N/A	would you have any guidance with regards to interconnector participation in the market?	None	In the Instructions document we have published (here: <a href="https://www.neso.energy/document/375506/download">https://www.neso.energy/document/375506/download</a> ) we have provided information on interconnection participation, approx. page 3/4	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Clarification is requested to understand how ORPS's asset obligations are expected to interact with the Mid-Term Reactive Power Market. Can the asset be eligible to utilise their MVAr capability to participate in Y-1 tenders foregoing their ORPS obligations?	None	Thank you for this query. For clarity, the intention is that bidders cannot offer their existing Grid Code (ORPS) obligations as capability into the Mid-term Market on the basis they will forego ORPS for this capability in exchange for payment through the Mid-term Market. Instead, Providers must continue to meet their Grid Code (ORPS) obligation, where they will be compensated at ORPS Rate, whilst offering any additional reactive power capability in excess of this into the Mid-term Market. NESO note various comments have been received on this topic as part of the consultation process and these are being considered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Clarification is requested on whether ORPS can be reinstated once the call-off contract ends, and under what conditions	None	Where a provider is contracted for additional reactive power capability through the Mid-term Market following a mini-tender or non-competitive award, and is compensated through the Mid-term Market whilst foregoing ORPS for this additional capability in line with the tender rules, once the delivery contract ends, the provider can revert to receiving ORPS for any delivered MVAr where they hold an MSA that also covers this additional reactive power capability. NESO note various comments have been received on this topic as part of the consultation process and these are being considered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	The reasons for allowing non-competitive awards are understood, particularly for system security. It would be helpful to include some additional explanation on how NESO will ensure fairness and value for money when using this route, to give confidence to the wider market.	None	Thank you for raising this point. NESO are of the view that we are ensuring fairness and value for money by defining and applying the criteria that has been published for when non-competitive awards are used. Furthermore, similarly to mini-tenders, NESO intend to compare any received prices in a non-competitive process to the alternative cost NESO would face to meet the requirement.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Further clarity is requested on when CPI indexation will apply to call-off contracts, specifically for contracts with durations greater than one year.	None	Whether CPI applies will be determined on a case-by-case basis considering NESO's requirements and the duration of those requirements. When NESO launch a mini-tender process under this market, it will be clearly articulated if CPI applies to the contract or not.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Will ORPS be replaced by Mid-term Reactive Power call-off contracts or both mechanisms will operate in parallel?	None	The intention, in line with the published draft stacking rules, is both mechanisms operate in parallel. The mid-term reactive power market is not replacing MSAs/ORPS payments. Please also see Q3 above. NESO note various comments have been received on this topic as part of the consultation process and these are being considered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	We would like to see NESO committing to open dialogue with bidders looking to prequalify their units for the mid-term reactive market. We would prefer an approach more similar to prequalification for the Dynamic response services where NESO works collaboratively with industry to maximise market participation and competition in their markets.  [Redacted to protect confidentiality]	None	Thank you for submitting this to NESO. We can confirm NESO are open to working with providers to maximise participation in markets, however it is noted we cannot coach or instruct bidders on what to submit as that would be unfair.  NESO intends to facilitate dialogue in the Mid-term Reactive Power Market by enabling a query process, facilitating 121 bidders calls and through the use of webinars. NESO note that in the past, not all bidders have leveraged the use of queries or 121 calls and we would encourage market participants to do so.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	We would like to see some clarity around what stage of the process market participants are expected to "explain how they will stack this service without impacting the solution's ability to also provide the reactive power voltage service"	None	Thank you for submitting this to NESO. For clarity, NESO has published within the stacking rules that the intention is that this would be part of the qualification process.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Stacking rules for the mid-term reactive power market with the long term stability market state "where the same MVAr volume is bid into the mid-term reactive power market that is already associated with any long-term stability market contract." We do not believe it is feasible for bidders to know that they will offer an enhanced reactive capability into a NESO market at the point of tendering for long term stability contracts?  [Redacted for confidentiality]	None	Thank you for submitting this to us. For clarity, our revenue stacking rules for this market have been written to account for the possibility that a provider already holds 'enhanced reactive capability', rather than omit this possibility entirely. We recognise your views on this however we feel it is still beneficial to be clear on this topic.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	We believe it is technically possible to obtain additional MVAr in excess of Obligatory Reactive Power Service (ORPS) under an MSA, and these additional capabilities can help support Grid stability in the relevant network locations.  However, the current market design (i.e. not allowing revenue stack in addition to MSA/ORPS provision) prohibits these extra capabilities to be explored due to the ORPS and Mid-term Markets being mutually exclusive, even the capability is "additional".  More reactive power can be accessible by allowing "splitting" of revenue, such that the providers will continue to provide ORPS based on Grid Code requirements and also be allowed to bid any additional capabilities into the Mid-term Market. This will help align incentives between NESO and market participants to achieve additional capabilities in a cost efficient manner.  [Redacted to maintain confidentiality]	None	Thank you for raising this point to us. For clarity, our view is the stacking rules we have published for the Mid-term Reactive Power Capability allow for this. Our published tender rules state providers must continue to provide their minimum Grid Code (ORPS) capability and will be compensated through their MSA at ORPS. However, for any additional reactive power capability bid into the Mid-term Reactive Power Market, if a provider is selected for a delivery contract, they must forego the ORPS they might have received for this same capability such that they are only financially compensated through the Mid-term Market. There are similar questions on this topic above also. NESO note various comments have been received on this topic as part of the consultation process and these are being considered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Clarification is requested on the stacking rules between Stability Pathfinder Phase 1 contracts and the mid-term reactive power market. Specifically, where a Pathfinder Phase 1 asset is actively delivering reactive power in excess of its contracted obligation, can this additional capability be bid into the mid-term reactive power market, provided that any associated long-term stability (ORPS) payments for the same MVAr volume are forgone and the stacking arrangements are justified through the market qualification process?	None	This understanding is correct, this would be permitted based on the published stacking rules.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Clarification is requested to explain the reason for "splitting" the service delivered under the mid-term reactive power market if providing stability services under the mid-term stability market. We would expect both services to be stackable	None	For clarity, both services are stackable on the basis of splitting, where providers are compensated for their stability capability via the mid-term stability market and compensated for their voltage capability via the mid-term reactive power market. We note this would be similar to the scenario in Q12 above.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Will there be an opportunity to qualify during an application window if NESO decide not to run a mini-tender but to award a direct contract? Or will NESO only consider providers already qualified at that point?	None	Market participants can submit a qualification response in any qualification application window at their discretion.  When NESO run mini-tenders, NESO will only consider the qualified providers at the time of launching the tender for that tender. The same is true for a non-competitive award, NESO will only consider qualified providers at that time, in line with the criteria that enable a non-competitive process.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	For sites where generation equipment provides access to voltage control, this market should consider how to treat periods where the generation equipment is offline and the separate voltage service can be operating. This is "filling the gap", and should not be penalised from an availability calculation perspective (and should be acknowledged that parallel operation of both the generation and the voltage service is unnecessary).	None	Thank you for raising this to us. We note this query is in relation to where providers have equipment capable of MW generation. For the avoidance of doubt, such a provider would first need to meet the eligibility criteria to demonstrate they can provide the service independent of MW (or at 0MW). Consequently, if a contracted voltage service of such a provider is still available, it will be treated as such.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Please supply some worked examples of "splitting" - for example, with the mid term stability market solutions or the Long Term 2029 solutions.	None	Within NESO's 2025 Markets Roadmap, NESO has provided information and examples of the different categories of revenue stacking: <a href="https://www.neso.energy/document/358126/download">https://www.neso.energy/document/358126/download</a> . Please refer to this document for more information.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Why is NESO doing qualification windows	None	NESO has decided to use qualification windows to help manage the qualification process in tandem with subsequent mini-tender processes.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Consultation Instructions document	N/A	Please can NESO confirm that it will be communicated as part of the mini-tender documents as to whether CPI will be applied.	None	Yes, this is the intention.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	A short high-level summary explaining how all criteria fit together in practice would help participants better understand what is most critical to achieving qualification?  [Redacted to protect confidentiality]	None	NESO note that we have provided a Process Summary on page 5 on the draft Market Qualification Criteria document, which provides a summary on how the criteria fit together. If you have a further question on this topic please let us know.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	It would be helpful to clarify whether eligibility is assessed strictly at the point of qualification or whether ongoing compliance will be monitored throughout the framework duration?  [Redacted to protect confidentiality]	None	The eligibility criteria as published must be met to qualify for the market.  Bidders who do qualify for the market must continue to meet the technical specifications and market qualification criteria through the framework duration in accordance with Clause 9.2 of the Framework Agreement.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	Is there any formal review or appeal mechanism for failed qualification decisions, beyond informal feedback?	None	Following a qualification assessment, where the provider is not successful, NESO will formally communicate the outcome of the assessment and provide feedback on the reasons for any decisions. This feedback is not considered 'informal'. Should a provider wish to query, clarify or challenge this outcome, they must do so by communicating with NESO through the designated communication channels for this Mid-term Market. NESO will then ensure the relevant people review and respond to such queries, clarifications or requests.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	What happens if you've prequalified a certain level of capability for one year, but the next year the Provider wishes to tender more or less - could this be easily amended or would it require a new prequalification application?	None	Providers must qualify the maximum capability they might wish to offer in any given tender process in this market. Then, during subsequent mini-tender processes, providers can choose to offer less, but the maximum capability must be qualified.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	"Voltage provision at 0MW if a 0MW service" - we assume you mean 0MW generation, import power will be necessary?	None	Correct, when NESO refer to provision of the reactive power service at 0MW, we mean 0MW export.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	NESO need to add the economic assessment to the stages, we assume there is a final stage after the project delivery criteria has been assessed. This should be a complete section of all the steps that NESO will go through for the assessment of the service. Or NESO should include the general assessment process when running a tender process so that this is clear for all market qualification processes.	None	Thank you for raising this suggestion. For clarity, there is no economic assessment during the qualification process. This is because it is only the initial qualification. Instead, the economic assessment will be undertaken during the tender assessment process when prices are submitted through mini-tender processes. When NESO run mini-tenders, any supplementary tender documents for said mini-tenders will be clear on how they will be assessed.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	Page 15: How will NESO assess whether the forecast cost is below £200k?	None	This would be based on internal confidential processes in relation to identified forecast requirements. NESO note we have received various feedback comments on this topic and these are being considered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	Page 16: If NESO decide to do a non-competitive process, how is the price set?  If NESO assess the lowest call-off price over 3 contract rounds, what if the price NESO is given is higher than this, will they go back to the stack?	None	During non-competitive processes, the provider in question would be asked to submit a price for the service. NESO intend to compare this to the alternative cost NESO would face to meet the identified requirement, similar to tender processes. If the submitted price is economic, this would become the contracted price.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Market Qualification Criteria	N/A	Will NESO be requiring any feasibility studies as part of the market qualification process or is it only a proforma with evidence on meeting the technical criteria? NESO should be explicit on the requirements and pass/fail criteria.	None	NESO do not intend to request feasibility simulations as part of the qualification process. The intention is there would be a technical proforma with questions that bidders will need to respond to. Assessment criteria for these questions will be clearly articulated upon launch of the market.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Eligibility Criteria	N/A	Non-0MW technology: Please confirm that normal characteristics of a converter based generation solution meet these requirements as there will be an overall limit of reactive power at higher active power output levels. Please confirm further whether you expect the Tenders Absorption / Injection Capability to be stated at 0MW for this type of solution.	None	All converter based technologies need to meet the requirements explained in the Technical Specification document and the full/maximum capability needs to be qualified. Then, during mini-tender processes, the provider can offer the service/volumes that they can/want to provide within the asset limits. The amount of reactive power capability you offer is at your discretion based on your asset and its capabilities. The reactive power will need to be absorbed/injected independently of the MW output of the asset (this could be by providing the service at 0MW or if the technology is a non-0MW technology, independently of MW). We hope this clarifies the question but if you have a follow up please let us know.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Eligibility Criteria	N/A	It would be helpful to clarify how connection agreements with operational limits set by the Transmission Operator are assessed, and how these differ from connections that are excluded due to Active Network Management restrictions.	None	For clarity, any bids into this market need to be in accordance with any limits set by a bidder's BCA. We trust this clarifies however if you have a further query on this with any further specific details please follow up.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26

30	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Draft Eligibility Criteria	N/A	Please can NESO clarify the process & evidence required if providers need to mod-app their connection if needed.	None	Thank you for raising this. We intend to clarify this through an updated eligibility criteria document which will be published with market launch considering this query and any other feedback received.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
31	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Any other feedback	N/A	We ask that all future guidance or additional documents are also consulted upon	None	Please note that the recent pre-market consultation that you have responded to is the designated consultation process for the Mid-term Reactive Power Market and its key components. If you have any queries once the market is launched these can be submitted via the appropriate query process.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
32	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Any other feedback	N/A	Providers will need a steer as to which assets to prequalify as Provider will not know where the reactive service is needed.	None	Thank you for raising this. Which assets providers submit is at their discretion and is not something NESO can coach you on, however we note the suggestion that information on where reactive power is needed would be of use. NESO will consider this and determine whether anything can be indicated as part of market communications.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
33	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Any other feedback	N/A	1 year contracts are arguably not long enough to instigate a major capex investment / 1 year contracts are highly unlikely to attract newly installed capability [redacted to maintain confidentiality]	None	The point raised here is noted. However, the purpose of this market is to allow NESO procure for closer to real time needs. NESO are not preventing providers from electing to qualify into this market on the basis of meeting the eligibility criteria, be that a new asset, incremental investment or existing asset. However, this market is not specifically trying to procure 'new' capability.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
34	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Any other feedback	N/A	Existing, new and incremental services catered for – although all within the same process and timeline. Therefore [the] main problem with this. The specification of what is needed and where will only be released on date 'x', if a provider bids to build new or enhance what they have (with already lined up vendors and solutions) they then need to finalise procurement, construct and commission – provide network modelling 3 months prior to COD and a service commencement of 'y'. If time between 'x' and 'y' is only small then this is a tall order. [Redacted to protect confidentiality]	None	The point raised here is noted. However, the purpose of this market is to allow NESO procure for closer to real time needs. NESO are not preventing providers from electing to qualify into this market on the basis of meeting the eligibility criteria, be that a new asset, incremental investment or existing asset. However, this market is not specifically trying to procure 'new' capability.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
35	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Clarification would be helpful on whether entry into the Framework Agreement creates any obligation or expectation to participate in future mini-tender processes.	None	Entry into the Framework Agreement does not create an obligation to participate in future mini-tenders, however, NESO would expect qualified providers to be interested in participating in such mini-tenders.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
36	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Further clarity is requested on when binding obligations arise, in particular whether obligations only arise following execution of a Delivery Contract.	None	When entering into the Framework Agreement, both parties agree to the overarching Terms and Conditions. Service delivery obligations arise once a qualified provider has been issued with a Tender Acceptance Form as a result of a mini-tender process (or non-competed process).	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
37	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Regarding Schedule 3 of the Framework Agreement: It's not clear why the award guidelines exist within the Framework Agreement, one would expect this section to be Provider specific?	None	Schedule 3 sets out the scenarios / criteria whereby NESO may award a delivery contract to a qualified provider through a non-competitive award, followed by the criteria that would be applied when selecting a qualified provider to award to. This is overarching for the market to govern when a non-competitive award may be used, and so is not provider specific.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
38	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	An extension can be made for up to 4 years - it's not clear why 4 years is significant?	None	NESO have elected to design the extension options for the market on this basis, after considering our market requirements and internal commercial strategy.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
39	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Why should the term of the Framework agreement be finite - can it be enduring?	None	NESO have elected to design the term of the framework agreement on this basis, after considering our market requirements and internal commercial strategy.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
40	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	The pricing structure [for this market] will need to avoid an asset being activated for a small amount of reactive power in order to actually access its inertia.	None	The pricing format for this market as been designed to compensate providers for the provision of reactive power. NESO will procure inertia services through the Stability Market processes.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
41	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Considering an availability fee plus a tiered utilisation fee would make more sense in terms of reflecting the true cost base of delivering such a service.	None	Thank you for this feedback. NESO note that the market design allows for either an availability fee, a utilisation fee, or both, depending on NESO's identified requirements. The pricing format that will be used will be communicated on a case-by-case basis for each mini-tender process (or non-competed award).	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
42	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	NESO need to add clarity on how they will agree the price for the non-competitive tender. It specifies that NESO can select the provider that has had the lowest cost over 3 previous call-off contracts but then does not specify how NESO will agree the price with the provider.	None	Thank you for this feedback. NESO can clarify that when contracting through a non-competitive award process, the intention is that NESO would request the provider to submit a price. If NESO progress with the award, this price would become the contracted fee.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
43	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	There is no definition for Performance Data yet it is implied to be a defined term in clauses 13.4 and 13.5 in the GTCs	None	NESO's view is that Performance Data has been defined through Clause 13.4 as the data specified by NESO from time to time. NESO note that these are draft terms and conditions at this time and subject to finalisation when the market is launched. NESO note that various feedback items have been received regarding this contract clause and these are being considered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
44	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	The requirement to submit a maintenance plan is listed in the acceptance form as being 30 days post acceptance date. This isn't referenced in 8.1 which only refers to a maintenance plan being submitted before the 2nd year of a contract.	None	NESO note that the Tender Acceptance Form sets out that the Maintenance Plan for the first contract year must be submitted as a Conditions Precedent by no later than 30 days after the date of the Acceptance Form in line with Clause 3. Clause 8.1 covers the requirements for Maintenance Plans of subsequent contract years where a contract duration is over 12 months.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
45	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	The Termination Sum is defined as 'one quarter of the Settlement Periods in the period commencing on the Start Date and ending on the expiry date' multiplied by the Availability Fee. This is punitive and should be set to the maximum of the actual costs incurred by NESO in procuring a replacement service and the proposed amount. We also suggest an exception to the application of the termination sum for partial performance and/or when there are mitigating circumstances leading to non-delivery.	None	NESO disagree that the value of the Termination Sum is punitive on the basis it is based on a proportion of an overall Contract Value, and is in line with previous market feedback. NESO believe that adopting the suggestion in this query would result in an uncapped Termination Value creating an unquantifiable risk for providers. NESO believe maintaining the current Termination Sum value allows bidders to have a known and quantifiable Termination Sum. NESO note that the Force Majeure clause as currently written does not result in the Provider being obliged to pay the Termination Sum.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
46	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Regarding Clause 32: this should be amended to permit intra-group restructuring without consent requirements. If this is not possible, NESO should add explicit criteria for what constitutes reasonable grounds for refusal.	None	NESO note that Clause 32.3.2 already sets out the requirements where a Provider would be disposing the Facility to another member of the Provider's Group.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
47	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	It is not clear in what circumstance and to what level securities will be required?	None	An Acceptable Security does not need to be provided at the point of qualifying for the market. NESO may request an Acceptable Security is provided for any given call-off delivery contract according to the identified requirements. Whether an Acceptable Security is required will be confirmed on a tender by tender basis. Please note, the value of the Acceptable Security is as per the Acceptable Security and Secured Amount definitions in the GTCs. NESO are open to providers changing the type of security part way through a contract, subject to a review of the circumstances and the alternative form of security being offered.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
48	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Is a Secured Amount only due when the solution requires Works to be implemented but not otherwise?	None	Please refer to Q48 above.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
49	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Is a Maintenance Plan only required for contract durations of more than 12 months (to be submitted prior to the commencement of the second or subsequent year) but not otherwise?	None	Please see Q44 above.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
50	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	How do you expect to despatch this reactive capability with regard to onshore windfarms as they tend to be in Voltage control mode?	None	NESO clarifies that the intention is that target voltage will be specified.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
51	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	"that it considers that the applicable Post Tender Milestone has not been satisfied in which event, the Mid-Term Reactive Contract shall terminate on the date of NESO's notice and the Provider shall pay the Termination Sum to NESO". There is no remedy period linked to this. It would seem reasonable that the provider be afforded a short period to remedy before termination occurs. Furthermore, it is not considered appropriate that there may well be grounds upon which it is reasonable for dates to be extended. An example of that would be for force majeure.	None	NESO note that Clause 4.2.1 provides the ability for NESO to allow a PTM Date extension prior to any termination due to failure to meet a PTM. We believe this clause provides what this feedback is seeking.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
52	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	In respect of Clause 4.5, we request that NESO be clearer on which requirements of the Grid Code they see as relevant. They are later in the document; this Clause should refer down to Clause 9.	None	Thank you for this query, we can confirm that the Grid Code requirements with regards to Clause 4.5 align with Clause 9.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
53	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	We also request, under Clause 5.2.1, that NESO should allow partial Availability for static solutions, as well as dynamic.	None	NESO confirms that it is considering this feedback and will determine what amendments can be made.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
54	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Please can NESO confirm that the contents of the Acceptance Form will be agreed with the Provider at the relevant time, before it is issued?	None	NESO are willing to allow providers to review a draft version of the Acceptance Form before it is finalised as part of the contract award process. However, this does not mean providers can fundamentally change any details of their solution.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
55	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Regarding Schedule 4: Please can NESO confirm if it would propose amendments to the Contract that only apply to the Contract with the Provider, or if such amendments would apply to all Mid Term Reactive Power Market Services with all Providers? We understand that it is the latter but would be grateful for the confirmation.	None	NESO can confirm any changes made will apply to all terms, not just for a single provider.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
56	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Clarification is requested on the treatment of delays outside the Provider's reasonable control that affect the service start date.	None	Clause 4.6 sets out that if a provider achieves service start after the contracted Scheduled Start Date for a reason other than a Delay Event, NESO may by notice in writing reduce the Availability Fee in a way that reflects the extent of the delay to service start up to a maximum of 25%. Please refer to the definition of Delay Event in the GTCs for details, but please be aware it includes Force Majeure and any unforeseen delays by the Local TO in connecting the Facility.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
57	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Further clarity would be helpful on the application of indexation over the term of the Delivery Contract.	None	Please see Q6 above.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
58	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	A signature block is missing from the Acceptance Form so does not show that an Acceptance Form is issued from an authorised signatory. How would you intend to contractually execute any Acceptance Form?	None	The intention is that neither NESO or the Provider would sign the Acceptance Form as issuance of the final Acceptance Form would become binding in line with Clause 2.2 of the Framework Agreement, on the basis that NESO and the Provider have signed the Framework Agreement. We note this is similar to how the Mid-term Stability Market operates.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
59	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Please can NESO clarify if the Acceptance Form will be agreed between NESO and the Provider before it is issued by NESO?	None	Please see Q54 above.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
60	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Please can NESO advise as to why this contract is now Base Rate plus 3% as opposed to just Base Rate? [redacted to maintain confidentiality]	None	NESO do not view this as a change and note that other contracts have operated on the basis of Base Rate + 3%.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
61	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Regarding Clause 13.10: Please can NESO clarify what NESO may use the data referenced within this Clause for?	None	NESO clarifies that the intention is that NESO would seek to carry out performance monitoring of contracts in the delivery phase and the proposed data set out in the clause would support this activity.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
62	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract feedback	N/A	Regarding Clause 14: Please can NESO clarify what it may need to publish the information referenced within his Clause for?	None	As per Clause 14.2, it would as a minimum be in relation to the Standard Condition C9 of NESO's licence.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
63	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	The ability for solutions connected to adjacent substations to be considered is welcomed. Further clarity on how 'effectiveness analysis' will be applied in practice would help participants understand the likelihood of being considered acceptable.	None	Effectiveness analysis is undertaken by NESO to establish effectiveness factors. These effectiveness factors (where applicable) will be applied during mini-tender processes to understand the effective contribution of a provider's MVAr offering. This will then be considered as part of the economic assessment stage to identify the most economic and efficient solutions to meet NESO's requirements.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
64	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	The indicative availability targets for year-ahead and within-year tenders are helpful. Clarification on how availability will be measured and assessed in practice, including treatment of outages and maintenance, would improve transparency.	None	We note this feedback was provided in relation to the technical specification. NESO note that the contract documents provide information on how availability will be measured/assessed, including during periods of maintenance/outages.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
65	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	Please explain exactly how you decide, for each 30-minute settlement period, whether an asset counts as available, including what happens if it is only partly available or changes state during the period.	None	We note this feedback was provided in relation to the technical specification. NESO note that the contract documents set out information about how providers must declare themselves as available and how partial availability is considered. Please review the published contract terms for this information.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
66	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	Clarification is requested on the range of system strength (SCL) conditions under which reactive capability must be demonstrated, and whether sensitivity studies are required as part of qualification.	None	Voltage services have no SCL requirement. However, full range reactive capability should be demonstrated.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
67	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	Please confirm the expected behaviour during and following network faults, including whether post-fault reactive power recovery requirements apply and how these will be tested.	None	Solutions based on their technology type must meet the applicable sections of ECC 6.3.15 for the FTR.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
68	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	The specification confirms that both static and dynamic solutions may participate, subject to the service type specified (Section 3.3, pp.6-7), and clearly defines MVAr capability limits for static services (Section 3.2, p.5). However, no equivalent sizing limits are specified for dynamic solutions. Clarification on how dynamic MVAr capability will be assessed and compared during tender evaluation would be helpful.	None	All solutions will be assessed based on the market qualification criteria. At market launch the details of this will be finalised considering information received during this consultation process. Market participants should note that solution sizes and limits will vary according to the connection technical assessments carried out by the relevant TO when facilitating the underlying connection of any solution.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
69	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	While the Technical Specification refers to the need for technical studies and simulations, it does not clearly define the required scope or precision. Clarification is requested on whether transient and provision-mode studies must be completed for all listed cases, and whether submitted results must be fully modelled outputs rather than indicative or estimated values.	None	NESO may request a submission of an EMT model and/or RMS model. More details on this requirement are available in the DRAFT Technical Specification document.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
70	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	Please could NESO provide the details of the Proving Tests as soon as possible. The technical specification provides a guide but not a detailed enough specification of how the control philosophy for these services might work. Without having proving test requirements to work to, bidders risk designing a non-compliant solution.	None	NESO intend to provide the proving test documents as part of the mini-tender processes, prior to award of a mini-tender process, where a proving test is required as part of a mini-tender / subsequent delivery contract.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
71	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	Is the operational metering at the Point of Connection, machine terminals or both. This appears to be requesting the POC.	None	At the POC taking into account all equipment and cables in-between the machine and the metering point.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
72	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Specification feedback	N/A	2 minute notice periods - please confirm this is 2 minutes to accept the instruction, and then up to 30 minutes to bring the solution online.	None	Your understanding is correct based on the current draft technical specification and contract terms.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
73	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.1 Availability	N/A	Page 3: Within-year mini-tender process will likely seek 100% availability. Question: What will be the durations of the contracts? Any special qualification assessment process?	None	Within-year contract durations may vary but they will typically be less than 12 months according to the identified requirement. NESO anticipate that requirements of 12 months or more would be secured through a year-ahead process. Regarding qualification process, there is a qualification process to become a qualified provider as set out in the draft documents published as part of the pre-market consultation. Then, subsequent mini-tenders will assess any final criteria relevant to the specific requirement. NESO has published indicative criteria of what this might look like as part of the draft documents mentioned earlier.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26

74	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.1 Availability	N/A	Page4: The utilisation table: In real operation, if the actual utilisation has exceeded the number defined in the table 1(or the updated one during tender and contract stage) at month-11, then in month 12, there is some issue on the site/equipment that can not provide the service, will the asset suffer penalty?	None	If in any given month of a delivery contract, a contracted provider fails to deliver the service, the rebates within the contract may become applicable. For example, if a provider does not hit the availability requirement in month-12, the availability rebate may become payable. It is noted that the intention of the utilisation profile information provided is that it is indicative and does not create a 'cap' and therefore does not 'waive' contracted service requirements. We trust this clarifies but if you have a further question on this topic please let us know.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
75	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.5 Oscillation Damping	N/A	Page 10: 1.5, what is the requirement on damping? How to assess the damp? NESO need to be clear on expectations for passing these requirements.	None	Thank you for this comment. We encourage providers to refer to the guidance notes and the relevant sections of the damping oscillations within the final technical specification document once published as part of market launch.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
76	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.5 Oscillation Damping	N/A	Page 10: chapter 3.5, for inverter based solution, does this apply to both Grid following and Grid forming?	None	Yes correct, all dynamic solutions should be capable of damping oscillations.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
77	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.6 Dispatch	N/A	Page 11: item 4 and 5: for voltage control(dynamic service): If we receive the new voltage setpoint at T0, shall we only change to the new voltage setpoint between (T0+2mins, T0+30mins) by considering the voltage control response time is only 1s? Can we directly change to the new voltage setpoint the time when we receive, i.e. at around T0 +1s?	None	Providers can change to the new set point at any time so long as it is within the maximum time limit.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
78	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.6 Dispatch	N/A	Page 11: item 4 and 5: for Static service: If we receive the new Q command(suppose this is a fixed value) at T0, we shall use a slope to move from current delivery Q_old to Q_new in a time between (T0+2mins, T0+30mins) ? If we deliver to the Q_new less than 2mins after command receipt(quick delivery), is it a failure?	None	Delivering the change within the maximum time limit is not a failure.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
79	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.7 Control & indication facilities	N/A	Page 12: Item4: regarding the settlement, under the single PoC, there might be multiple BMUs, if the understanding is correct, NESO only need to meter at PoC rather at BMU?	None	Currently, NESO is requesting the contracted Mvar to be metered at the POC/GEP at which point, all assets are being considered (i.e. transformers, cables, etc.). However, we recognise some providers may have multiple BMUs behind one POC. Where providers have multiple BMUs at a POC, metering should be provided at BMU level. NESO will seek to clarify this in the market documents.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
80	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.7 Control & indication facilities	N/A	Page 12: Item4: What's the resolution and the signals shall be metered? And how to provide to NESO in a good manner?	None	The metered data resolution is 1 Second.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
81	4-Feb-2026	No	Technical	Pre-market consultation	Technical Requirements and Specification - Part 3, 3.8 Model provision	N/A	Page 13: If a site has already passed the compliance and model submission and site test for wider MVar range, can we directly use this to demonstrate the meet of the model/test, etc?	None	Yes this is typically acceptable however it depends on the specific circumstance. Following review NESO may have clarification questions / requests which warrant a resubmission.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
82	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract Documents	N/A	Clarification is requested on the basis and application of any liability caps, including whether such caps apply per contract year or in aggregate.	None	The General Terms and Conditions contain a per-incident/series of related incidents liability cap, rather than an aggregate or per-contract-year cap. These are reciprocal, applying to both NESO and the provider. Specifically, Clause 18.1 provides that liability (outside of indemnities and subject to certain other caveats described below) for direct losses (physical damage to property and third-party property damage claims) shall not exceed £5,000,000 per incident or series of related incidents. The following are expressly carved out and are not subject to the £5 million cap: Death or personal injury resulting from negligence (Clause 18.2) NESO's payment obligations under the contract (Clause 18.7/18.1.8) Enforcement of contractual debts (Clause 18.7/18.1.3) Indemnities expressly provided for in the General Terms and Conditions (Clauses 18.1 and 18.3) Subject to the above carve-outs, neither party is liable for: Loss of profit, revenue, use, contract, or goodwill (Clause 18.1.3) Indirect or consequential loss (Clause 18.1.4) Third-party liability (save for property damage under Clause 18.1.2) (Clause 18.1.5)	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
83	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract Documents	Clause 23	We suggest that the Parties should also have termination rights if they cannot agree on the matters in Clause 23.1 and after expiry of any expert determination.	None	NESO have reviewed this and wish to clarify that the parties are bound by decisions of an expert under Clause 19.3.5. Therefore we do not believe this is needed.	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
84	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract Documents	Schedule 4	We request clarity from NESO as to how Schedule 4 interacts with Clause 23, which already caters for Relevant Changes in Law.	None	NESO can clarify that the provisions of Clause 23 (Change in Law) and Schedule 4 (Change Control Procedure) operate independently. Schedule 4 governs amendments to the General Terms and Conditions that NESO may make as a result of a Change in Law, which amendments shall apply to all Mid-Term Reactive Contracts. Clause 23 governs any Required Changes between NESO and a Provider to address the specific commercial impact of a Relevant Change in Law on that Provider's Mid-Term Reactive Contract. Nothing in Schedule 4 shall limit or prejudice a Provider's rights under Clause 23	None	Closed	25-Mar-26
85	4-Feb-2026	No	Commercial	Pre-market consultation	Contract Documents	Clause 31	Please can NESO clarify why court proceedings have been included, rather than arbitration? Our view is that arbitration may be preferable.	None	NESO clarifies that Clause 31.2 is stated to be without prejudice and subject to Clause 19 (compulsory arbitration) therefore they are not inconsistent. This is standard practice in commercial contracts that use arbitration. The court jurisdiction clause in Clause 31 is not intended to override arbitration, rather it serves ancillary purposes, for instance, arbitral awards may need to be enforced through the courts. Clause 31 ensures the English courts have jurisdiction to enforce any award. Clause 31.5 expressly confirms: "For the avoidance of doubt nothing contained in the foregoing provisions of this Clause 31 shall be taken as permitting a Party to commence Proceedings in the courts where these General Terms and Conditions otherwise provide for Proceedings to be referred to arbitration."	None	Closed	25-Mar-26