

Summary of EOI Consultation Feedback

Theme	Summary of feedback	NESO Action
Clarity on Technical Requirements	<p>The technical documents received a range of clarification requests including clearer definitions, criteria and corrected references, including notably on GBGF-I vs GBGF-S technology requirements</p> <p>Requests for clear guidance on how reactive power obligations apply to co-located sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical documents have been updated to provide clearer definitions, criteria, and corrected references. • The tender process now allows, at NESO's discretion, for clarification meetings, technical presentations, and negotiations to support providers in understanding and demonstrating the requirements. • Additional guidance has been included for co-located site simulations, confirming that feasibility studies must demonstrate aggregate capability at the GEP.
Proving Tests	<p>Proving test requirements are overly complex and require clearer, more proportionate expectations, alongside suggested efficiencies to the proving tests processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proving test requirements will be revised to provide clearer, more proportionate expectations. This document will be provided post ITT launch. • Updated requirements have been published on the NESO website to support provider preparation. • A compliance overview document has been added to the ITT pack, outlining compliance obligations for both new and existing assets or connections.
Commercial Risk Balance & Transparency	<p>2-year contract option is welcomed, but some consider it too short for long-term asset planning.</p> <p>Request for indexation and reduction of financial securities required.</p> <p>Request for greater commercial transparency in relation to the tender results in relation to the Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NESO has retained the original design of 12-month call-off contracts but introduced a 2-year delivery option for Round 3 to offer greater commercial certainty while maintaining core market principles. • The positions on indexation and financial securities remain unchanged for Round 3, as NESO considers the current approach appropriate. • NESO will review the approach to financial securities across other markets to ensure consistency where relevant. • The tender results that NESO publishes for this market are in line with our obligations. Our overarching goal is to ensure best value for consumers. As the market is developing, and the levels of competition still growing, it is NESO's view that at this time publishing individual bid prices would have unintended consequences for competition, by shaping bidding behaviour in ways that do not support consumer value. In this context, aggregated reporting strikes the right balance between transparency and commercial sensitivity.
Service Stacking and Other Markets	<p>Providers seek clarity on interactions with other markets rules, ORPS evolution, and how stacking is assessed, fearing double-penalisation or conflicting obligations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacking rules have been updated in the Instructions to Tenderers documentation for alignment and greater clarity on the interaction with other NESO markets.