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Request to the Authority regarding the timetable for issuing connection offers under the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process

Dear Neal,

We are writing in relation to the timetable for the issuing of Gate 1 and Gate 2 connection offers to our customers as a result of the G2TWQ process.

The Electricity System Operator Licence Standard Condition E12.14 sets out the timeframes for issuing connection offers. Specifically, within Para (c): *"in the case of persons seeking a Bilateral Agreement or a Construction Agreement [...] and who has applied within an Application Window as per paragraph E12.9, [the licensee must offer terms] no later than 7.5 months from the closing date end of the Application Window, unless agreed otherwise with the Authority"*. As the G2TWQ Application Window closed on 26 August 2025, in line with the above, all Gate 1 and Gate 2 connection offers related to G2TWQ would need to have been issued to our customers no later than 10 April 2026, unless agreed otherwise.

As you are aware, the original G2TWQ programme has changed significantly from that originally envisioned with a re-baselined timetable for the programme (including offers) agreed via joint industry governance in February 2026 and communicated externally on 13 February 2026. This re-baselined programme sets out that Gate 2 connection offers will

be issued on a batched basis over the course of 2026, with the final batch of Gate 2 connection offers planned to be issued by mid-March 2027.

Gate 1 connection offers will also be issued within this period. Any Gate 1 connection offers that are only being made due to the non-acceptance of a Gate 2 Modification Offer would not fall under the scope of E12.14(c), as we would already have offered terms through the Gate 2 Modification Offer which was not accepted. We would appreciate confirmation that this is also your understanding, as if not a longer extension would be required to account for the potential for such residual Gate 1 offers. Please note that in such circumstances we would issue a Gate 1 offer as soon as reasonably practicable after the ability to accept the Gate 2 Modification Offer had lapsed, but in any case, it would be no later than 6 weeks from that date.

We appreciate that Ofgem has had full visibility of the timelines as to when offers are expected to be made, however, for completeness, we want to ensure we follow proper process. As such, we would be grateful if Ofgem could confirm in writing the Authority's agreement to extend the timetable under E12.14(c) for issuing of connection offers related to G2TWQ, to align with the programme agreed through the joint industry governance. In doing this we are asking for a specific revised date to be used in place of the 7.5 months, with our proposal/request being to amend the deadline to be 31 March 2027.

We would be happy to discuss this further, if helpful, and please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Colm Murphy

Director of Connections