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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 7 January 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as we believe that the requested information falls within the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the EIR.

Request

You asked us:

For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025:

- 1. The total number of renewable curtailment events recorded by NESO.*
- 2. The total electrical energy (MWh) curtailed.*
- 3. The volume of gas-fired generation dispatched in response to or coinciding with curtailment events.*
- 4. If held, the associated costs of these curtailment and backup dispatch actions.*

Grouped or aggregated figures only.

We asked you to clarify whether question 1 related to renewable curtailment events due to thermal constraints, or any renewable curtailment event. On 23 January you confirmed that you were requesting thermal constraint related data and further requested:

would it be possible to do "thermal constraint related data" with annual figures for the last 5 year?

Our response

We confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

Please find the following data attached with this response:

1. Number of renewable curtailment events and volume for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025.
2. Number of gas fired actions and cost for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025.
3. Annual number of renewable curtailment events and volume for the period 2020 to 2025.

This concludes our response to your request.

Further information

At NESO, our role is to 'balance' the grid. We must ensure we supply enough electricity to meet the needs of our customers and manage any restrictions that may be on the network. We need a range of tools to be able to balance the grid effectively. This involves energy trading, balancing services, and the Balancing Mechanism (BM). Further information about the BM is available here: [What is the Balancing Mechanism? | National Energy System Operator](#).

Our [2025 Annual Balancing Costs report](#) provides a look back on recent balancing cost trends and drivers and provides a broad view of potential future balancing costs along with NESO's role in minimising costs.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your 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)