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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 8 January 2026.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). This is because information about the connections queue 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:

In response to "How many projects / MW were advanced from Phase 2 to Phase 1?" NESO states "The only technologies that had any room in their phase one queue were solar in the distribution zones and some onshore wind zones across distribution and transmission."

However, there were no Phase 1 limits for demand or other out of scope tech. How many Demand and other CP30 out of scope tech projects were advanced?

With no phase 1 cap, all demand should have been advanced, unless the TO stated it was not possible, under CNDM 5.7 Step 5, as described in 5.7.6.

Our response

We confirm that we hold the following recorded information relating to Clean Power 2030 out-of-scope technologies advanced from Phase 2 to Phase 1 in the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2TWQ) process.

Based on the project data held, the number and capacity of out-of-scope technologies advanced were:

Technology	Count of Projects	Capacity (MW)
Reactive Compensation	1	0
Transmission Connected Demand	3	365

This concludes our response to your request.

Further information

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 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](#)

On 8 December 2025 NESO began informing Customers of the outcome of their applications and 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. NESO will not be disclosing information on the status of individual projects at this time. Further aggregated information on the new connections pipeline will be made available over the coming weeks and months.

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)