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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 15 January 2026.

You submitted your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The exemption at Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act covers information that a public body is obliged to consider under the EIR and has the effect of routing all requests for environmental information via the EIR rather than the FOIA. Information relating to energy curtailment meets the definition of environmental information as set out in Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and we have therefore considered your request under the EIR.

Request

You asked us:

Specifically, I request information on a per month basis from January 2020 to December 2025 (or the earliest/latest available data within this period) concerning:

- 1. The amount of wind energy 'curtailed', where wind farms are told to stop producing energy, in whichever measure this is recorded.*
- 2. The amount of wind energy 'curtailed' per wind farm during this period, broken down by wind farm.*
- 3. The amount of solar energy curtailed.*
- 4. The amount of nuclear energy curtailed.*

Our response

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

Please find datasets for the following parts of your request attached with this response:

1. Volume of wind curtailed from January 2020 to December 2025.
3. Volume of solar curtailed from January 2023 to December 2025.
4. Volume of nuclear curtailed from January 2023 to December 2025.

Please note that values from January 2020 to December 2022 are zero for both solar and nuclear.

Due to a high volume of requests at the current time we have unfortunately not managed to complete the extraction of data for part 2 of your request. We apologise for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause, but we are working to provide a response to this final part of your request in the next few working days.

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

The following information is publicly available on our website:

- Monthly balancing costs and volume datasets: [Balancing costs | National Energy System Operator](#).
- Our [2025 Annual Balancing Costs Report](#) provides additional information 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)