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Mid-term Reactive Power Market: Eligibility Criteria

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Eligibility Criteria

This document presents the eligibility criteria that each proposed solution must meet to qualify for the Mid-term Reactive Power Market. Please note these criteria are only a subset of the market qualification criteria. For full details of all the market qualification criteria please refer to the Market Qualification Criteria document.

Voltage level

- Solutions must be directly connected to the transmission system.
 - In England and Wales, this typically means 275kV and above
 - In Scotland, this typically means 132kV and above
 - Other forms of being directly connected to the transmission system are acceptable under this eligibility criteria, including:
 - Solutions connected to Tertiary Windings of Supergrid Transformers
 - Solutions connected via Grid Parks
 - Solutions that are directly connected via a 132kV transmission connection in England and Wales

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MW Capability

- Solutions must be able to provide the voltage support service at 0MW if they are a 0MW technology.
- Solutions based on any non-0MW technology must be able to provide the voltage service independently from their MW import and/or export (i.e. irrespective of the MW capability).
 - This is to mean that the declared voltage capability can be provided independently from MW activity, where the solution can inject and absorb active power (beyond intrinsic losses).
 - For example, where a change in MW is not required to enable the declared capability.

Connections

- The bidder must hold an existing connection agreement, whether the solution is already connected, commissioned and operational, or due to connect and commission.
 - These connections can be firm or non-firm¹
 - Bidders will need to evidence their connection agreement as part of their market qualification submission.
 - Solutions with connections that are part of an Active Network Management (ANM) scheme, which would impact upon the delivery of the voltage service, will not be eligible to participate.
 - Bidders must be confident that the connection agreement that they hold sufficiently enables the proposed solution to fully deliver any contracted service.
 - Should a bidder need to contact the NESO connections team regarding their connection agreement, they can do so via the [Connections Portal](#)²

¹ Non-firm connection agreements contain restrictions that limit a user being able to export their full capability in certain conditions. The non-firm period could be temporary (staged connection contracts) or permanent.

² <https://nationalenergyso.my.site.com/cpp/s/login/>