

Black Start Tender Query Log - ITT						
Tender Query	Date received (dd/mm/yy)	Document Reference (if applicable)	Query	Response	List of any attachments to this tender query (if applicable)	Date response issued (dd/mm/yy)
1	18/09/2019	n/a	Your approach in to Black Start ITT in the SW and Midlands permitted a combined application from several generators whereby the capabilities are pooled to provide an overall capability that (better) meets the requirements. Can you confirm that such a combined approach will be consider for the NE, NW and Scotland ITT?	A combined/aggregated submission will be considered providing the contracted service is delivered and can meet the technical requirements at one point of delivery.		11/10/2019
2	26/09/2019	n/a	Does the timeline allow for negotiation of terms prior to contract award?	<p>A prerequisite of participation in the tender is that parties agree to the standard terms, to ensure fairness and transparency.</p> <p>We do not expect to amend the terms for individual potential BS service providers, but if at EOI stage a provider still has comments on particular items, they must notify us using the contract deviation table. This will be the only opportunity during the tender to raise potential amendments. ESO is not obliged to accept any proposed deviations.</p> <p>If the service description needs to be amended to reflect the service offering this can be discussed ahead of contract award but must be raised ahead of time in the contract deviation table.</p> <p>Feedback on the terms was requested during the request for feedback period in 2018 to help us shape our approach.</p>		11/10/2019
3	04/10/2019	n/a	Please could you tell me why the timescales for this tender are much shorter than the Midlands tender, with build time only 9 months and contract length only 3 years?	An accelerated timeline has been developed the North tender with an aim to encourage innovative or combined solutions and minimises capital investment . This will allow the NGENSO to run a subsequent procurement process after the 3 year contract that will draw on the outputs of the NIA and NIC projects.		11/10/2019
4	04/10/2019	n/a	Short circuit level: Can you confirm whether this value is at the generator terminals or on the HV side of the step up transformer?	We can confirm this value is at connection voltage, HV side of the step-up transformer		11/10/2019
5	08/10/2019	Appendix 2 - Technical Requirements declaration	In Scotland, the black start process has not traditionally been based around one black start station being capable of re-starting the whole system in both network and generation terms, is it possible to put a proposal together which assumes that the network will be made energised by others but demand is met by the proposed station?	No, submissions must meet all of the stated technical requirements, however, a combined/aggregated submission will be considered providing the contracted service is delivered and can meet the technical requirements at one point of delivery.		11/10/2019
6	08/10/2019	CSA Clause 4: Black Start Capability	Can you confirm the termination rights of the BS Service Provider (only The Company holds these rights) once tender has been awarded and any cost implications of terminating at this time?	We expect Providers to fulfil their obligations outlined in the agreement for the duration of the contract period. The consequences of a Provider who wants to terminate the agreement before the end date will be a matter that will need to be discussed at the time, in any case, capital contributions would become repayable.		11/10/2019
7	08/10/2019	TD3 - Feasibility Study Agreement	Can you confirm the termination rights for Potential providers during the feasibility study stages and the cost implications of terminating at this time?	If a funding contribution for the FS2 is requested and agreed, then the Provider must deliver an FS2 study in accordance with the F2 Scope by the agreed Target Date. Failure to submit a valid FS2 study by the deadline will mean that NGENSO will not be liable to pay the Contribution.		11/10/2019
8	08/10/2019	TD1 - Technical Requirements & Assessment Criteria	Is the assessment criteria applicable during Eol submissions evaluation or/and during the ITT stage for valuing the feasibility studies?	The Assessment Criteria outlined in TD1 document published on the website gives providers an overview of our full requirements which will be assessed at the ITT stage. However, Providers should be mindful of these requirements when submitting the technical documents in Appendices 1 and 2 as part of their Eol submission.		11/10/2019
9	08/10/2019	Appendix 2 - Technical Requirements declaration	Can reports/documents be attached to the Eol submission as evidence of the potential provider capabilities/progress made re Black Start readiness?	We do not anticipate a need for additional reports to be submitted at this stage.		11/10/2019
10	08/10/2019	Appendix 2 - Technical Requirements declaration	Short-circuit level (SCL) (following the start of a system disturbance) Is this a minimum absolute value and not dependent on the generation's maximum capacity?	Minimum Absolute Value		11/10/2019

11	08/10/2019	Appendix 2 - Technical Requirements declaration	Is it possible to put a proposal together which assumes that the network will be made energised by others but demand is met by the proposed station?	No, each submission should meet all of the technical requirements, however, ESO are welcoming tender submissions from partnerships (with a lead party) to provide the Service being procured under this competitive procurement event.	11/10/2019
12	08/10/2019	All Eol documents	Can you confirm that for the purpose of Eol submission, just the NDA and the Contract declaration need to be signed by authorised delegate?	Confirmed, both the NDA and Contract Declaration need a signature for the Eol Stage.	11/10/2019
13	08/10/2019	Clause 4 Black Start Terms	Can you explain what Valid Invoice Failure Payments refer to?	This reference will be updated/finalised at a later stage in the ITT process when Contract terms will be reviewed and updated	11/10/2019
14	08/10/2019	TD3 - Feasibility Study Agreement	The footnote does not appear to have been updated to reflect the NGET/NGESO split	Noted. NGESO will issue an updated document on the website by COB 11th October	11/10/2019
15	08/10/2019	NDA	The NDA has a range of references to National Grid which we think should be references to NGESO.	Noted. NGESO will issue an updated document on the website by COB 11th October	11/10/2019
16	08/10/2019	Clause 4 Black Start Terms clause 4.3	Could you explain what changes are required to the "Bilateral Agreement" i.e. NGESO Connection Agreement.	In the context of clause 4.3, the intent is that updates will be made should they be required, it may be the case that no changes are needed.	11/10/2019
17	08/10/2019	Clause 4 Black Start Terms clause 4.3	Could you indicate the level of security that needs to be raised during the tender process?	Financial Security such as bonds, letters of credit, or in some cases a parent company guarantee, will not be required during the Tender stage. However it is a condition precedent of the agreement that a Provider must provide acceptable security as outlined Clause 4.6.3 for the duration of the contract at an amount not less than the Works Contribution Refund Payment.	11/10/2019
18	08/10/2019	TD3 - Feasibility Study Agreement	Black Start Capability" definition contains reference to "the Company" which is not defined. This term is to be deleted and replaced with the correct defined term, "NGESO". "Black Start Plant" definition contains reference to "Black Start Service" which is not defined. This term could be defined using the definition in the Clause 4 Black Start Terms. Contract is issued by NGESO, so it needs to be clarified who the contracting counterparty is: NGESO or NGET. Definition of "Total Shutdown": The word "being" should be replaced with "begin" (Very minor point)	Noted. NGESO will issue an updated document on the website by COB 11th October	11/10/2019
19	08/10/2019	TD3 - Feasibility Study Agreement	The Feasibility Study Agreement will require a potential Provider to engage third party Consultants and the requirement for reasonable skill and care <b>and</b> diligence may be difficult to agree. Can you please review this further requirement.	Noted. NGESO will issue an updated document on the website by COB 11th October	11/10/2019
20	08/10/2019	Appendix 2 - Technical Requirements declaration	The way short circuit level is defined is for during faults rather than to energise systems. The restoration needs a sort of "short circuit" but really this is provided by wind turbine generator (WTG) reactive power rapid pushes. In a synch machine these are basically one and the same, in a WTG then can be changed. Can the wording be considered to be WTG friendly?	Short Circuit Level (kA) requirement focuses on the contribution to the stability of a power island, whilst Reactive Capability (MVA) focuses on the contribution to the re-energisation of the Electricity System. Different technical requirements addressing different things. The current BS Tender is driven by requirements not technology/ies (i.e. technology neutral).	11/10/2019
21	10/10/2019		Where the guidance states one point of delivery to the network, is this referring to GSP groups?	Provider must be able to create a single power island with one point of delivery to the network, this could be at a GSP, but may not be. Functionally the service being delivered will need to be able to energise out from this point and contribute to the wider restoration of the system by energising other generation	11/10/2019