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1	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Why does this tender consider only two regions?	none	Voltage management is a locational issue, and the London and North England regions are the ones where a requirement has been identified with a lack of existing cost-effective solutions to manage high voltage issues. Voltage compensation connected far from the region of need will not be effective.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
2	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	How are the effectiveness factors calculated?	none	Voltage sensitivities with respect to reactive power compensation are extracted from the load flow equations. They are then normalised in relation to the sensitivity at the reference point to obtain the effectiveness factors for each location.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
3	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Will injection capability impact in the solution's assessment?	none	No, at this stage the intention is the assessment will be based on the absorption capability only. However, the declared Mvar range must be accessible and meet the availability requirement.  Please note at this stage we have not published the assessment methodology for the Voltage 2026 tender, this will be shared at the ITT stage and will detail how solutions will be assessed.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
4	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	What were the assumptions used to perform high voltage studies?	none	High voltage studies consider credible future scenarios of minimal demand conditions.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
5	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	For the bay reserved at Neepsend 275kV, what is the reserved SCL and MW?	none	There is no reserved SCL or MW values. The reservation is for reactive power only. For more details please refer to the Technical Specification document and Connections Approach document.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
6	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Are there additional criteria for existing connections?	none	No, existing connections can participate without additional capability. Please refer to Section 8 and Appendix B of our instructions to tenderers document for more information ( <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download</a> )	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
7	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Can hybrid technologies be tendered, such as battery and reactor?	none	Hybrid technologies can be tendered provided they are submitted as one solution at the same connection point. They will then be treated and assessed as a single asset/solution.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
8	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Can you put the links to the Technical Document, here or in the chat please.	none	After the webinar we will send a follow up email to everyone who registered with links to the voltage 2026 webpage on the ESO website, specifically pointing out the Technical Document, to ensure everyone has access.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
9	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	How does the -200MVar requirement for each region compare to the requirements of previous pathfinders? how much was required and procured in previous rounds?	none	Pennines Voltage Pathfinder tendered 200MVar in the North East region and 500MVar in West Yorkshire.  Mersey Voltage Pathfinder tendered for 230MVar.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
10	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Could you kindly provide the link for downloading the EOI require form?	none	After the webinar we will send a follow up email to everyone who registered with links to the voltage 2026 webpage on the ESO website, specifically pointing out the consultation feedback form, to ensure everyone has access.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
11	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Are NGET 132kV connected solutions barred from participating, even as a smaller solution/contributor?	none	For clarity we understand this question to refer to third party solutions that are connected to NGET's 132kV network.  The current tender rules are that solutions must be connected at 275kV and above, or directly connected to the transmission system. If you have any specific queries about how this applies to you please reach out to the Voltage 2026 team at <a href="mailto:box.voltage2026@nationalgrideso.com">box.voltage2026@nationalgrideso.com</a>	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
12	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Are NGET allowed to compete in this tender?	none	This procurement process will adopt the same approach as other Voltage and Stability Pathfinders where TOs will be able to provide TO counterfactual options.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
13	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Who is paying for the losses associated with providing MVarh? Is this paid at the ORPS rate?	none	At this stage the intention is that bidders submitted prices should cover all costs associated with providing the reactive power service, including losses and energy costs. For more information on commercial aspects we encourage attendance at our contract and commercial webinar.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
14	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Do you need static or dynamic?	none	The requirement is for steady-state voltage control, However, the tender is on a technology agnostic basis. For more information please refer to the technical specification available on the ESO website ( <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289721/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289721/download</a> )	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
15	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	What is the contract length?	none	This procurement process is seeking to award 10-year long contracts between 2026 and 2036. There will be more information on the details of the draft contract in the commercial webinar on 26 October 2023.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
16	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Is it possible to aggregate different reactive power sources for provision and make an offer. Or is it necessary to offer one particular asset for provision only.	none	Our understanding of this question is it is asking about aggregating a number of different assets which each have a different connection point.  For the purpose of this tender aggregated solutions that are based on a number of assets which each have a different connection point are not being accepted. A change in the connection point is being treated as a separate solution. For more details please refer to Section 14 of the Instructions to Tenderers - EOI document and the Glossary of the same ( <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download</a> ).	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
17	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Are distribution connected sites allowed to compete in the tender?	none	The current tender rules are that solutions must be connected at 275kV and above, or directly connected to the transmission system. If you have any specific queries about how this applies to you please reach out to the Voltage 2026 team at <a href="mailto:box.voltage2026@nationalgrideso.com">box.voltage2026@nationalgrideso.com</a>	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
18	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	can you reiterate the range of reactive power absorption acceptable per bid?	none	In our technical specification we have indicated potential maximum sizes (-200Mvar at 400kV and -100Mvar at 275kV) based on the usual figures that can be switched by a single circuit breaker without violating voltage step change limits at different voltage levels. However, this is subject to the actual maximum as defined by your connection. So bidders should see the maximum size they can bid as equivalent to the maximum that is catered for by their connection.  Please use this link to access the technical specification <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289721/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289721/download</a>	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
19	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	A lot of connections points featuring in the North of England also featured in the Pennines tender. Was there under-procurement in that pathfinder?	none	No, ESO keep monitoring future system conditions and the regions of need have been identified based on updated analysis which has indicated further needs.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
20	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	If the TO can bid but they don't pay for losses, is this a fair playing field?	none	As we are only at the EOI stage, we have not yet published the assessment methodology which will set out how third-party market participant bids or TO options would be assessed. The intention is this document would be provided at ITT stage and set out how a fair playing field will be enabled. This will be in line with approaches taken on previous Pathfinders to ensure a fair playing field.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
21	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	Will you be taking any other factors into consideration other than solution capability when awarding the tender. i.e is this going to support new entrants and smaller organisations?	none	As we are only at the EOI stage, we have not yet published the assessment methodology which will set out how third-party market participant bids or TO options would be assessed. The intention is this document would be provided at ITT stage.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023
22	20-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical webinar	Technical webinar	What is meant by Directly Connected to the Transmission System	none	A direct connection to any node inside the National Electricity Transmission System including tertiaries of transformers.	none	Closed	20-Oct-2023

23	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Who is paying for the losses associated with providing MVArh? Is this paid at the ORPS rate?	none	The intention is that bidders submitted prices should cover all costs associated with providing the reactive power service, including losses and energy costs. (Please note this was also covered in the technical webinar Q&A).	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
24	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Will you be taking any other factors into consideration other than solution capability when awarding the tender. i.e. is this going to support new entrants and smaller organisations?	none	As we are only at the EOI stage, we have not yet published the assessment methodology which will set out how third-party market participant bids or TO options would be assessed. The intention is this document would be provided at ITT stage. (Please note this was also covered in the technical webinar Q&A).	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
25	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Are NGET allowed to compete in this tender?	none	This procurement process will adopt the same approach as other Voltage and Stability Pathfinders where TOs will be able to prove a TO counterfactual option. (Please note this was also covered in the technical webinar Q&A).	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
26	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Will injection capability impact in the solution's assessment?	none	No, at this stage the intention is the assessment will be based on the absorption capability only. However, the declared Mvar range must be accessible and meet the availability requirement. At this stage we have not published the assessment methodology for the Voltage 2026 tender, this will be shared at the ITT stage and will detail how solutions will be assessed. (Please note this was also covered in the technical webinar Q&A).	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
27	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	could you clarify that providers will only submit 1 final offer to then be considered? i.e. there are no multiple bids or bidding rounds etc.	none	As we are only at the EOI stage, we have not yet published the assessment methodology which will set out how third-party market participant bids would be assessed, with reference to any negotiations or BAFO stages. The intention is this document would be provided at ITT stage to confirm these details.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
28	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	In the contract is there Starting Late costs where there are delays caused by the TO in NGET connection date for particular substations ?	none	Generally, in the event a Provider does not meet their contracted service start date, then they become liable for liquidated damages at the LAD rate for each day of delay. The only exception to that is in the event of Delay Event which is defined by the Contract.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
29	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Will there be any potential extension in the contract post 2036?	none	The draft contract does include extension options up to a further 10 years in aggregate. Please refer to clause 2.5 for details where it is drafted such that both parties need to agree to extend the contract and for what duration.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
30	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Is the LAD Cap based on 160 days or 180 days? Both were stated within the webinar?	none	Apologies - this was an error during the presentation. We can confirm that the LAD cap is based on 180 days and NOT 160 days.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
31	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Can a project commissioning after 2026 bid in the auction with a caveat of 0 support offered in 2026 and services commencing in 2027/2028 as applicable? Would this project still be eligible for the auction? [redacted]	none	As we are only at the EOI stage, we have not yet published any latest acceptable start dates which may be required for the tender. The intention is this information would be provided at ITT stage. We encourage you to register and then consider the additional information made available at ITT to make your final decisions regarding whether you will bid.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
32	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	These contracts are from April 2026 to 2036. But in terms of Scheduled Operations Date is that going to be the same for all providers i.e. 1st April 2026 or is there some flexibility in agreeing an operations date?	none	As with previous pathfinders there will be some flexibility in commercial operations date as we appreciate this may vary slightly project by project. We may put a latest start date in place, if we do decide to take this approach it will be published at ITT stage. Please also refer to the question above as it is similar (TQ31).	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
33	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	How do PTMs apply to a delayed grid connection where the delay is the fault of the TO? If a termination sum could apply due to a delayed connection, then how does this allow fair treatment between TO and non-TO providers (since the TO can obviously control the risk whereas the non-TO provider cannot)	none	As currently drafted, the PTMs within the contract cover elements of the project that we would reasonably expect to be completed by twelve months prior to the scheduled commercial operations date. These include but are not limited to (and in no particular order): obtaining land, signing a connection agreement, securing funding and commencing onsite construction. A delayed grid connection wouldn't necessarily impact progression on all of these PTMs so these would continue to be monitored. Additionally, there is provision within the contract for ESO to grant a two month extension to the PTM date if ESO believes there is a reasonable chance of them being completed within this time frame. If you have any feedback on any of the specific PTMs you think could be impacted by a TO caused delay then please do provide feedback for us to consider when finalising terms for ITT.  If you are in doubt, we encourage you to submit an EOI and review any additional information made available at ITT to make your final decisions regarding whether you will bid.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
34	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	does parent company guarantee require the same S&P rating as the stability mid-term tender, i.e. A- long-term S&P rating?	none	As we are only at the EOI stage, we have not yet published the assessment methodology which will set out how third-party market participant bids or TO options would be assessed. The intention is this document would be provided at ITT stage.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
35	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	were previous pathfinders procuring and paying for absorption and injection , or just absorption only?	none	Previous Pathfinders were procuring absorption of reactive power only and availability payments were based on the ability to absorb react power.	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
36	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	You mention that the GEP will be where the reactive capability is delivered. Can I clarify that in respect to offshore wind farms, (where GEP is on offshore platform) what you actually mean is the TIP (Transmission Interface Point)?	none	For offshore solutions, the onshore location of the Transmission Interface Point must be located within the regions of need. Refer to the Part 2 of the "V2026 Technical Specification".	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
37	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Can you explain the MSA/ ORPS applicability in a bit more detail? Does MSA cover the capability for existing asset or connection point? i.e. if you connect a new asset , does existing MSA apply to that additional capability?	none	The MSA (Mandatory Services Agreement) covers the Mandated capability as part of the Grid Code requirements. Some assets have additional capability (over & above what is mandated in the Grid Code). Any additional capability over & above what is mandated is usually captured in a CSA (Commercial Services Agreement).	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
38	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Hi, are 132kV-connected assets eligible for this service, or is it just 275 & 400?	none	For clarity we understand this question to refer to third party solutions that are connected to NGET's 132kV network. The current tender rules are that solutions must be connected at 275kV and above, or directly connected to the transmission system. If you have any specific queries about how this applies to you please reach out to the Voltage 2026 team at box.voltage2026@nationalgrideso.com	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
39	26-Oct-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Commercial webinar	Commercial webinar	Will HVDC interconnectors be able to take part?	none	Please can we refer you to Section 2 of our Instructions to Tenderers, specifically the latter part of the table on page 6, for what has been published with regards to participation rules. If you have any specific questions about whether you would be eligible to participate based on specific details please reach out to us directly by email at box.voltage2026@nationalgrideso.com	none	Closed	26-Oct-2023
40	27-Oct-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical Specification	N/A	It would already be helpful to have a precise map which show the boundaries of the regions (such as London and Northern England). I have not been able to find a map of your reactive power zones.	none	Within the technical specification (Part 2 "Acceptable Sites within Regions of Need") we have defined which substations (GEPs/electrical nodes) fall within the two regions of need, we have provided an illustrative map but the source of truth should be the list of which substations (GEPs/electrical nodes) fall within the regions.  Please refer to this to determine whether your solution connects into the defined region of need.  Link to the technical specification: <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289721/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289721/download</a> Link to the Voltage 2026 webpage: <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/balancing-services/pathfinders/nao-voltage-pathfinder">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/balancing-services/pathfinders/nao-voltage-pathfinder</a>	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
41	27-Oct-2023	No	Technical/ Commercial Query	EOI	Participation Rules	N/A	Are offshore wind farms generally able to participate?	none	Please could we refer you to section 2 of our published Instructions to Tenderers where we cover some participation rules, including whether OFTOs or Offshore Wind Farms can participate in this tender. Link to the Instructions to Tenderers document: <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download</a> Link to the Voltage 2026 webpage: <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/balancing-services/pathfinders/nao-voltage-pathfinder">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/balancing-services/pathfinders/nao-voltage-pathfinder</a>	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023

42	2-Nov-2023	No	Technical	EOI	N/A	N/A	What is the deadline for securing a grid connection to be eligible to enter this tender? Is the Neepsend reserved bay accessible to connect to for any projects in the area?	none	With regards to the first part of the question: Within our connections approach document we have set 4 possible requirements a bidder can elect to meet. Bidders only need to meet one of these requirements for each solution they propose.  If a bidder participates through Option A (using the Neepsend 275kV reserved bay) then you do not need to apply for the connection until after the tender has completed.  If you're participating through option B then bidders will need to evidence their existing grid connection in their tender submission which will be due at the end of the tender window.  If you're participating through Option C then you will need to evidence the existing grid connection and the mod app offer you have sought in the tender submission which will be due at the end of the tender window.  If you're participating through Option D then you will need to evidence the new connection offer you have sought in the tender submission which will be due at the end of the tender window.  The tender timeline is available in our Instructions to Tenderers document ( <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download</a> ) where we have indicated the tender window would be open until May 2024. The exact date of the tender submission deadline will be confirmed at ITT stage.  With regards to the second part of the question: The reserved bay at Neepsend can be relied on by any tender participant who wants a new connection. However, the bay will only be allocated to the successful tenderer at the end of the process who relied on the Neepsend 275kV bay. Applications for the Neepsend 275kV bay should not be made until the end of the tender process.  For more information about the connections requirements please review our connections approach document published at EOI <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289726/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289726/download</a>	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
43	3-Nov-2023	No	Technical	EOI	Technical Specification	N/A	Can you explain in further detail why you limit the threshold at 40% and how this figure is determined?	none	Similar to previous voltage pathfinders, this tender is seeking solutions to address locational specific high voltage issues. Because voltage management is very locational in nature, regions of need are determined. The regions of need for this voltage 2026 tender have been determined based on internal studies that have identified the reference points and the nearby sites most effective to ensure the entire region is compliant, whilst considering interactions across the wider network when solutions are connected further away with lower effectiveness factors. This has been done in line with previous Voltage Pathfinders which have also defined specific regions of need.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
44	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Will a cash deposit into an escrow account be an acceptable form of security?	none	This will be finalised at ITT. We are using the consultation feedback to finalise the definition of an Acceptable Security and when it becomes due, which will finalise whether cash in escrow will be a form of acceptable security.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
45	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	If the contract award is in September 2024 with a delivery year of 2025-2026, why is the Scheduled Commercial Operations Date listed as 1 April 2024 and the PTMs required to be completed on 1 April 2023 (prior to the Contract Award date)	none	We understand this is in relation to the definition of the PTM Date on page 37 of the draft contract and the definition of the Scheduled Commercial Operations Date on page 39 of the draft contract. These date references are an error. Thank you for pointing this out to us, we will update the date references of SCOD and PTMs to reflect the timeline of the Voltage 2026 tender and its service term. These corrections will be made at ITT stage.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
46	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Clause 3.7 - why is the Facility required to pass the Proving Test by the Scheduled COD of 1 April 2024 if the contract award date is currently set at September 2024?	none	We understand this is in relation to the definition of the PTM Date on page 37 of the draft contract and the definition of the Scheduled Commercial Operations Date on page 39 of the draft contract. These date references are an error. Thank you for pointing this out to us, we will update the date references of SCOD and PTMs to reflect the timeline of the Voltage 2026 tender and its service term. These corrections will be made at ITT stage.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
47	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Could NGENSO please clarify whether the Provider shall remain entitled to Availability Payments if the Force Majeure event affects the Grid/NETS system but the facility remains Available?	none	As currently drafted in clause 14.1.1 of the general terms and conditions, availability payments will not be made during a Force Majeure Period under the current definition of Force Majeure in the contract.  Please refer to clause 4.1.3 under the draft contract for how providers will be treated under the Voltage 2026 contract with regards to availability and payment during NETS outages. For the purpose of this contract Network Constraints/Planned Outages have been defined separately from Force Majeure in the definitions section of the draft contract, and therefore such outages are not treated as Force Majeure events.  Please note at EOI the draft contract terms are subject to changes at the ITT stage based on the feedback receiving during the consultation window.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
48	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Clause 10.8 - is the Company envisioning a backstop date for the confidentiality provisions of the Agreement?	none	As clause 10 is currently drafted there is no explicitly dated backstop for the confidentiality provisions beyond the current wording. However, as we are only at EOI stage the contract terms are subject to amendments/updates.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
49	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Could you provide an example how ORPS rule applies if there is additional capability above the mandated level. Does this impact the 90% availability target?	none	We understand this is in relation to clause 4.2.4 of the contract and the stacking rules captured in Section 9 of the Instructions to Tenderers published at EOI.  If a bidder has an existing reactive power MSA (or similar) for any mandated or additional reactive power capability, this bidder can bid in the same capability in this voltage 2026. In this case, the bidder must agree to forgo ORPS in the existing MSA for that capability as part of the eligibility criteria. This is because if they are successful in the Voltage 2026 tender, they would only be paid for this reactive power capability through the voltage 2026 contract.  We have set the requirement this way such that bidders are not being paid twice for the same capability through two different contractual arrangements.  Where a bidder bids a portion of their capability into the voltage 2026 tender and retains a portion for their MSA/CSA contracts, they can continue to be paid for that separate capability through their MSA/CSA as it is outside what has been contracted for voltage 2026, so long as it does not impact the ability to provide the voltage 2026 service. We hope that helps answers the question. If bidders have specific queries about this please reach out.  With regards to whether service stacking impacts the 90% availability - no it will not.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
50	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Could you provide an example of a different type of licence that may need to be acquired by a solution? The clause states that the Availability payment formula will be adjusted: 'If at any time a different type of Licence is issued to the Provider, the Company shall be entitled to adjust the Availability Fee to ensure that the Provider is in no better a position financially order to maintain the principles of fair and equal treatment of those participating in the Tender.'. Can you provide an example of how the formula may be adjusted as per that paragraph.	none	There are scenarios where certain assets or technology types bid on the basis of a certain Licence position, which then changes post-contract award in a way that changes how the asset is remunerated so that either the end consumer or asset owner is impacted (e.g. the bid included losses, but the change in Licence allows losses to be passed through). This clause (Clause 8.4) is primarily pre-emptive to allow a contractual process to keep the bidder neutral should this arise, though we imagine it's application will be rare. The formula itself for the availability fee would unlikely be changed, more a Provider's contracted E/SP would be revisited to account for the specifics of the situation.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
51	10-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract / Stacking Rules	N/A	Can I check that NGENSO would pay for Obligatory Power Service Rates for utilisation outside this service (voltage 2026 tender). For example for an asset that will have MVar capability outside of that contracted for voltage 2026.  Also I am struggling to find the clause referenced in the Commercial Webinar about Permitted Services - the slides refers to clause 4.6.2 but this appears to relate to annual assessments.	none	For this voltage 2026 tender, bidders can stack reactive power MSA/CSA contracts for different capability. However, where the same capability is bid in, the bidder must forgo the ORPS they would be due for that capability through their MSA/CSA and only be paid through the voltage 2026 contract if they are successful in receiving a voltage 2026 contract. Where a bidder bids a portion of their capability into the voltage 2026 tender and retains a portion for their MSA/CSA contracts, they can continue to be paid for that separate capability through their MSA/CSA as it is outside what has been contracted for voltage 2026, so long as it does not impact the ability to provide the voltage 2026 service.  With regards to the question about clauses, please refer to clause 4.2.4 and the definition of Permitted Service.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
52	13-Nov-2023	No	Technical	EOI	N/A	N/A	Is the tender also open to assets located on the distribution network please?  I note that the tender documents asks for the reactive power capacity to be provided at the Grid Entry Point.	none	For this tender solutions need to be connected at 275kV and above or be directly connected to the transmission system. For more information please refer to the EOI documents that have been published on our ESO website, specifically the instructions to tenderers <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/289716/download</a> .	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
53	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	Can NGENSO clarify if payment will be made during NETS outages or if NETS outages are classed as Force Majeures.	none	Please refer to clause 4.1.3 under the draft contract which explains how providers will be treated under the Voltage 2026 contract with regards to availability and payment during NETS outages. For the purpose of this contract Network Constraints/Planned Outages have been defined separately from Force Majeure in the definitions section of the draft contract, and therefore such outages are not treated as Force Majeure events.  Please note as we are only at the EOI and consultation stage, the draft contract terms are subject to updates at ITT stage so we encourage you to review any updates made to the contract at ITT.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
54	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	We note that a grid connection delay (not caused by the providing party) is not listed as a Delay Event?	none	No, however grid connection delays are accounted for within the definition of the Scheduled Commercial Operations Date. Please can we encourage you to review this definition and follow up with us if you have any concerns.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023

55	3-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract - draft EOI version	N/A	The LAD cap is 180 days, and exceeding this leads to contract termination (clause 3.8). Over a 10 year contract, it is entirely possible there will be 180 or more days that the solution is not able to provide the service?	none	Clauses 3.7 and 3.8 in the draft contract specifically detail the rights under the contract associated with late starts against the contracted service start date, in which case if a provider is 180 days late ESO have the right to terminate the contract. Please note these clauses do not address contractual rights due to continuous unavailability throughout the course of the 10 year contract post-service start.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023
56	6-Nov-2023	No	Commercial	EOI	N/A	N/A	Is it possible to tender a Scheduled Commercial Operations Date after 1/4/2026 and, if so, what are the implications for the tender assessment?	none	The tender rules regarding this will be published at the ITT stage - the intention is we will consider solutions that tender with a service start date after 1 April 2026 up to a specified deadline. Further details will be available at ITT stage.	none	Closed	22-Nov-2023