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Delay of the publication of the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)

Dear Jourdan,

The Electricity System Operator (ESO) as per the *Transmission License - Standard Conditions*, Condition C11 has a requirement for *the production of Information about the national electricity transmission system*. This needs to be published in the form of the "*Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS)*" by the 30th November each year. We are writing to seek a direction from Ofgem pursuant to Condition C11 paragraph, for publication on an alternative date.

Under BEIS's *Offshore Transmission Network Review*, National Grid ESO was tasked to run an offshore coordination project to assess whether there is a better approach to offshore networks to deliver better outcomes for consumers and coastal communities to meet the government's net zero ambitions. In July 2022, we published "*The Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design*" (HND) which sets out a single, integrated design that supports the large-scale delivery of electricity generated from offshore wind, taking power to where it's needed across Great Britain. The HND facilitates the connection of an additional 23GW wind, helping to deliver the Government's ambition for 50GW connected offshore wind by 2030. Part of the package of publication was the Network Options Assessment (NOA) 2021/22 Refresh, an update to the NOA published in January 2022 which was delivered in July 2022. Following the publication of the HND and the NOA refresh, the ESO is undertaking the HND Follow-Up Exercise (*HNDFUE*), to consider additional offshore wind connections including the Celtic Sea and ScotWind. This is expected to provide details to connecting parties in March 2023.

In order to publish the ETYS, we work closely with the Transmission Owners (TOs) to determine the existing network capabilities and undertake analysis to develop the ETYS technical appendices. This would utilise the same resource pool within the ESO and with the Transmission Owners (TOs) currently undertaking HNDFUE activities to prepare power system models under the new Future Energy Scenarios (FES) background and conduct detailed power system analysis on the GB transmission system. The delayed start from prioritising HND, NOA Refresh and HND FUE has resulted in the ESO being unable to meet the timescales for the production of the ETYS and the publication by 30 November 2022.

We therefore seek Ofgem's direction to publish the next ETYS by 31 January 2023. An updated timeline is provided in Figure 1.

Yours sincerely

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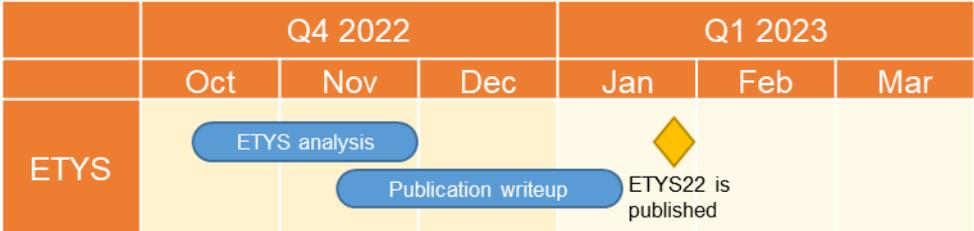


Figure 1: Timelines for delivering the ETYS2022