

Statkraft UK Ltd have 7 contracted projects, totalling approx. 4.5GW (predominantly greener grid projects). Several of the projects included in their T3 plan, and thus their relevant expenditure, are required to be completed in order to connect our projects. We are currently reviewing connections reform proposals and methodologies, with a plan to apply for gate 2 offers for the majority of our projects across our portfolio.

### **Regulatory Framework**

NGET's T3 business plan rightly highlights that connections reform and CP2030 are the primary drivers for gaining a certain view of reinforcements and investments required, and we support NGET's call for flexibility across the T3 framework once external factors become clear during 2025. Certainty gained through these initiatives should remove the requirement for any further regulatory funding mechanisms, as projects cannot afford to be delayed by Ofgem needs case decisions following on from the receipt and acceptance of gate 2 offers.

We would look for further flexibility reassurance, specifically calling out the need for mitigation plans for the amendments/adjustments of T3 business plans, should Ofgem not approve current connections reform proposals, or approve with significant conditions. Anything approved/agreed at a T3 business plan level **must** take connections reform into account.