

# Forecast Analysis Reports for Electricity Connection Policy Generation and System Services (ECP-GSS-1)

Frequently Asked Questions

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# 1 Introduction

Through the various publications and webinars, the purpose of this paper is to capture and respond to industries question. Capturing details from start to end of ECP-GSS-1 process. The productive engagement will lead to changes, updates, additional information published and perhaps improvements for consideration for the next iteration of ECP GSS.

We thank the industry for engagement, while some answers are outstanding, we plan on updating document regularly throughout the ECP-GSS-1 process, adding in details once they are available. Through revision history will inform you of changes and added details.

## 2 Assumption Webinar

Following on from assumption webinar held on 19.03.2026, please see below questions asked and answers provided.

**Q1: When will the Transmission Infrastructure Delivery (TID) be issued, the last NDP was issued in Q3 2025? Will it be published on the Quarterly basis as the NDP was?**

The Transmission Infrastructure Delivery (TID) is due to be published soon.

**Q2: Noted that it is proposed that GSS-1 Constraint Reports will contain less scenarios than GSS-2. This will mean less information available to GSS-1 batch generators, compared to GSS-2 batch generators. Is this being taken into consideration in the timelines for GSS-1 projects to execute their connection agreements?**

We have included 7 of the most common scenarios used by industry, you can contact industry representation to discuss and if changes to one of those scenarios has been agreed we will consider it.

**Q3: Has a new Operational Policy Roadmap been issued since the 2025-2035 version?**

As of now, no new Operational Policy Roadmap has been published looking beyond 2035.

This is current Doc: [Operational Policy Roadmap 2025-2035 | Eirgrid.](#)

**Q4: When will ECP-GSS1 connection offers be issued?**

Information regarding Connection Offers is communicated from the Customer and Connection team in EirGrid.

**Q5: When will the WDT modification be completed.**

We will come back to you with more details soon. Information regarding WDT Modification is communicated from the Future Power Markets team in EirGrid.

**Q6: Can you expand more on the operation of Batteries that are +2 hours. I understand Batteries less than 2 hours are modelled as System Services only.**

As per the methodology, batteries that are  $\leq 1$  hr duration contribute to POR, SOR, TOR. They are the primary contributor to these reserves, but we have not prevented them from engaging in energy arbitrage. However, as the model has a one-hour granularity, Plexos may be less likely to schedule them for arbitrage.

Batteries of a duration  $> 1$  hr contribute to replacement reserve, along with a number of other technology types. They also contribute to energy arbitrage.

**Q7: What will happen to projects that have been appealed to ACP and do not have planning permission within the required timeframe to accept a connection offer. Will an extension be granted in this scenario?**

Information regarding Connection Offers is communicated from the Customer and Connection team in EirGrid.

**Q8: How are you modelling the synchronous condenser units in PLEXOS - is it just as a generator?**

We apologise that this was left out of Methodology and will include this in next addition. We will let you know once update has been completed.

# 3 Industry Representatives Meeting

Following on from industry representatives meeting held on 26.03.2026, please see below questions asked and answers provided.

## **Q9: Concerns from industry about two ECP iteration per year.**

Industry engagement occurred on 23/01/2025 and three options were discussed with publish bi-annual reports been decided by industry, [ECP2.5 GSS Industry Engagement Webinar](#). EirGrid submitted this proposal to CRU on 31/03/2025.

For over a year EirGrid has highlighted that preparation was required from everyone, EirGrid has been committed to implement process improvement proposed by us and industry to aid the transition, along with highlighting approach and timelines.

## **Q10: There is a significant gap between now and 2030 and having a study covering 2027 - 2029 would be helpful. This would give developers an opportunity to evaluate how closely the models match what has actually happened.**

We will keep the same study matrix which has been shown in the ECP-GSS-1 assumptions document.

## **Q11: If there was a benefit in splitting out the 50% run into 33% and 66%.**

In ECP-GSS-1 constraints forecast, a 33% generation portfolio will be applied to 2030 study year, and a 66% generation portfolio will be applied to Future Grid study year.

## **Q12: RE-Hubs will be huge benefits as a sensitivity.**

The finalised information required to model renewable hubs are not currently available. With work to begin on ECP-GSS-2 constraint forecast we will consider this as a potential sensitivity to be included in the scenario list if all necessary data becomes available.

## **Q13: Can a pro-rata sensitivity be included for each study scenario.**

Pro-rata sensitivity will be applied to 2030 initial, 2030 ECP, Future Grid 66% and Future Grid ECP study scenarios. We understand that there is interest in including more pro-rata sensitivities in addition to the base studies and will try to incorporate this into the new reporting methodology going forward.

**Q14: The battery sensitivity is useful. Can add more battery, LDES battery? It was an opportunity to say where EirGrid wanted the batteries.**

Due to industry interest, we are including a battery sensitivity in this ECP Constraints Forecast iteration. We will aim to finalise the assumptions used in this sensitivity shortly based on feedback and will publish these assumptions when they are available.

**Q16: It would be worth considering a split of Area J into northern and southern zones.**

For constraints forecasting, the nodes are already split into separate subgroups for analysis. For example, in ECP-2.5 Area J included nodes in the 'J Country' and 'J City, G South' subgroups. These subgroups are analysed each ECP iteration.

If you would like to see an additional splitting of Area J, independent of the subgrouping, please contact your industry rep to be added to project list.

**Q17: Is there any update to reporting**

Work is underway to analyse and update the reporting structure for ECP Constraints Forecasting.

We will issue a survey on the structure of our reports shortly and would appreciate your feedback.