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ECP 2.5 & GSS Industry Engagement Webinar

Power System Research &
Insights Authority



Objectives

1. Present and discuss our proposal and associated considerations.
2. Address industry questions and allow for industry to provide feedback.

Timeline

1. Collate and review feedback (Jan/Feb 2025).
2. Submit Proposal to CRU (Q1 2025).



Context

- **CRU/2024101:** EirGrid should engage with industry to develop a proposal on how constraints reporting may be updated for both ECP-2.5 and ECP-GSS projects.
- The Enduring Connection Policy (ECP) 2-5 will be the fifth batch of connection offers planned under ECP 2 by the CRU to facilitate opportunities for new connections to the Irish electricity network.



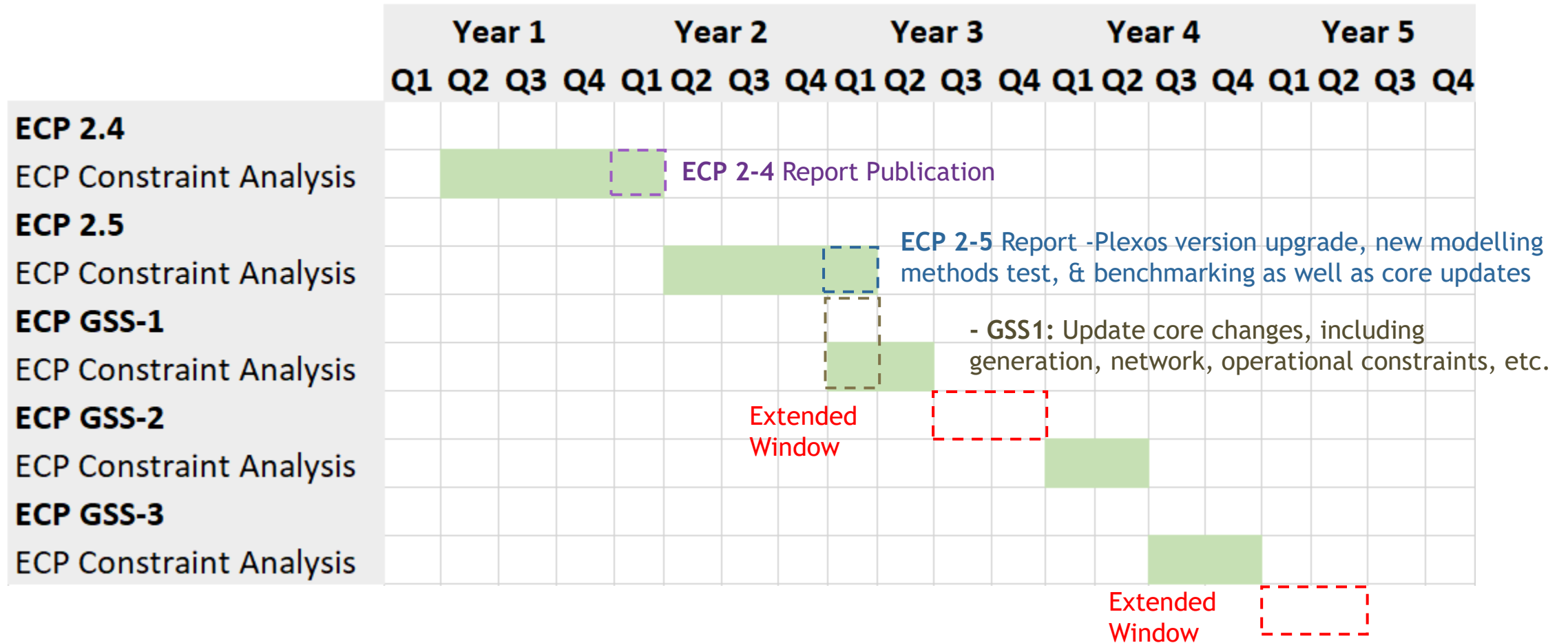
- Following ECP-2.5, the Electricity Connection Policy - Generation and System Services (ECP-GSS) introduces **bi-annual** batch processing and aims to enable swift and effective decision making.
- For example, connection offers would lapse two months post offer issuance, independent of the constraints report publication date.

Proposal Options

- We have consulted and engaged with a broad range of relevant internal stakeholders on these possible options:
 1. **Maintain status quo**
 - Continue with current ECP 2 Publication timeline
 2. **Apply current reporting methodology on a bi-annual basis**
 - Employ current reporting methodology following each ECP batch as espoused in CRU2024101.
 - Inadequate internal resource available.
 3. **Publish bi-annual report but as follows:**
 - ECP 2.5 to include upgrading Plexos version, testing new modelling methods, and benchmarking as well as core updates.
 - ECP GSS 1 to include core updates, such as generation, network, operational constraints, etc.
 - Thereafter, this pattern will be continued for subsequent offer batches, but we may in the future propose any changes that we deem fit.
- Received and assessed internal feedback as per the Decision Paper and agreed upon no. 3 as the most viable option, balancing Industry needs, Regulatory requirements, and EirGrid's resources.

Indicative Schedule

NOTE: The timelines are merely representative and only used for illustration purpose.



Proposal Aim & Considerations

Aim

- Deliver constraints reports more quickly & efficiently.
- Maintain alignment with the broader ECP batch process.

Key Consideration

- Staffing resources to realise proposed approach.
 - Proposal is contingent upon securing adequate funding through PR6 for staffing resources, as approved by the CRU.

Questions?

