

Communications during EWIC Forced Outage

- As soon as is practicable after the forced outage event, EirGrid National Control Centre (NCC) will set the East West Interconnector (EWIC) Net Transfer Capacity (NTC) to 0 MW for a default period of 12 hours from the time of the forced outage (rounded up to the half hour); this action is captured under Minute NTC data in the Auction Management Platform (AMP).
 - **An automated text message and email will be sent to market participants who have selected to receive email and SMS updates in the AMP user interface;**
 - Minute NTC data is available in the public version of the AMP at the following link: <https://amp.eirgrid.com/>.
- EirGrid Interconnector Limited (EIL) will issue an initial email update to EWIC customers detailing the Net Transfer Capacity reduction to 0 MW for a default period of 12 hours; this email will issue as soon as possible and will include a time by which another email update will issue.
- While investigations/repairs are still on-going the Net Transfer Capacity reduction period will be extended; typical extension periods will be 12 hours, however, information provided by the maintenance and repair contractor may dictate that longer extensions are more appropriate. These NTC reduction extensions will occur at least 4 hours prior to the end of the existing NTC reduction period. Automated texts and emails will issue from the AMP with this NTC extension. EIL will issue an email update to customers once this has occurred. This step will be repeated as necessary for the duration of the outage.
- Once investigations/repairs are complete and the maintenance and repair contractor deems EWIC fit for return to service, EirGrid NCC will resume control of EWIC. EirGrid NCC will agree a time for returning the EWIC NTC values to 530 MW (GB-IE) and 500 MW (IE-GB) with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET). The time selected will be at least 4 hours from real-time and will be on the hour or half-hour.
- If the time for return to service agreed between EirGrid NCC and NGET aligns with the end time of the current NTC reduction period, no changes will be necessary to the Minute NTC data in the AMP; therefore, there will be no automated texts or emails. In that instance, the only communication which will issue to market participants will be an email update from EIL signalling the proposed time for return to service, issued at least 4 hours in advance.
- If the time for return to service agreed between EirGrid NCC and NGET does not align with the end time of the current NTC reduction period, EirGrid NCC will update the EWIC Minute NTC data to reflect the new return to service time. An automated text message and email will issue from the AMP with this NTC change. EIL will issue an email update to customers with the proposed time for return to service, issued at least 4 hours in advance.

EWIC market participants are advised to refer to the Auction Management Platform and SEM Market Participant Interface (MPI) for the latest Modified Interconnector Unit Nominations (MIUNs) after each step detailed above during a forced outage of EWIC.

Market Participant MIUNs may be non-zero values during a forced outage event due to netting of flows in the import and export directions.