

6 March 2024

# Outturn Availability and Generator Forum



# Agenda

Generation Outage Planning

Outturn Availability Overview

Outturn Availability Ex-Post 2023 Report

Transmission Capital Works 2023

Transmission Outage Programme 2024

Distribution Outage Programme Update

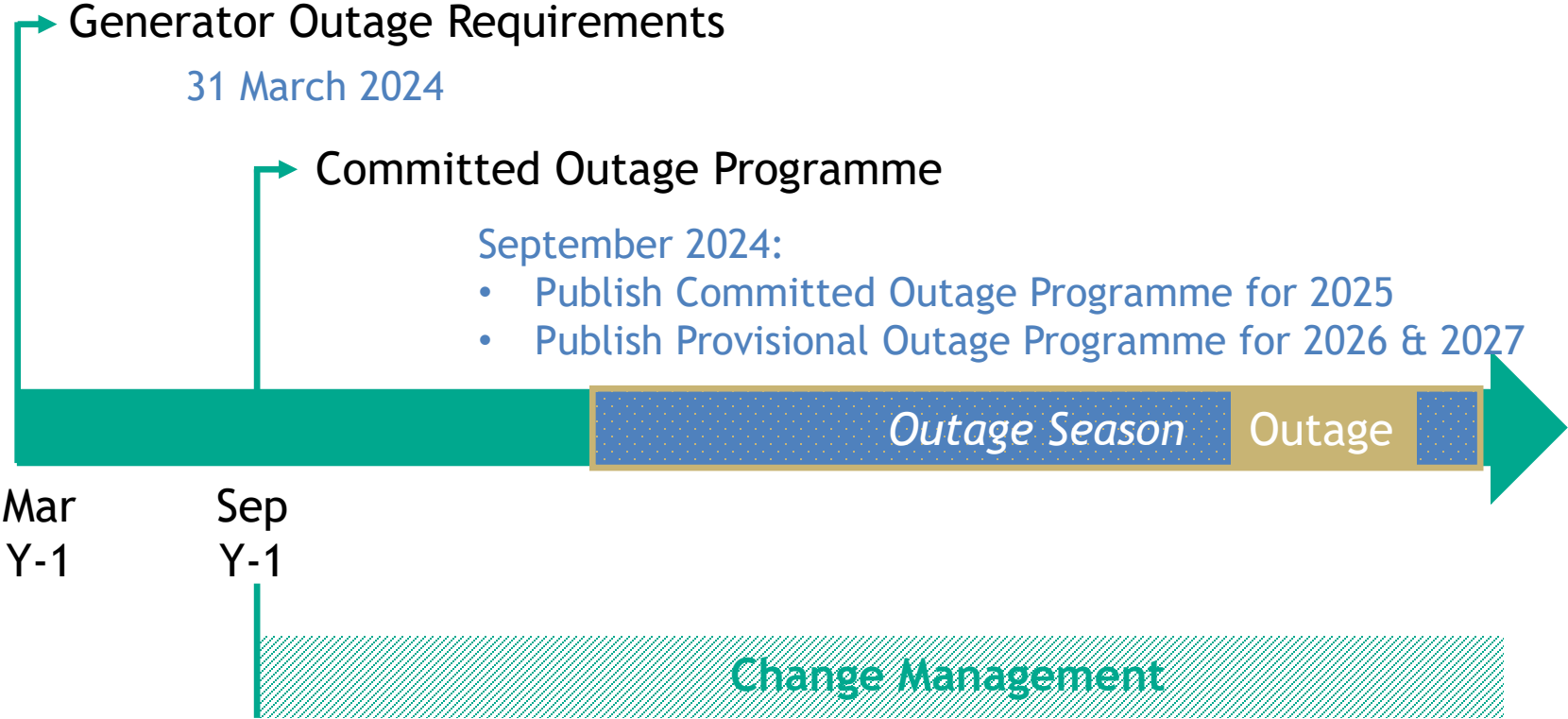
Wind Dispatch Tool Constraint Group Overview



# Generation Outage Planning



# Outage Planning



# Submission of Annual Outage Plans



## Submission of Annual Outage Plans- Form GEN03

Year of Outage	Company Name	Station Name	Unit Name	# days	Proposed Start Date	Proposed End Date	Outage Reason	Additional Information
2025	ABC Co		1	14	09-Jun-25	22-Jun-25	GT minor inspections, repairs	
2026	ABC Co		1	20	06-Jul-26	26-Jul-26	GT minor inspections and Statutory Inspections	
2027	ABC Co		2	10	10-May-27	20-May-27	GT minor inspections, repairs	

Please e-mail the completed form to [OutagePlanning@eirgrid.com](mailto:OutagePlanning@eirgrid.com)

You can also contact us at 01-2370878 or 01-2370493

Notes on completing the Submission of Annual Outage Plans form	
1) Year of Outage - please insert year that the outage is due to occur in	6) Proposed Start Date - if an exact start date is required (ie 1st May), please insert the date and time here
2) Company Name - please insert the name of the Company which owns the generator	7) Proposed Finish Date - this must be the Proposed Start Date + number of days
3) Station Name - please insert the name of the Station where the generator is located	8) Outage Reason - please clearly state the outage reason, the work that will be carried out. If the registered characteristics of the unit might change to the outage work, then this must be stated here also
4) Unit Name - please insert the name of the Unit (generator)	9) Additional Information - please state any other information that would be of use to EirGrid
5) # Days - please insert the duration of the outage in days	



<https://www.eirgrid.ie/industry/customer-information/outage-information>

# Generator Outage Detail -Form GEN04(V2.1)

## Section 4: Commissioning & Energisation Requirements

Will there be any <i>material</i> change to any of the HV equipment at the generator's site such that:	Y/N	If Yes please provide details (including estimated dates)
an EirGrid <b>Energisation Instruction</b> (and hence an ESBI commissioner) is required e.g. changes to HV plant including CBs, VTs, CTs, connections, transformer, transformer auxiliaries etc.?	N	
<u>design</u> and/or <u>works</u> are required to be carried out on the EirGrid side of the connection e.g. design and/or works affecting the interface such as protection, metering, interlocking, earthing, etc.?	N	
a change to the <b>Operating Instruction</b> for the associated HV transmission station is required?	N	

5. If yes to question 2, will the HV



# Generation Outage Planning: Renewables

- Grid Code requirements for outage planning apply (OC2)
- EirGrid endeavour to align maintenance with outages wherever possible
- Renewables Outage Request Form (SGU05): for all outages greater than 5 MW
- Request for Transmission Outage Form (Voluntary Outage): for work requiring an ESNB operator
- Any questions, please contact your EirGrid customer account manager.

*Note: Distribution connected assets:*

*All communications are through the DSO except SGU Outage Request Form - Send directly to TSO & copy DSO*

# Transmission Outage Request - VO

EirGrid Customer Form:

## **REQUEST FOR TRANSMISSION OUTAGE**

To:	Transmission Outage Planning (TOP) & System Operations, EirGrid	
Company Name:	Date of Application:	
Contact Details of Requesting Party:		
Name:	Email:	Phone no:
Plant:		
From:	Hrs on:	
To:	Hrs on:	
Description of works/Purpose of Switching <sup>1</sup>		
Is an <u>Energisation</u> Instruction (EI) Required? <sup>2</sup>		
Station <u>in</u> Charge of Switching:		
Declaration of Fitness Required(Y/N):		
Signed:		
Copies to:		
➤ <a href="mailto:neartime@eirgrid.com">neartime@eirgrid.com</a> ; & TOP@eirgrid.com;		
➤ Cc: Info@eirgrid.com		

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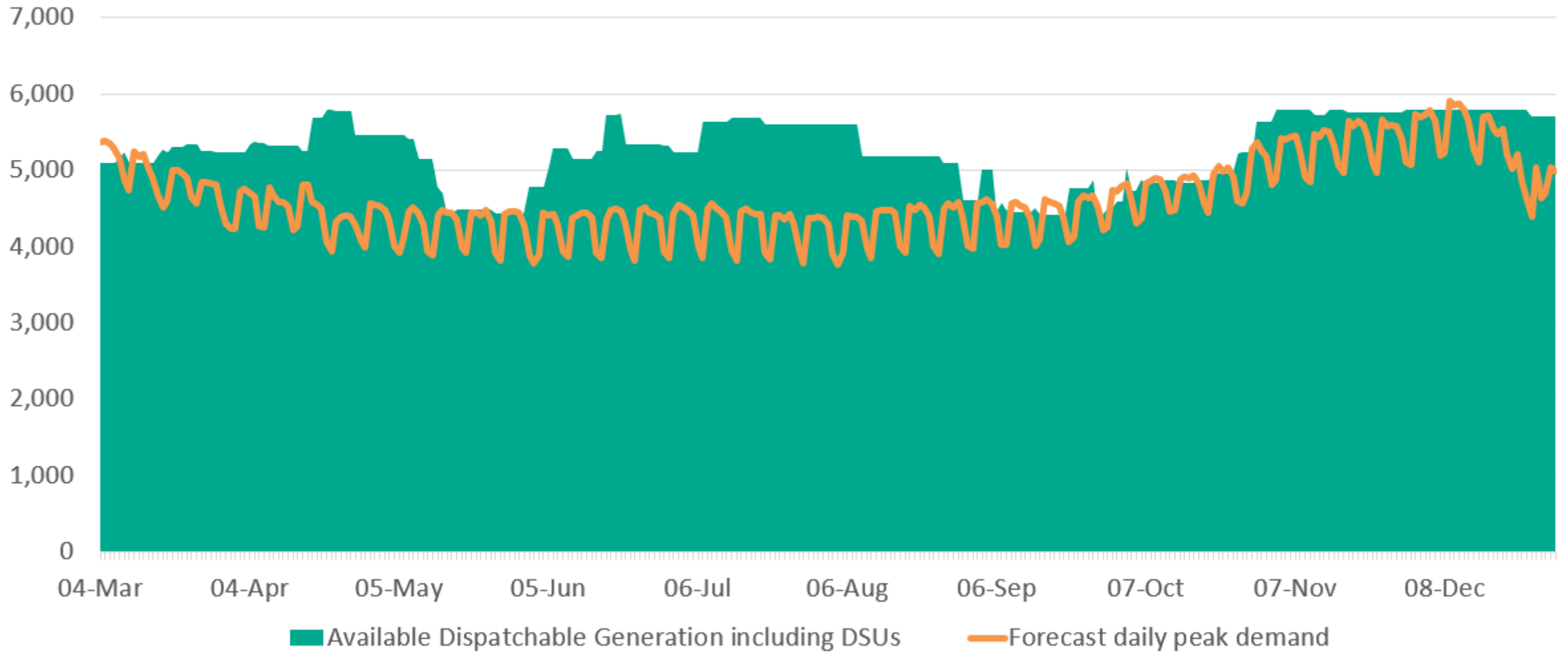
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<sup>1</sup> All outage requests must be submitted at least three weeks ahead of the planned outage. This will ensure a sufficient notice period is provided for relevant studies to be conducted by EirGrid System Operations and for ESBN to assign the required Network Technician resources. Ideally, all outage requests should be submitted as far in advance as possible, to ensure works can be scheduled onto the Transmission Outage Programme.

<sup>2</sup> The basic philosophy is that any new, refurbished or modified plant that cannot be fully demonstrated and proven fit for service before connecting to the transmission system, requires an Energisation Instruction. What this means is that anytime the HV plant is fundamentally changed, an EI should be employed in connecting this HV plant to the system. Any works requiring an EI, must be submitted to EirGrid System Operations no later than five weeks in advance of the planned outage, to allow for preparation and due diligence of relevant documentation.



# System Margins Outlook



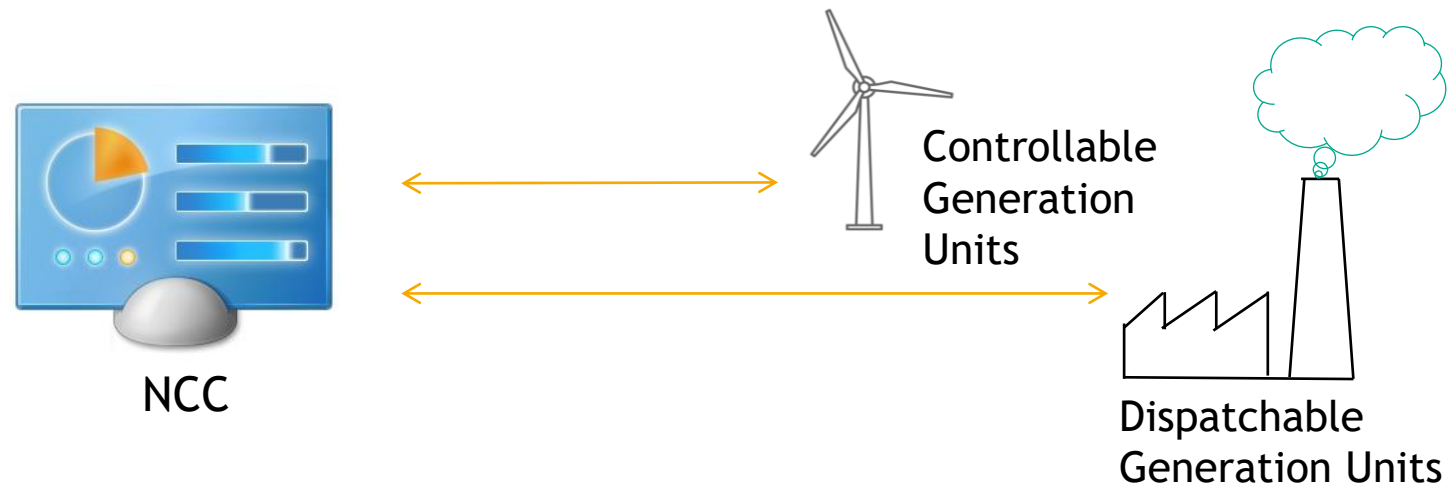
# Outturn Availability (OA) Overview

TSO implementation of Outturn Availability  
Decision SEM-15-071



# Scope of Outturn Availability

- SEM Dispatchable and Controllable Unit(s)
- *For disconnection of Outturn Availability Connection Asset(s) (OACAs) on the transmission system*



# What is Outturn Availability?

- Applicable generation units must declare their Availability as per the relevant Grid Code
- Except for the following events where they must declare Availability as zero
  - Up to five calendar days for TSO scheduled annual maintenance work on Outturn Availability Connection Assets (OACAs)
  - Where transmission work is being carried that is related to the relevant generation unit
- The TSO will schedule Annual Maintenance to coincide with Generation Unit outages whenever possible.
- OACA - Any equipment that is part of the Transmission System between and including the Connection Point and the busbar clamps at the Meshed Transmission Station for which the TSO Schedules outages

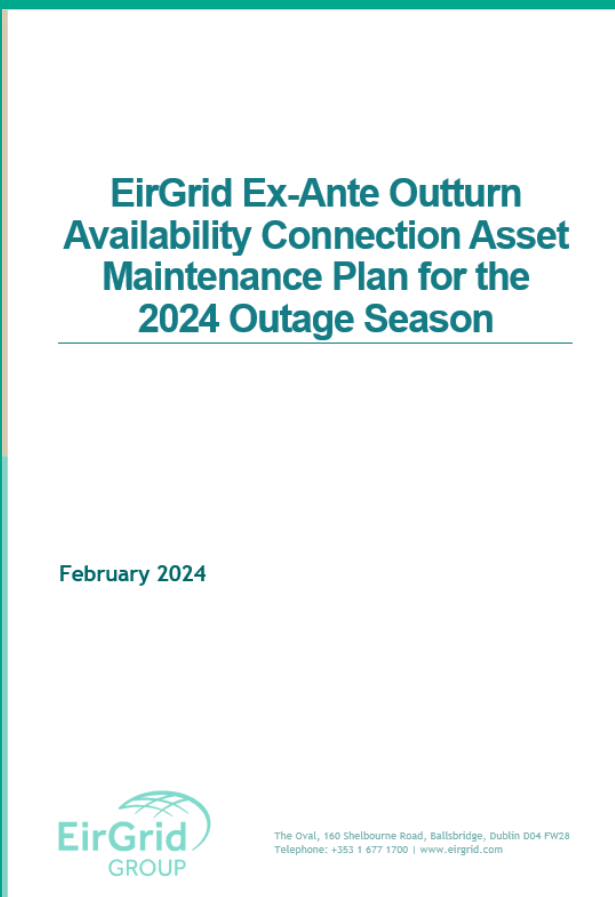
# Assignment of 5 Designated Days

1. Will align OACA Maintenance with the Generator Outage wherever possible.
2. Schedule the maintenance as close to the beginning of the Generator Outage as possible.
3. Minimise the duration of any OACA Maintenance that is not overlapping with the Generator's Outage.
4. Generator's requests for specified dates of scheduling of OACA Maintenance that is not overlapping with the Generator's Outage shall be reflected where possible.

# Provision of Controllable Generator Availability to SEM

EirGrid provide a forecast of a renewable generator power output, sourced from our vendors, to SEM for the period where the wind farm or solar farm is outturn available but disconnected due to a transmission outage.

# 2024 Ex-Ante Report



- Report contains the overview of 2024 OACA Maintenance Programme.
- The Ex-Ante report was sent to the CRU for review.
- Following CRU approval it was published on the EirGrid website.
- Comments on the format and content can be sent to **OutagePlanning@EirGrid.com**

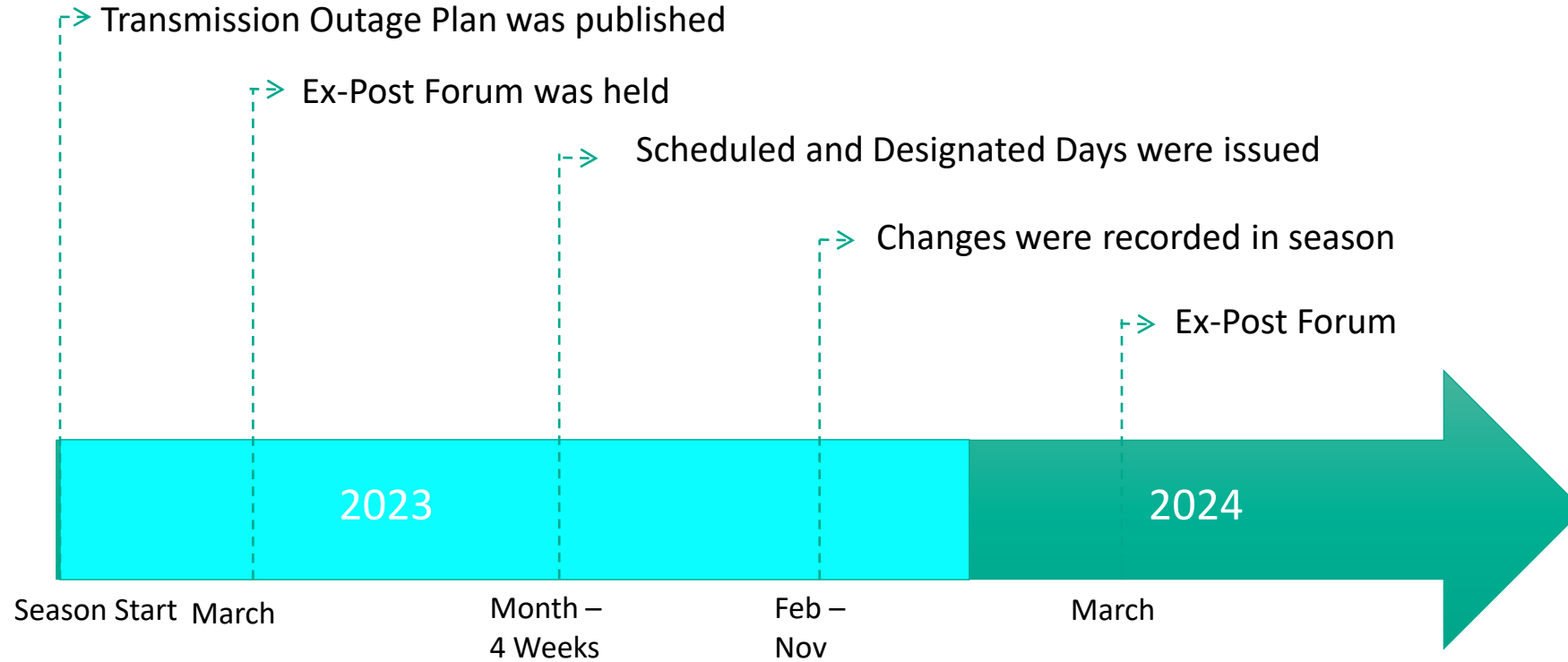
# Ex-Post Overview of 2023

Overview of the 2023 OACA Outage Season





# 2023 Outage Season in Review



# Month-4 weeks

# Scheduled and Designated Days

- Throughout the season, each generator received details of the days scheduled for the works and the designated days for the purposes of Outturn Availability (OA).

Hello XXX,

The following works are now scheduled:

### GENERATOR TRANSFORMER - XXXXX

TO-XX-XX-XXXXX-XX		ISO week: 17mo - 17sa	Date: 24 Apr - 29 Apr	Duration: 6 Days (5 WD)	Status: Scheduled
WORK	LOCATION	WORKID	STATUS	DAYS	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
				6	Total Maintenance Outage Duration Requested
OS	XX		DO	5	220kV SF6 Cubicle Ordinary Service
AMCAB	XX		DO	2	Annual Insp. 400 & 220 Station OF Cable
PROT	XX		DO	1	P1 - Maintenance of the bay protection relays
CMCAB	XX	XXXX	DO	1	Replace Low & Differential Oil Alarm Gauge

The designated days are the 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 April.

Regards,

Generation Outage Planning



# Standard Reasons for Changes Used

System security (tight generation margins)	Changed to align with capital works
TAO resourcing constraints	Completed in previous year
Customer request	Generator requested change to Committed Outage Program

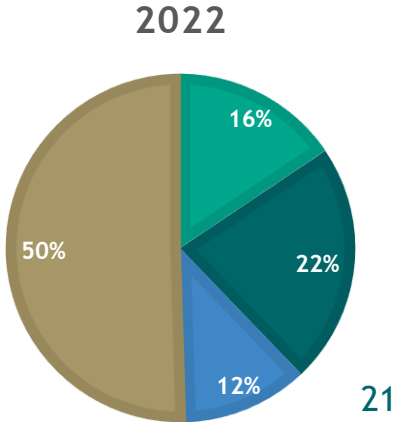
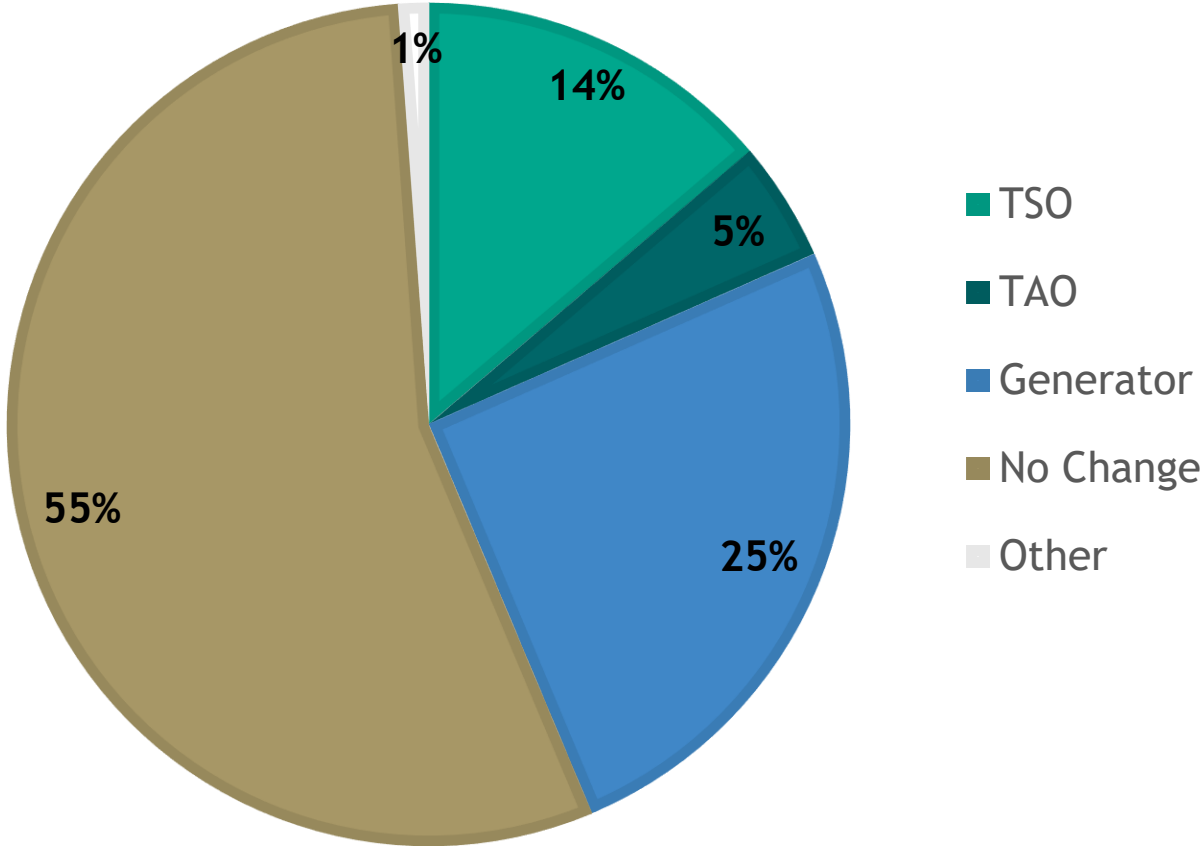
# Feb - Nov Changes Recorded in season

- Changes to the following were recorded in season.

#	Category	Communicated
1	Indicative window	February
2	Initial duration	February
3	Scheduled days	M-4 Weeks
4	Designated days	M-4 Weeks
5	Change to Works description	Publication of Ex-Post Report
6	Generator outage dates	Publication of COP
7	Scheduled works not completed	Publication of Ex-Post Report

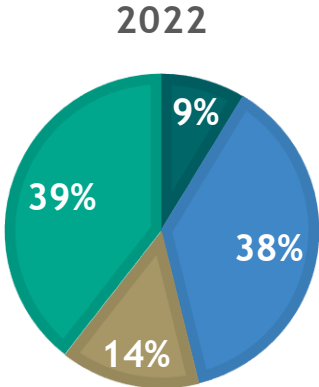
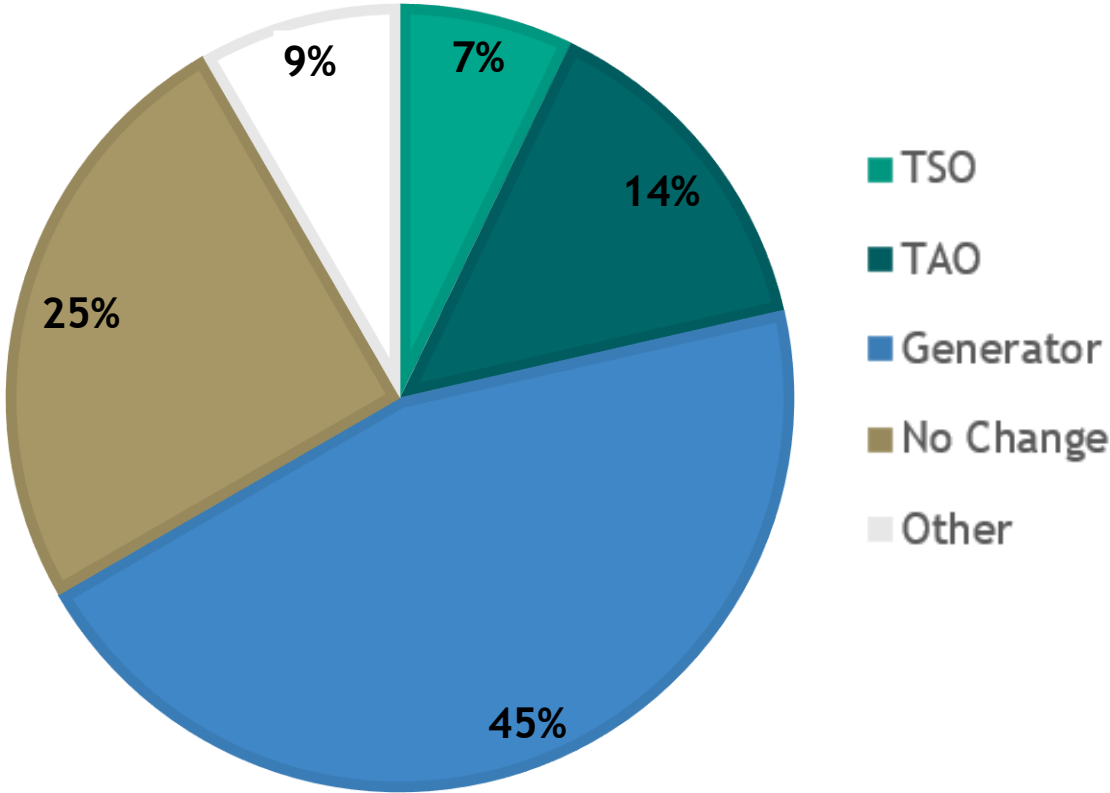
# Category 1 : Indicative Window Communicated

Change to the indicative window communicated in February 2023



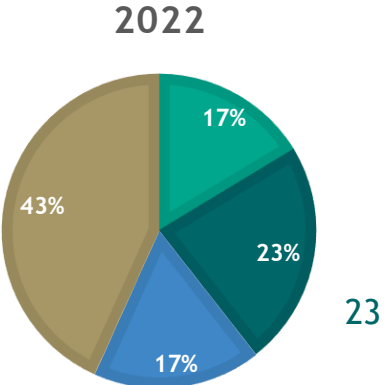
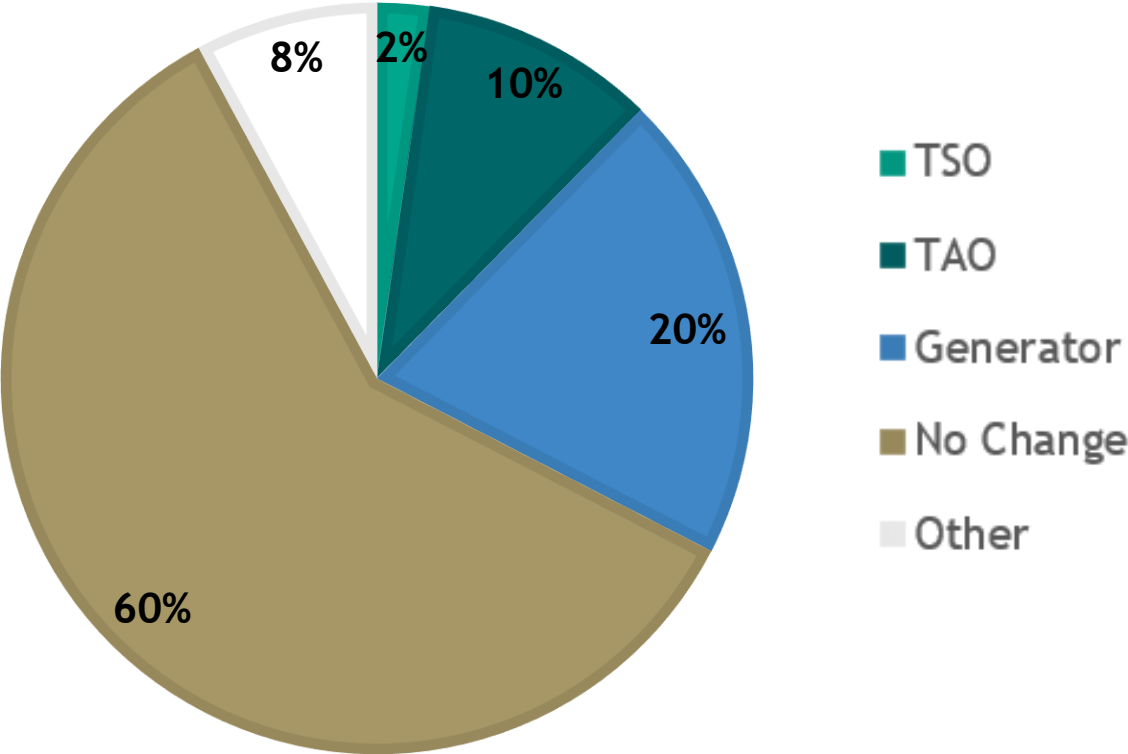
# Category 2 : Initial Duration Communicated

Change to the number of days communicated in February 2023



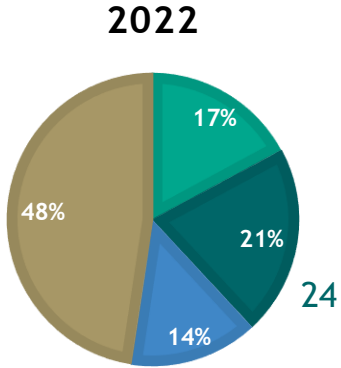
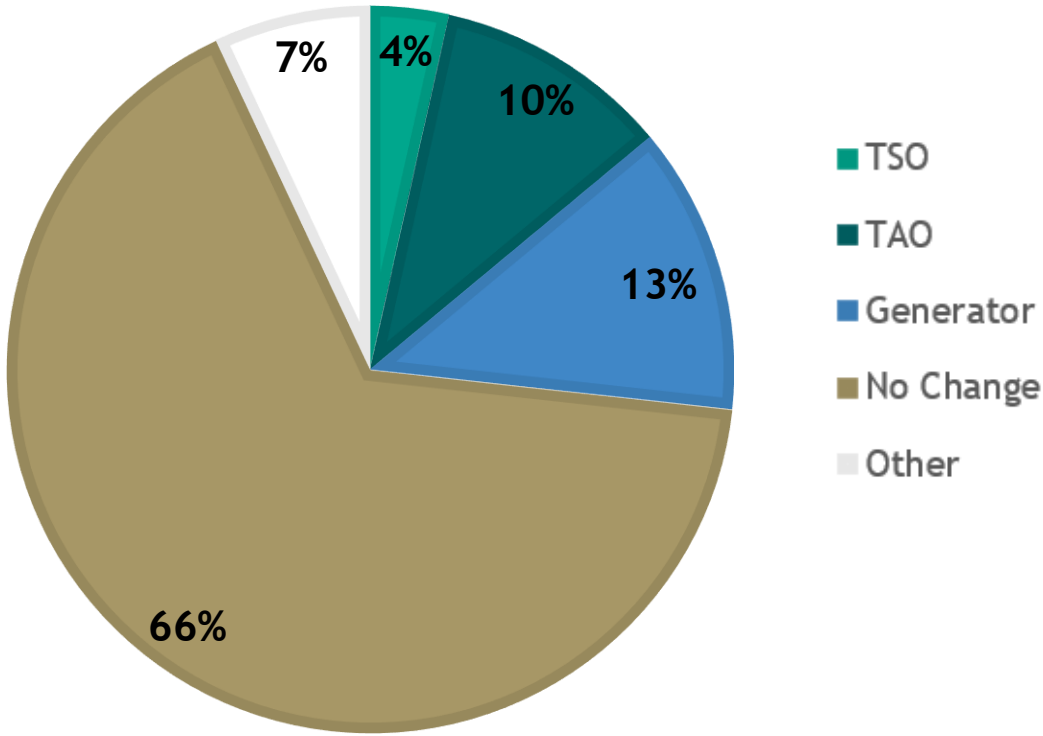
# Category 3 : Scheduled Days Communicated

Change to scheduled days communicated M-1 to the generator and the actual outage days



# Category 4 : Designated Days Communicated

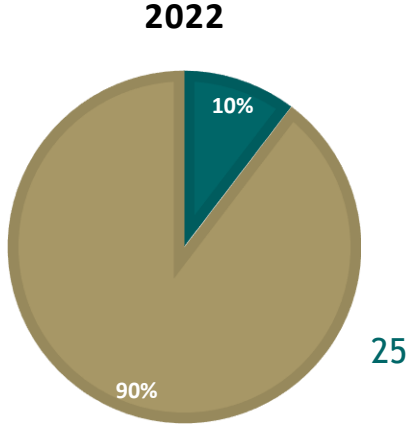
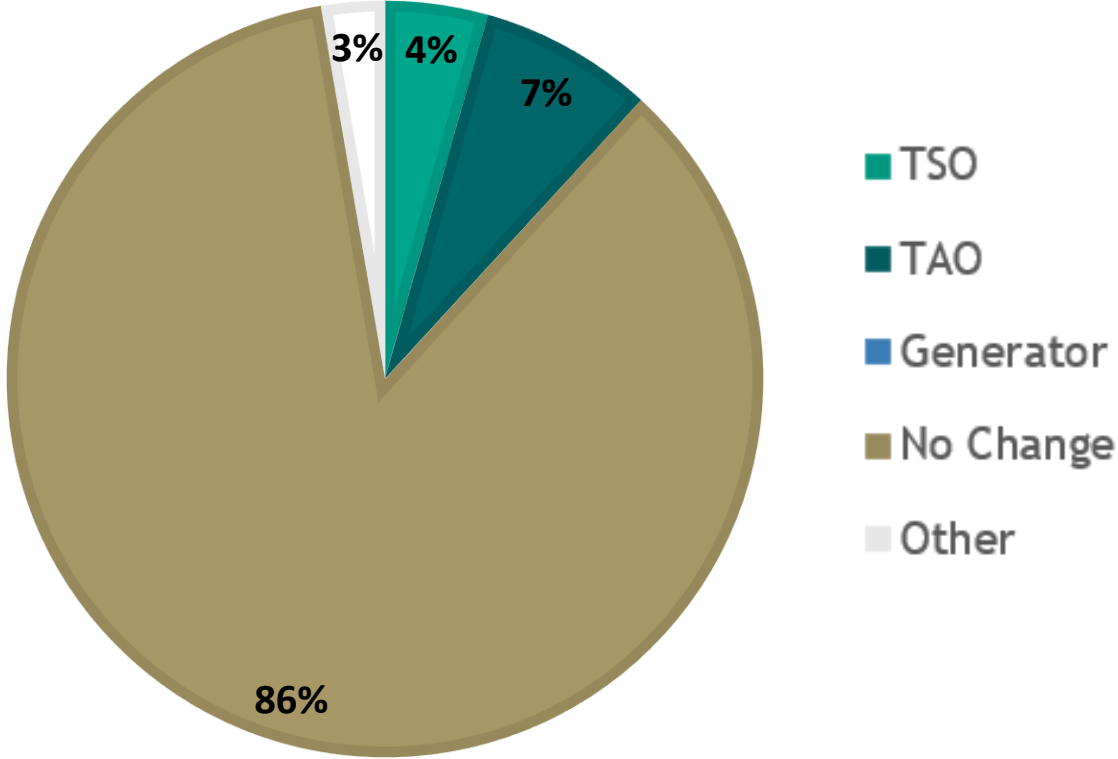
Change to the designated days (non-Outturn Available maintenance days) communicated M-1 to the generator and the actual outage





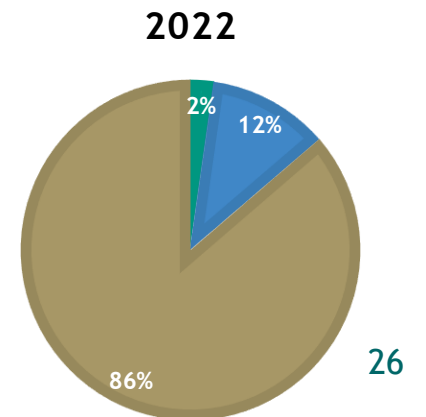
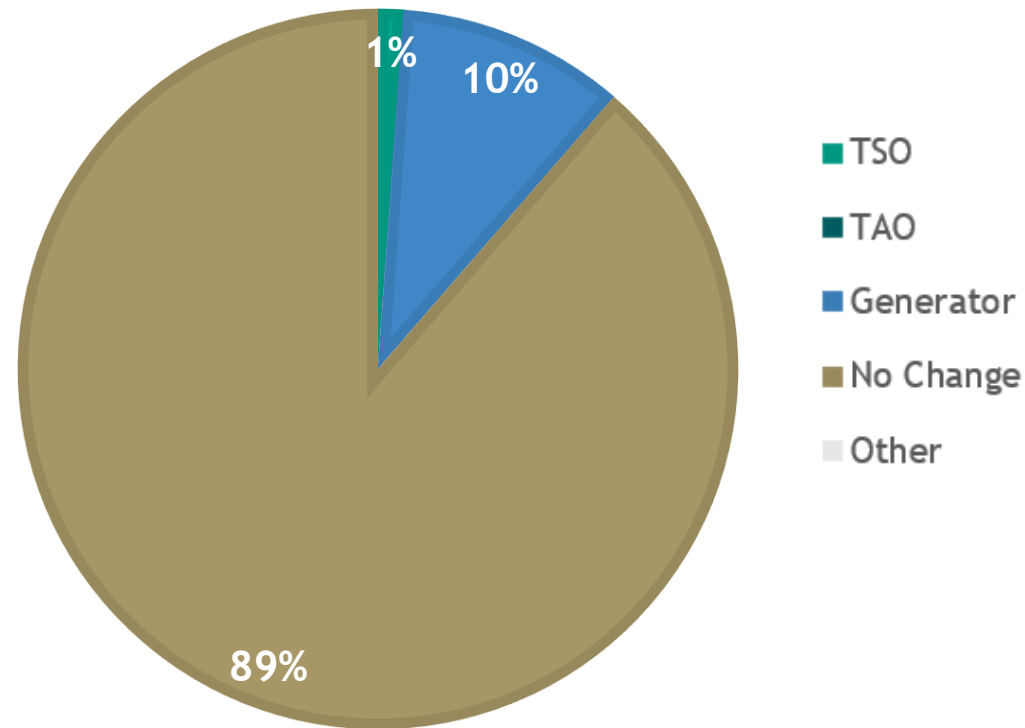
# Category 5 : Works Description Communicated

Change to works description from those published in the Ex-Ante Report



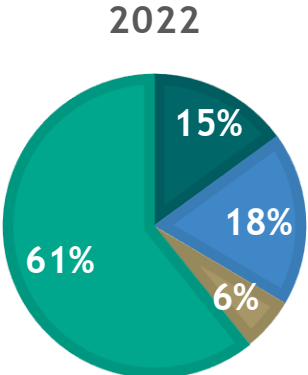
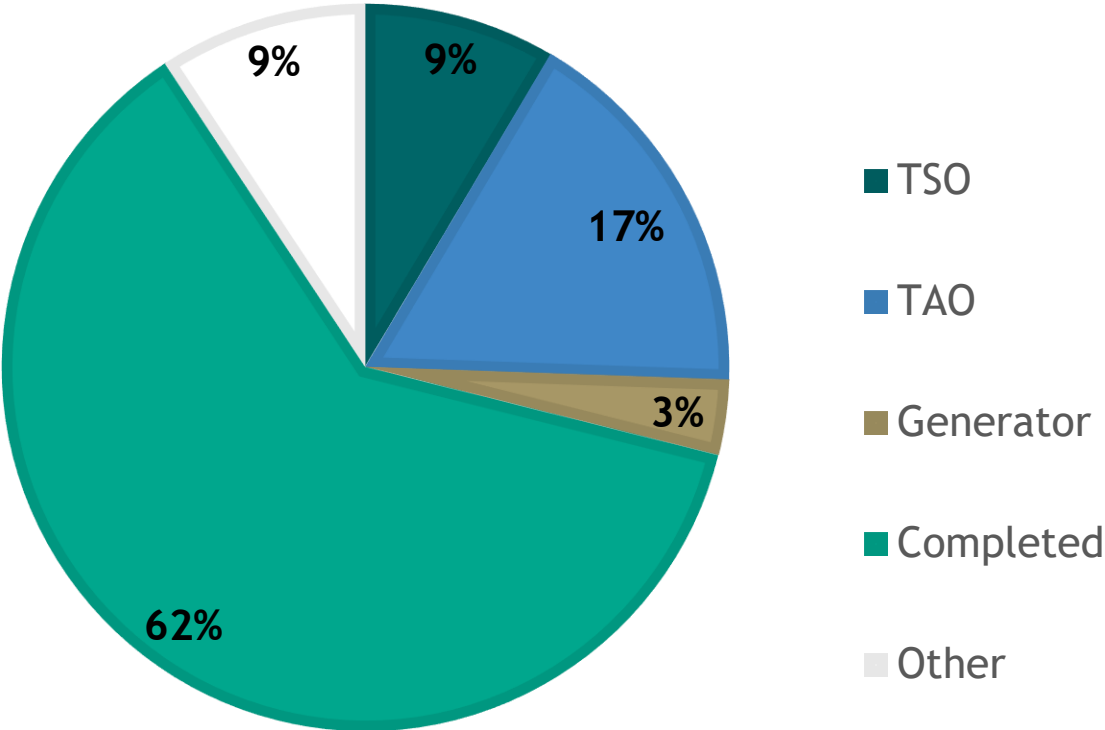
# Category 6 : Generator Outage Dates

Change to generator outage dates resulting in a change to transmission maintenance dates

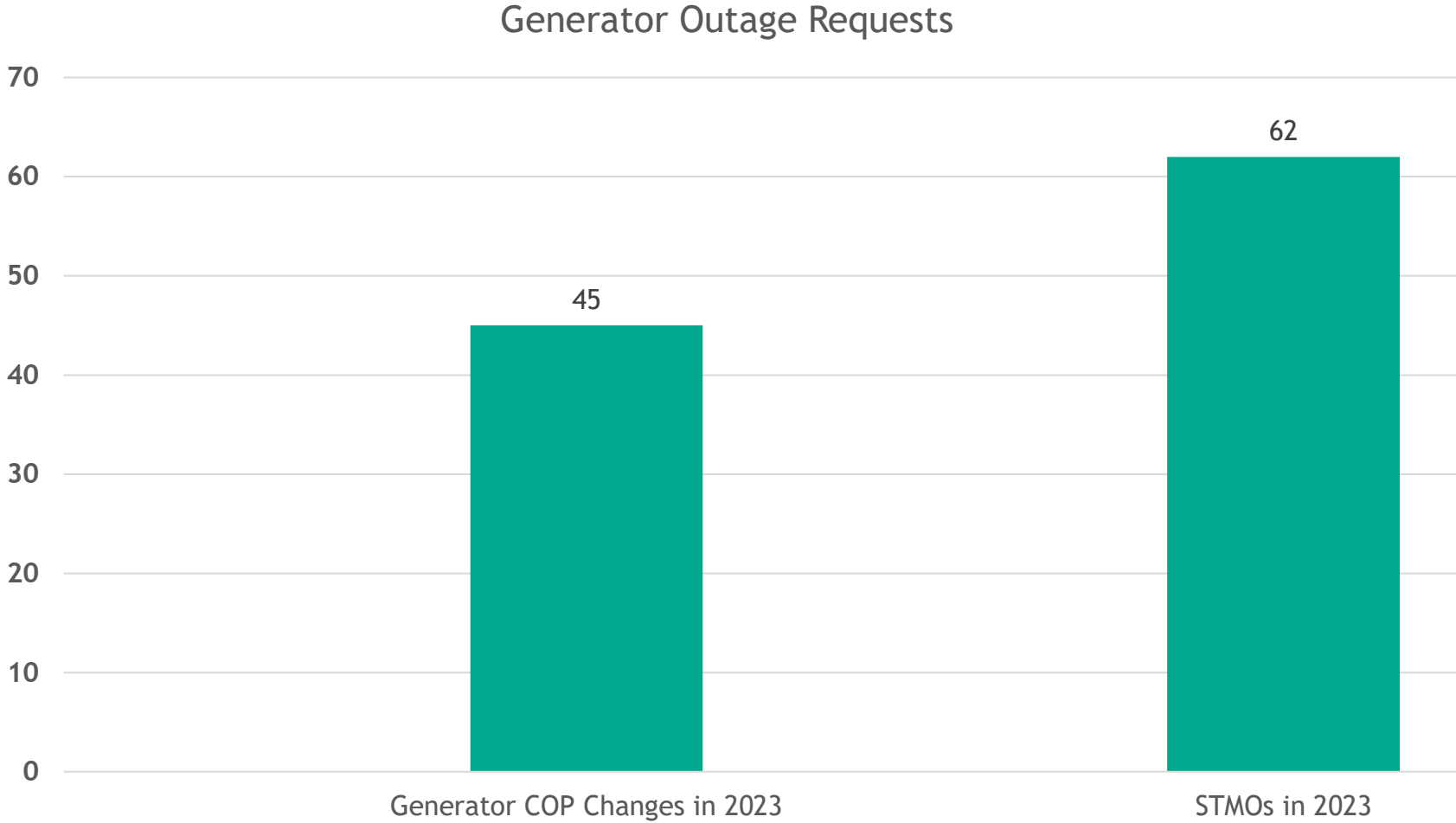


# Category 7 : Scheduled Works Not Completed

Work items completed throughout the outage season



# 2023 Generator Change Requests



# 2023 Ex-Post Report

## EirGrid Ex-Post Outturn Availability Connection Asset Maintenance Report for the 2023 Outage Season

February 2024



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- Report contains the detailed information that was summarised in this presentation.
- The Ex-Post report was sent to CRU for review.
- Following CRU approval it was published on the EirGrid website.
- Comments on the format and content can be sent to **[OutagePlanning@EirGrid.com](mailto:OutagePlanning@EirGrid.com)**

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# Transmission Capital Works 2023





# Completed Transmission Capital Projects 2023

- The following projects were complete in 2023. Our published NDP includes these projects with a 2023 EI date.
  - 13 new customer connections
  - Corduff - Ryebrook 110 kV line uprate
  - Thornsberry 110 kV station uprate
  - Moneypoint - Oldstreet 400 kV line refurbishment
  - Oldstreet - Woodland 400 kV line refurbishment
  - Ballynahulla STATCOM
  - Ballyvouskill STATCOM
  - Refurbished Moneypoint Transformer



# Partially Complete Transmission Network Projects 2023

- The following network projects had outage related works in 2023 but require outage(s) in future year(s) before completion.

## Grid Reinforcement

- Laois-Kilkenny grid upgrade
- Thurles STATCOM

## Station Upgrades

- Galway 110 kV station redevelopment
- Tarbert 220 kV station upgrade
- Inchicore 220 kV station upgrade
- Knockraha 220 kV station upgrade
- Louth 220 kV station upgrade
- Kilbarry 110 kV GIS station
- Corduff 220 kV station deep reinforcement

## Safety/Asset Replacement

- Flagford Station CB replacements
- Cashla Station CB replacements
- Tower painting nationwide

## Protection Upgrades Projects

- Transformer protection upgrade nationwide
- Gorman and connected stations protection upgrade
- Ballydine, Cahir and connected stations protection upgrade
- Tipperary, Cahir and connected stations protection upgrade
- Arva and connected stations protection upgrade
- Cullenagh and connected stations protection upgrade
- Coolroe, Inniscarra and connected stations protection upgrade
- Cashla and connected stations protection upgrade



# SONI NI TOP 2024

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# NI TOP 2023 review

## **Major Projects completed in 2023**

### 110 kV Overhead Line Re-string projects;

Omagh - Dromore A&B circuits (North / West NI)

Ballylumford - Eden A&B circuits (East NI)

### 275 kV Circuit Protection Upgrades/replacements

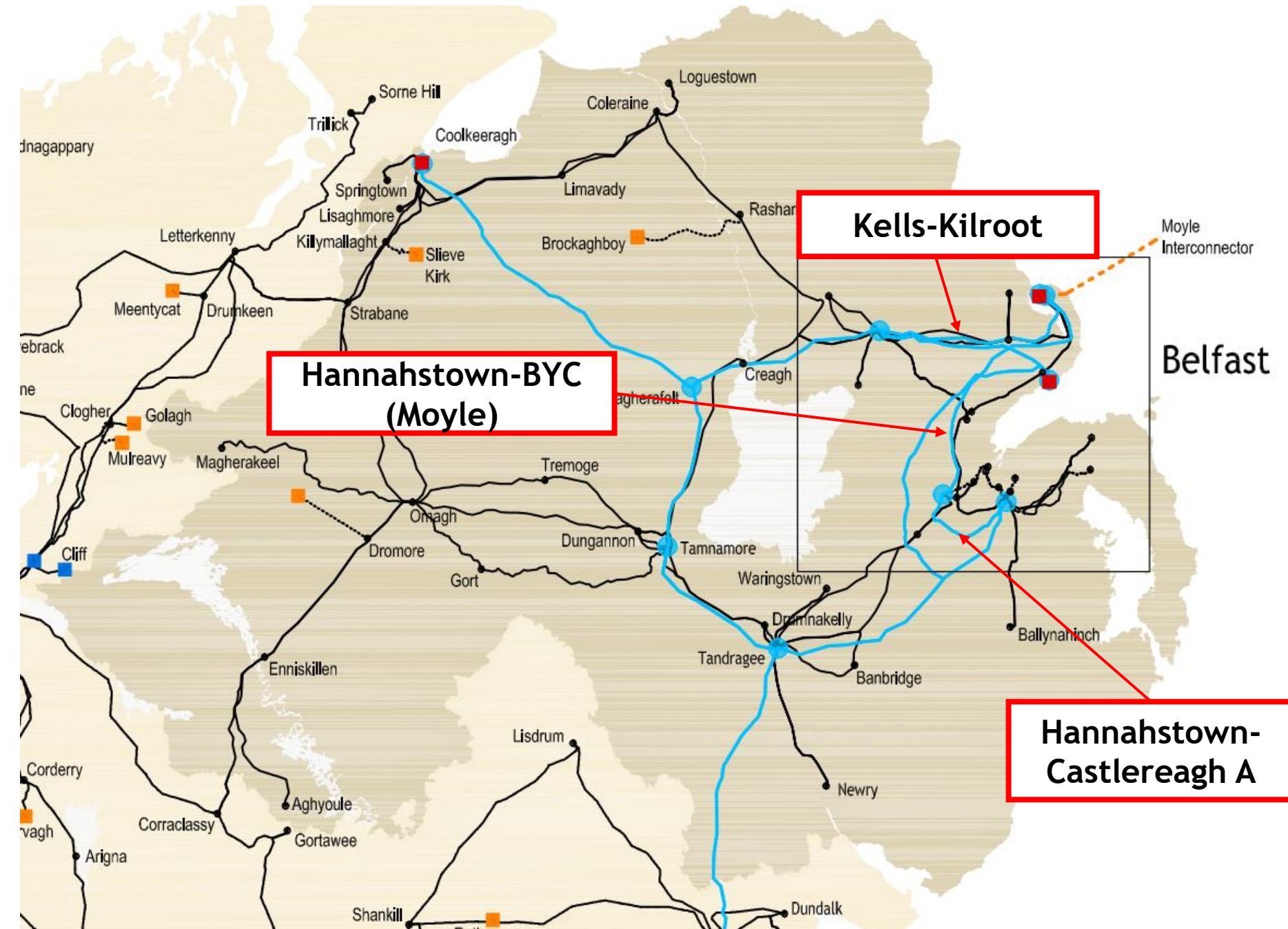
Kells - Kilroot

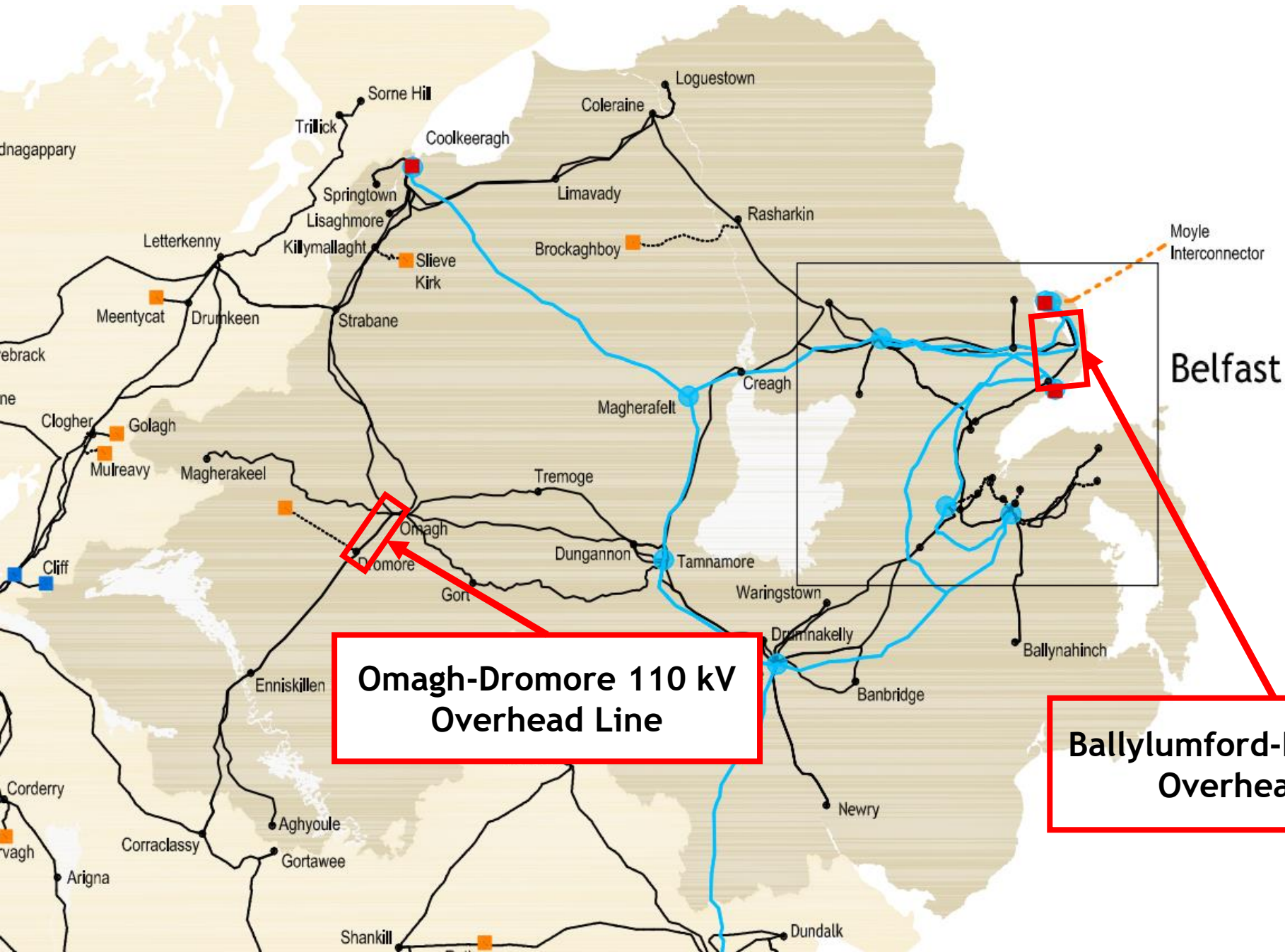
Hannahstown - Ballycronanmore

Hannahstown - Castlereagh 'A'

Significant 275 kV outages completed 2023

Circuit protection upgrades





**Significant 110 kV  
outages completed  
2023**

**Overhead Line  
Re-string projects**

**Omagh-Dromore 110 kV  
Overhead Line**

**Ballylumford-Eden 110 kV  
Overhead Line**

Belfast

Moyle  
Interconnector



# Omagh - Dromore Overhead Line Re-string Project 2023

(Tower 106)



# Omagh-Dromore re-string Project 2023

(Tower 130)





# Omagh- Dromore re-string Project 2023

## Omagh S/S

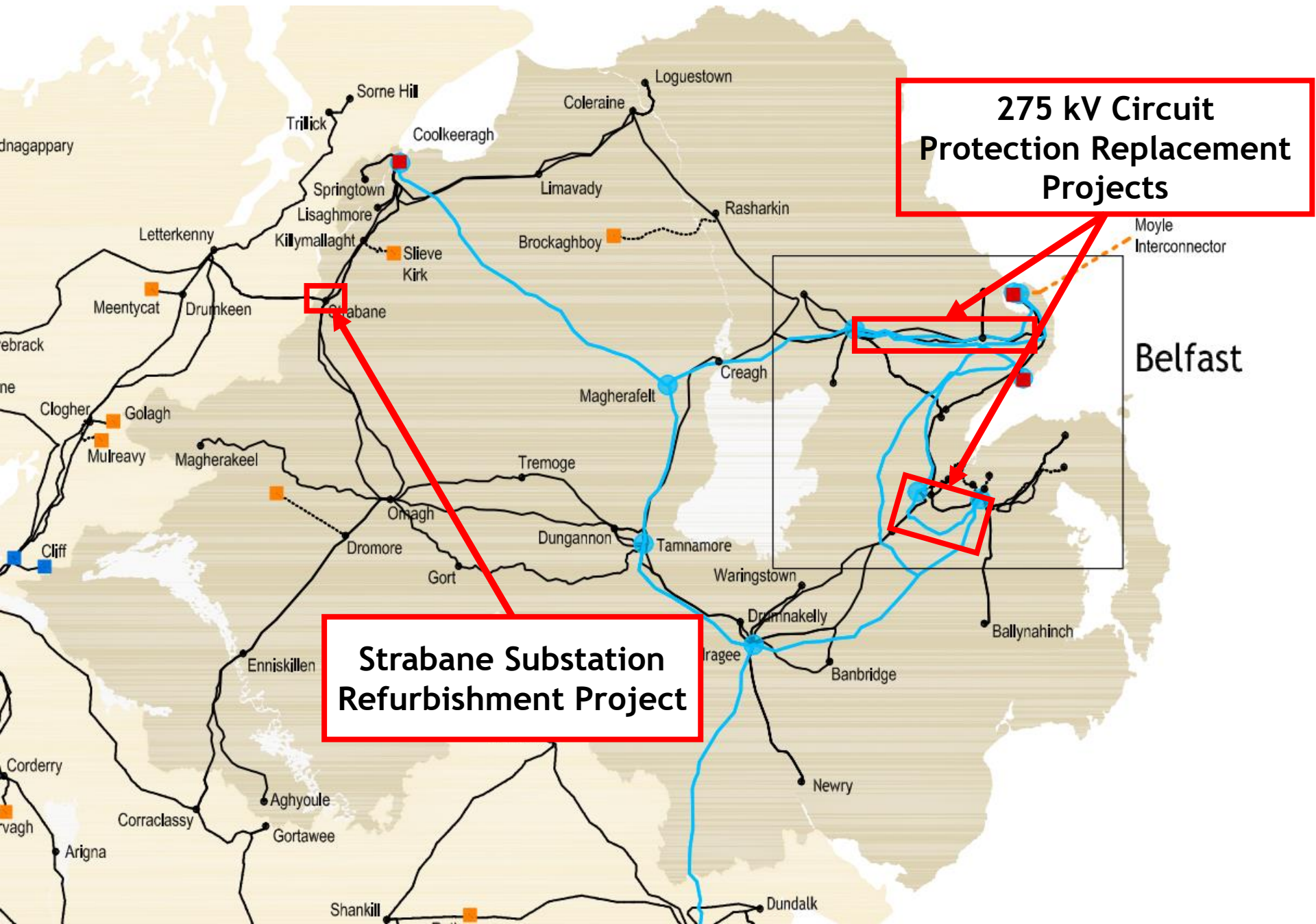
# NI TOP 2024 Major Projects

## **Strabane 110 kV Substation refurbishment project;**

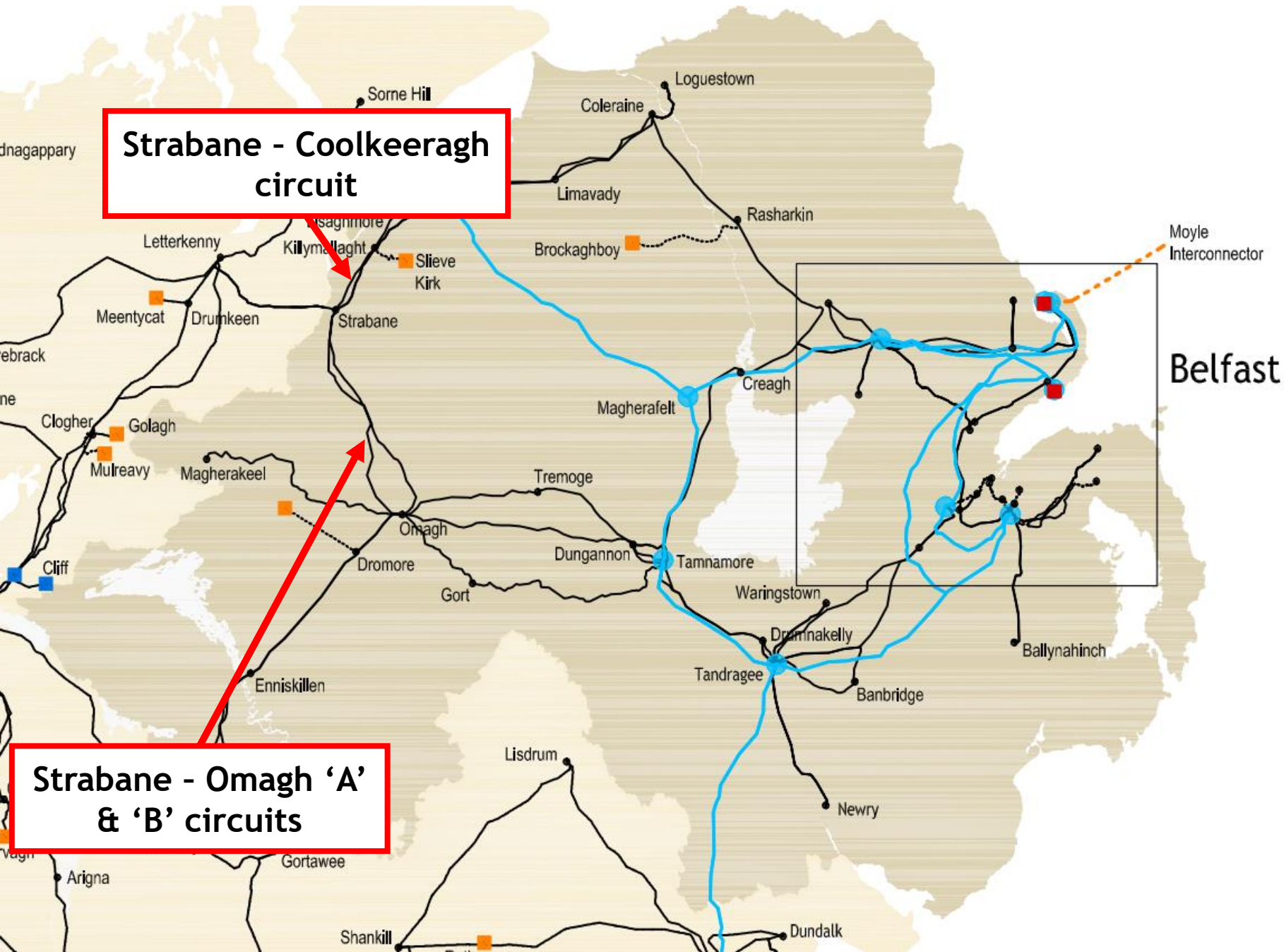
- Multiple circuit outages required in North-West area of NI

## **275 kV circuit Protection upgrades/replacements**

- Kells - Ballylumford circuit
- Hannahstown - Ballylumford circuit



# NI TOP 24 Overview Major Projects

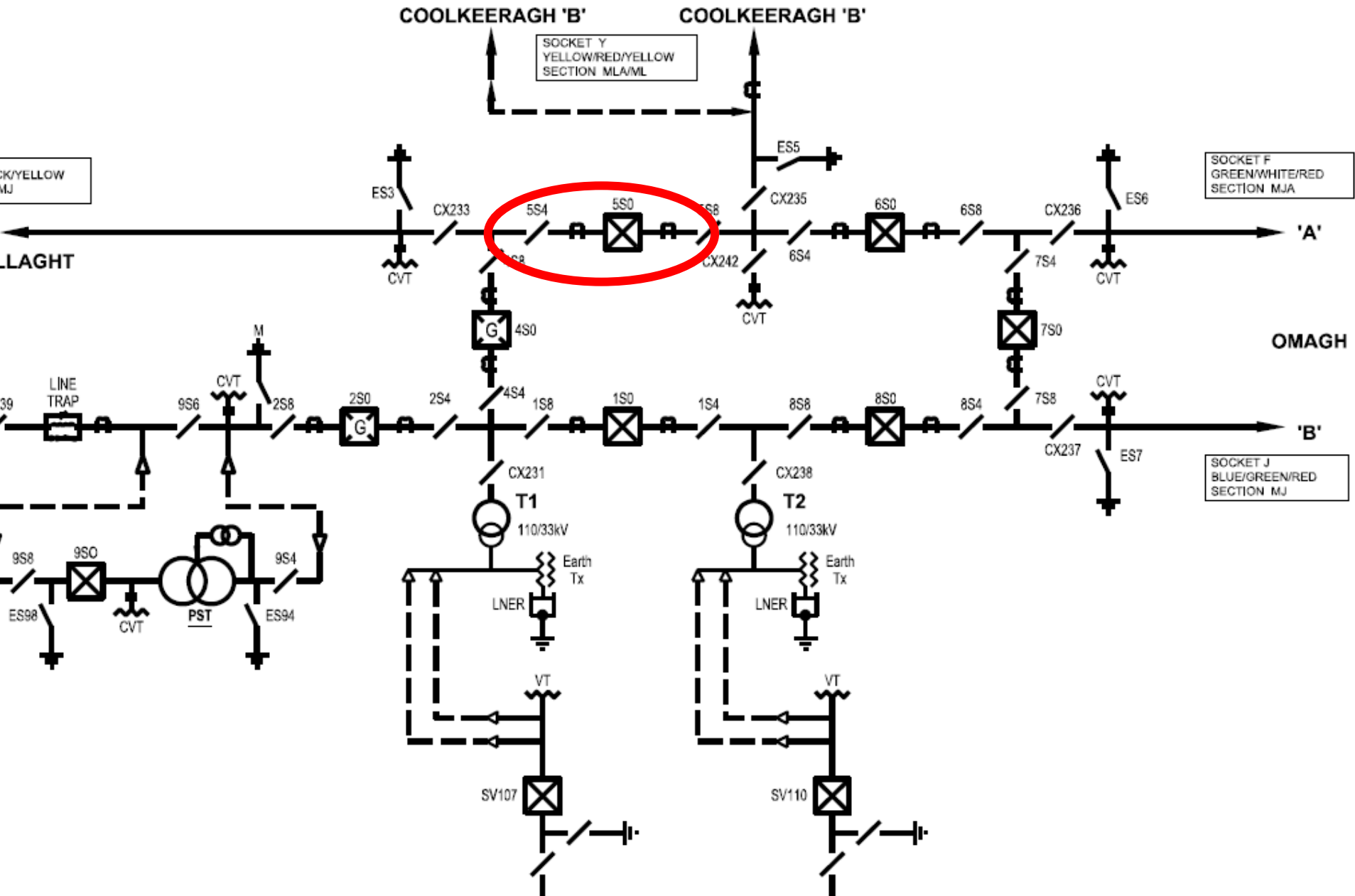


**Strabane - Coolkeeragh  
circuit**

**Strabane - Omagh 'A'  
& 'B' circuits**

# NI TOP 24 Strabane Substation Refurbishment

Belfast



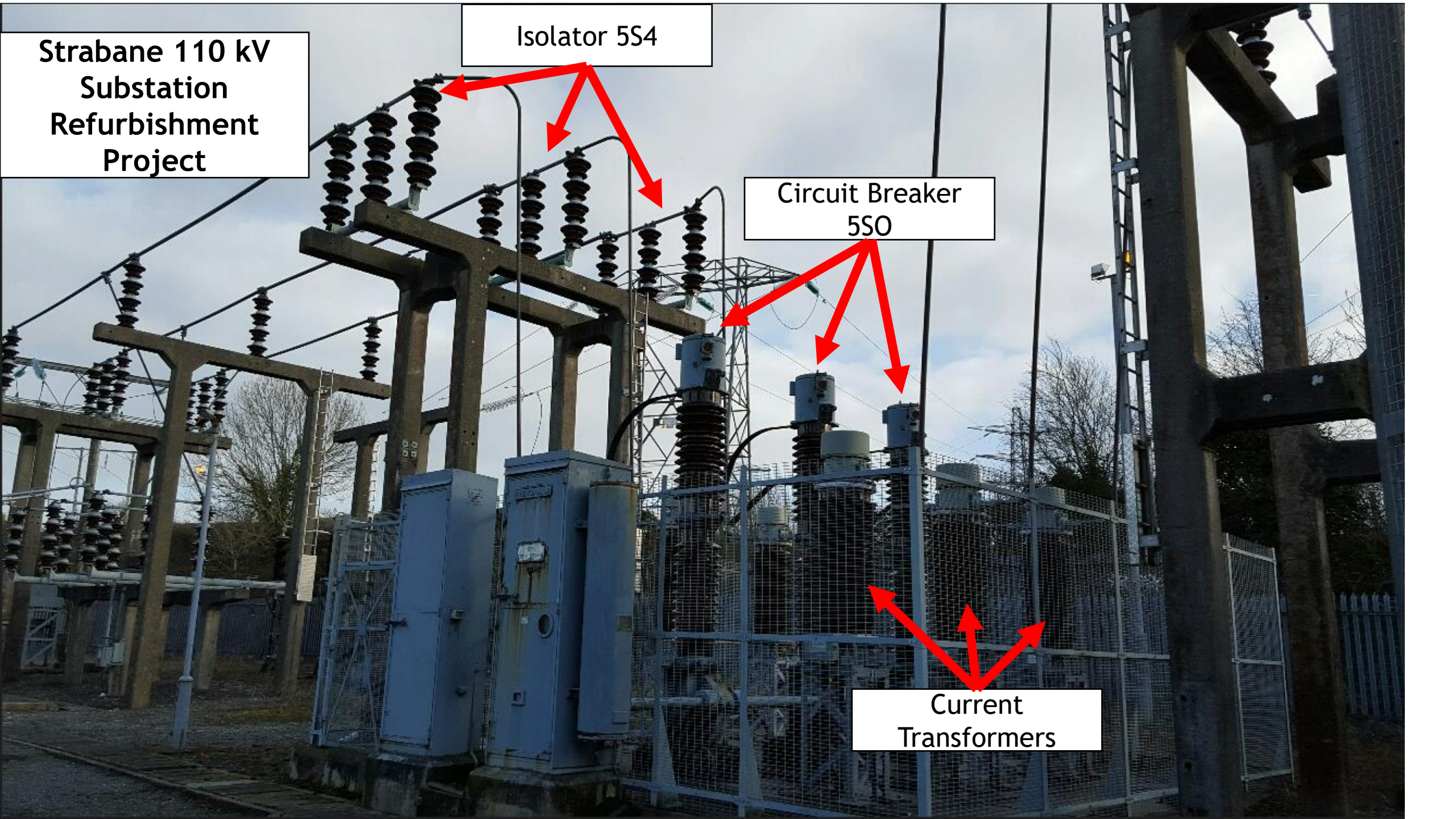
# Strabane Substation Refurbishment Project

**Strabane 110 kV  
Substation  
Refurbishment  
Project**

**Isolator 5S4**

**Circuit Breaker  
5S0**

**Current  
Transformers**



# Strabane 110 kV refurbishment Project

## Why its required?

- Circuit Breaker & Isolators:
  - Year of manufacture: 1975
  - Maker: Reyrolle
- Current Transformers
  - Year of manufacture : approx. 1975
  - Maker: EMEK

# When are 2024 projects scheduled to happen?

- **Strabane 110 kV Substation Refurbishment Project**
  - Omagh 'A' Circuit (May-Jul 2024)
  - Omagh 'B' Circuit (Aug-Oct 2024)
  - Coolkeeragh Circuit (TBC Oct-Nov 2024)
- **275 kV circuit protection changes**
  - Kells - Ballylumford circuit (Feb-Apr 2024)
  - Hannahstown - Ballylumford circuit (Jul-Oct 2024)





Questions?

# TOP24 Overview



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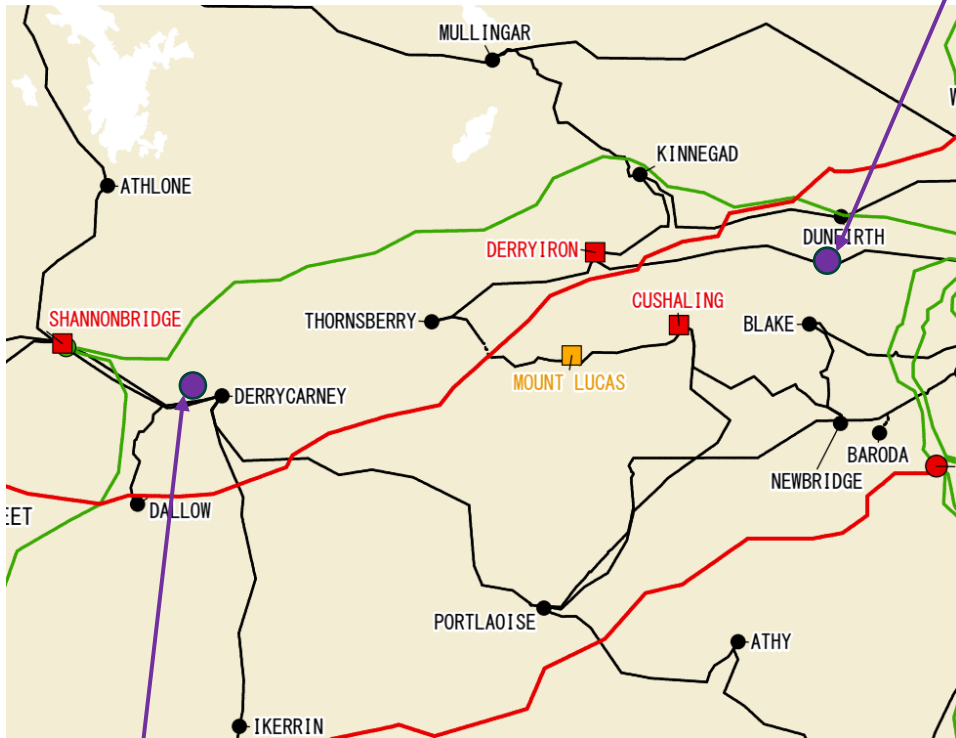
- New Connections
- Line Upgrades
- Line Refurbishments
- Network Reconfigurations
- Station Refurbishments
- Protection Upgrades

# New Connections

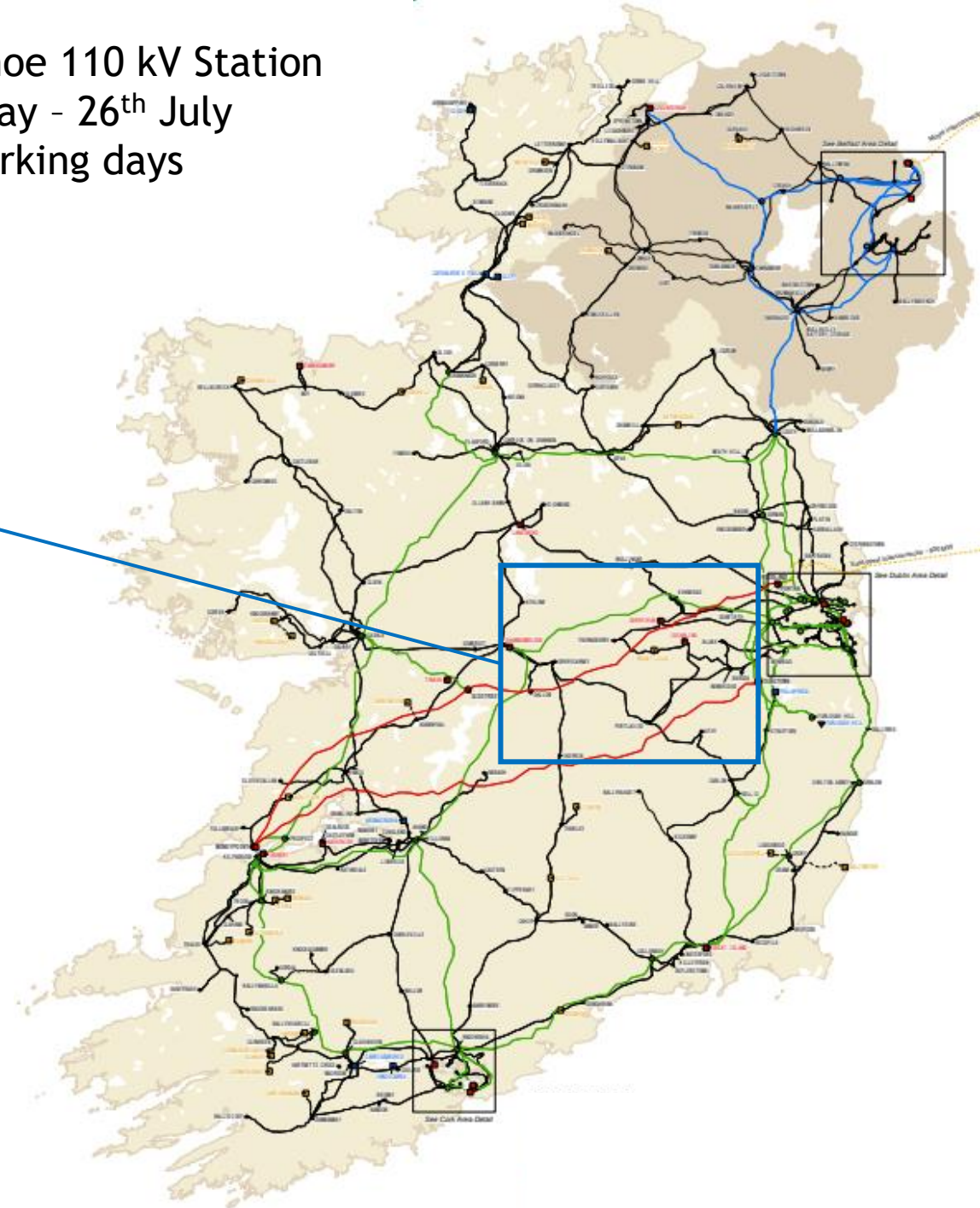
- CP1272 Derryiron Busbar Uprate
- CP1041 Timahoe 110 kV Station - Timahoe 70 MW Solar Farm
- CP1329 Stonestown 110 kV Station - Derrinlough 105 MW Wind Farm
- CP1145 Rathnaskilloge 110 kV Station - Rathnaskilloge 95 MW Solar Farm
- CP1136 Deenes 110 kV Station - Gaskinstown 85 MW Solar Farm
- CP1088 Greenlink - Loughtown 220 kV Station & Campile Converter Station
- CP1293 Oldpier 220 kV Station - Tarbert TEG Phase 2



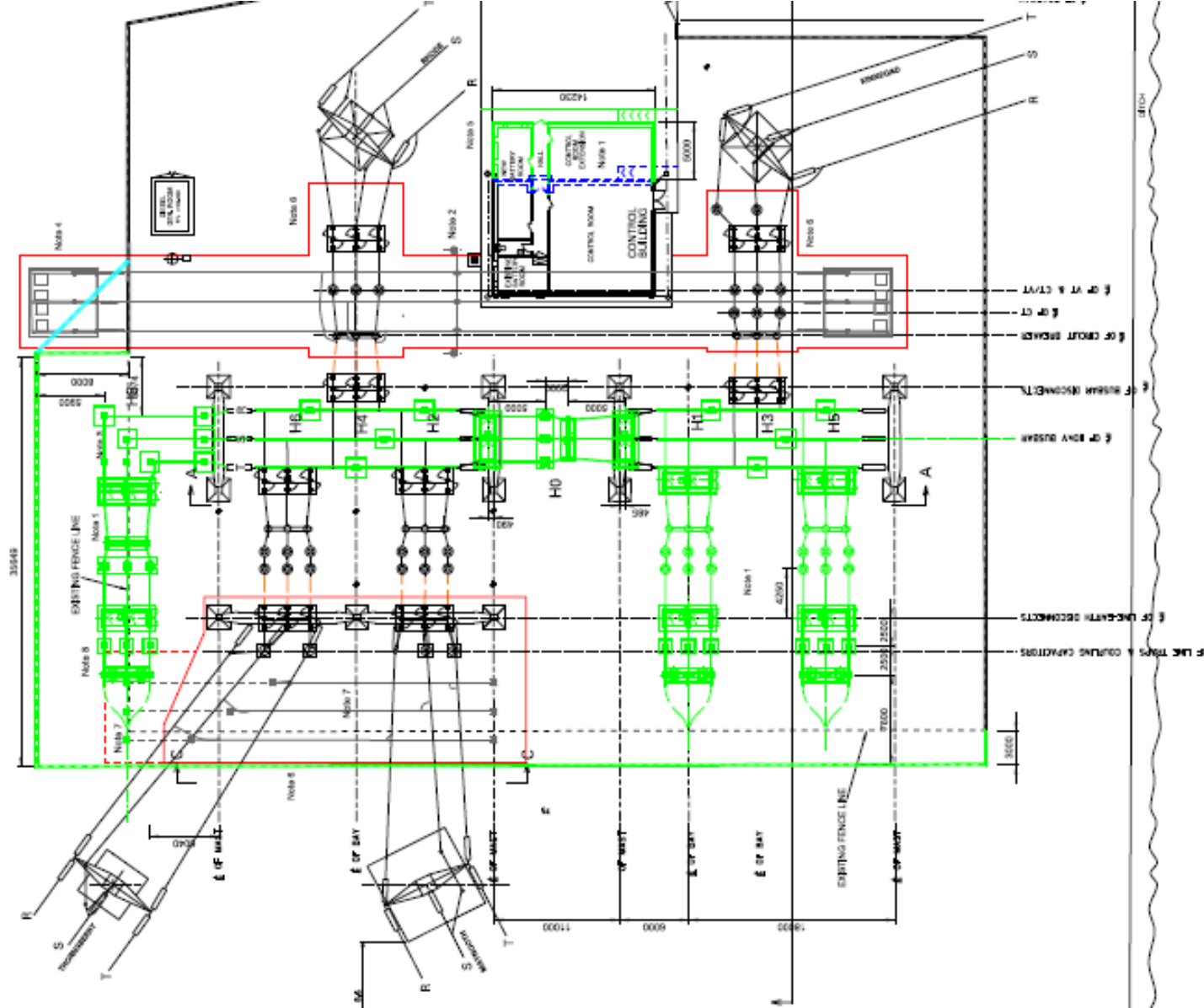
Timahoe 110 kV Station  
2<sup>nd</sup> May - 26<sup>th</sup> July  
60 working days



Stonestown 110 kV Station  
26<sup>th</sup> March - 21<sup>st</sup> August  
100 working days

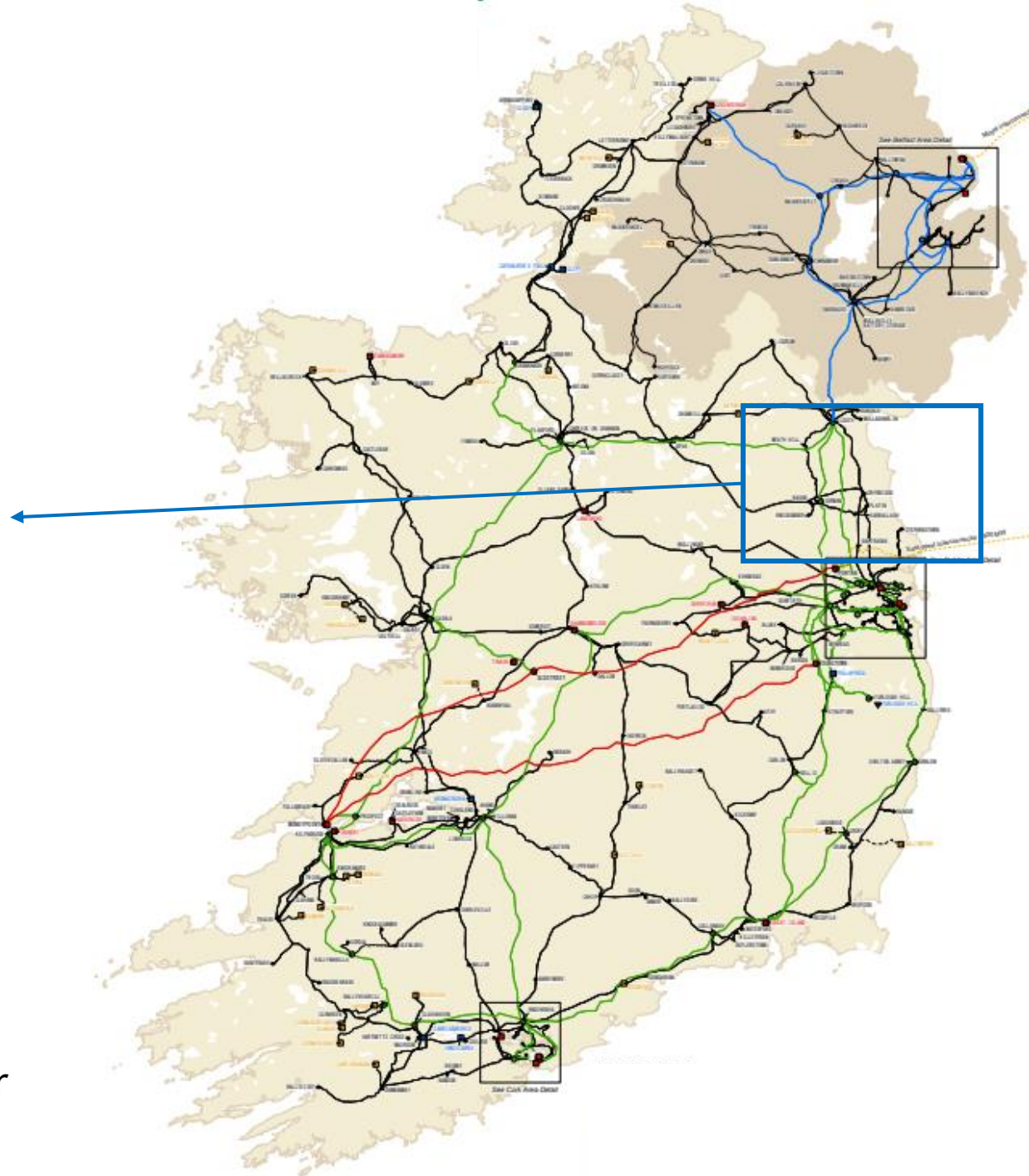


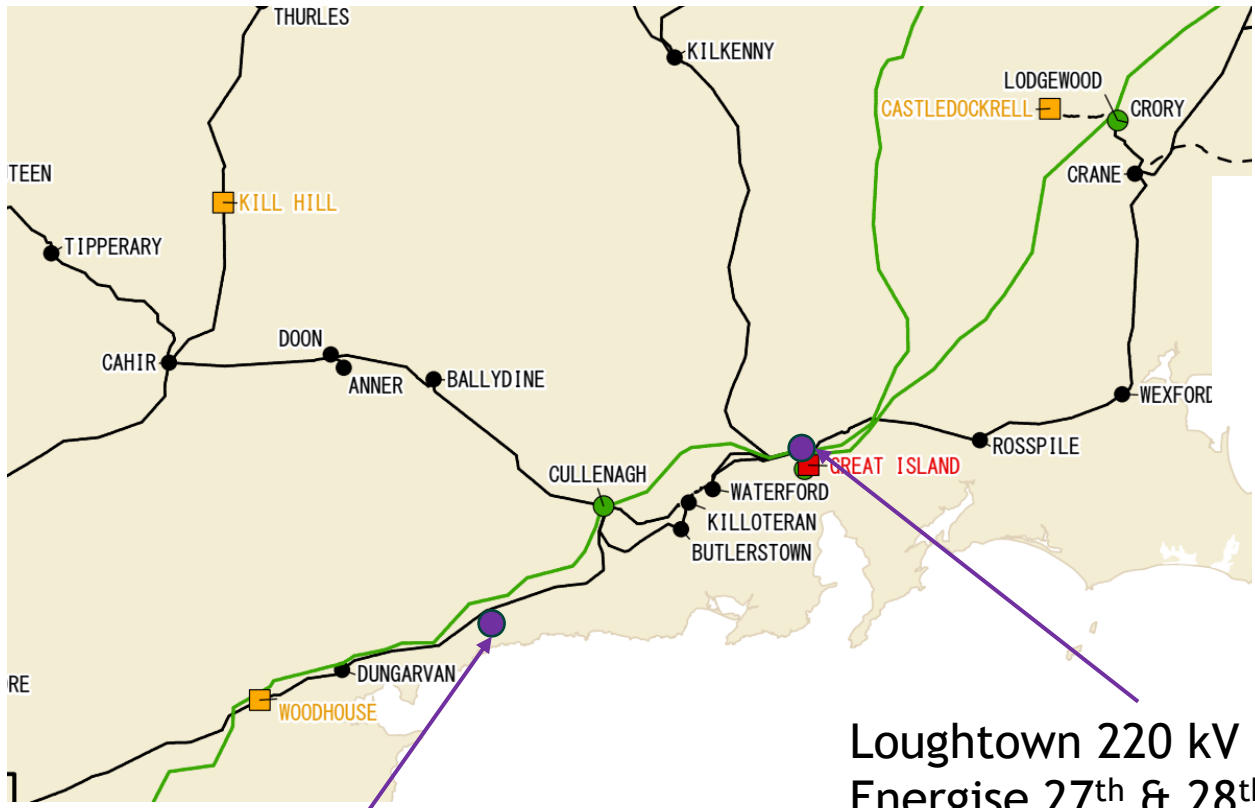
# CP1272 Derryiron Busbar





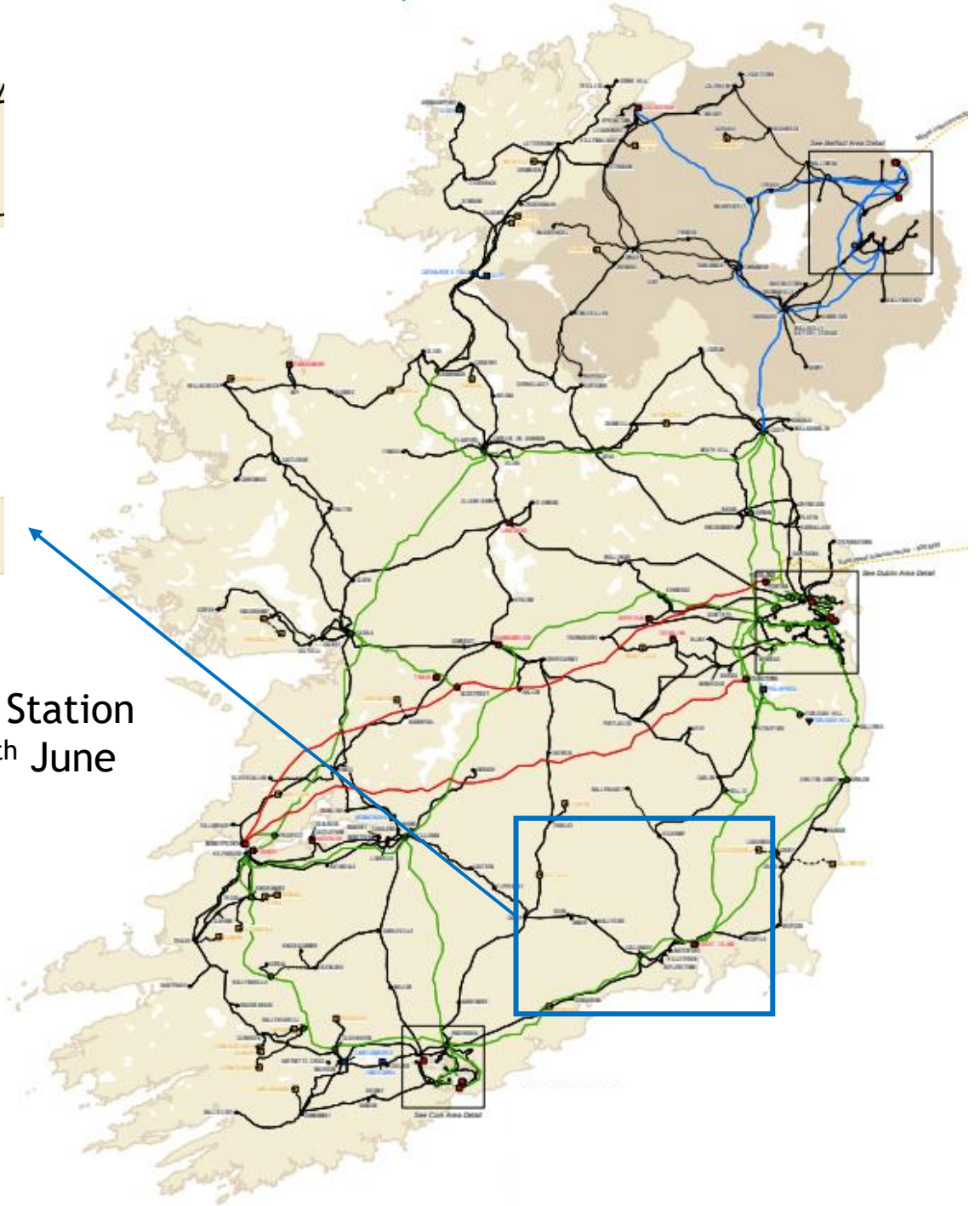
Deenes 110 kV Station  
 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 105 working days





Loughtown 220 kV Station  
Energise 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June

Rathnaskilloge 110 kV Station  
8<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> October  
71 working days





# CP1088 Greenlink

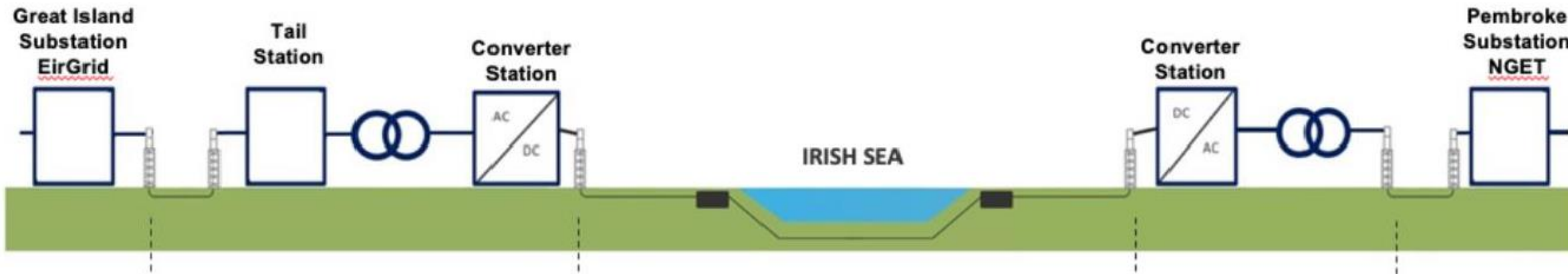
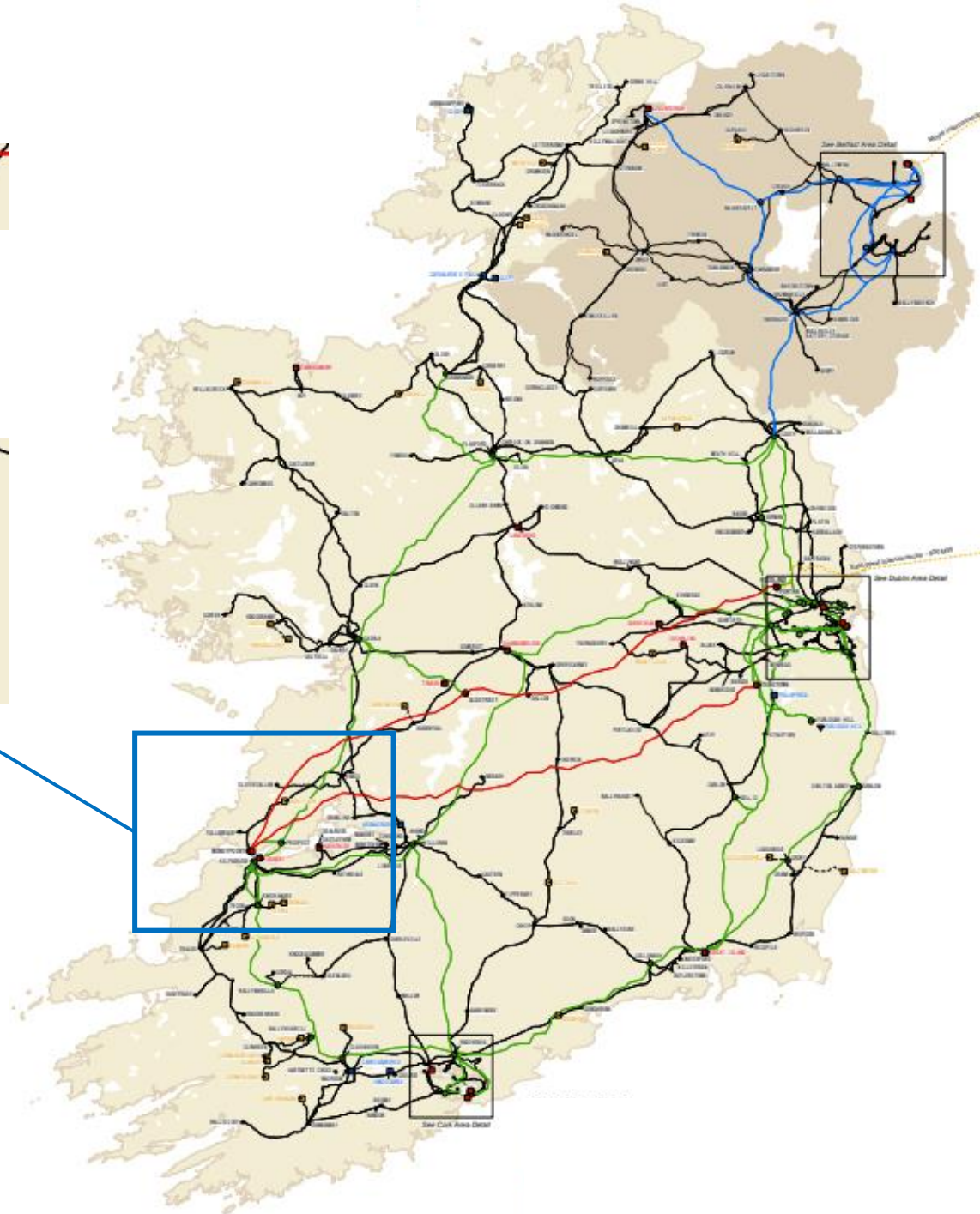
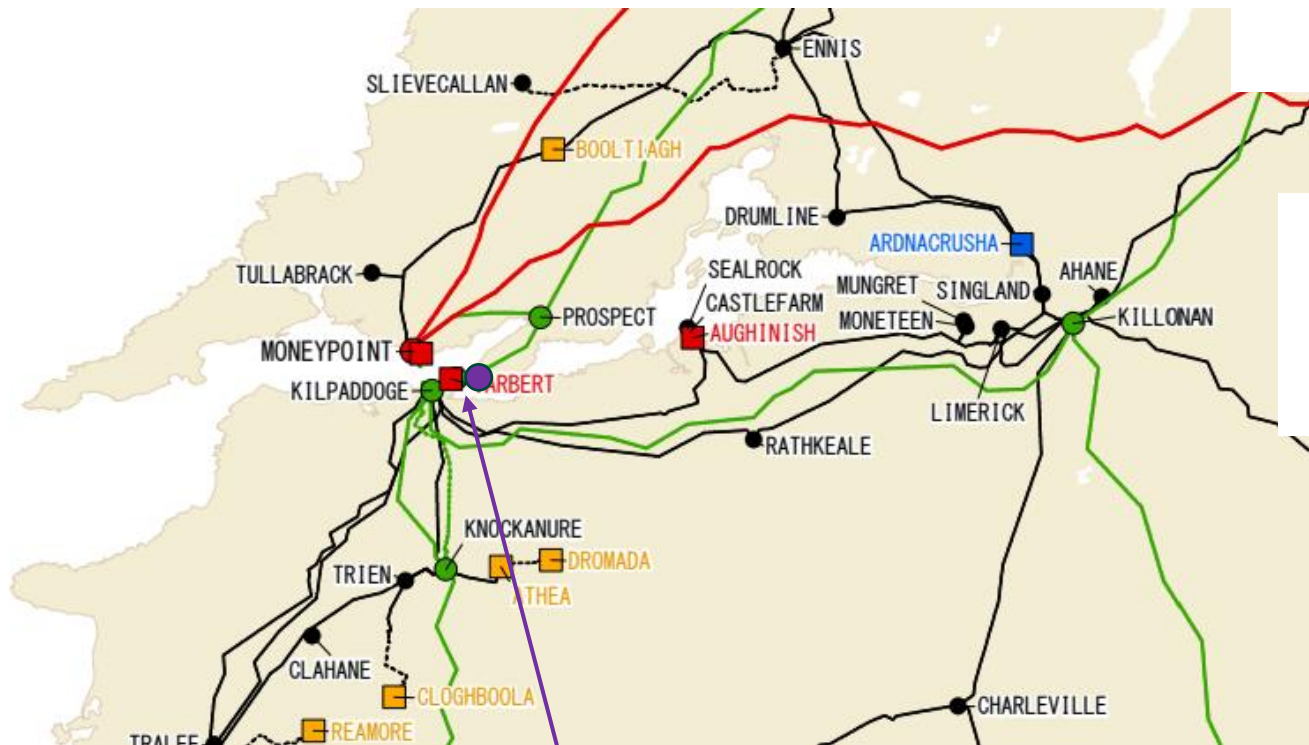


Image: Siemens Energy

- Ireland (Great Island Sub-station) - UK (Pembroke Sub-station)
- 220 kV Loughtown Tail Station
- 504MW
- 220kV AC Ireland grid connection

- DC Cable: 160km sea, 30+km Land cable
- +/- 320kV DC Cable

- Indoor DC yard
- Approx. 1km AC cable on both sides for connection to the grid substations
- 400 kV AC UK grid connection

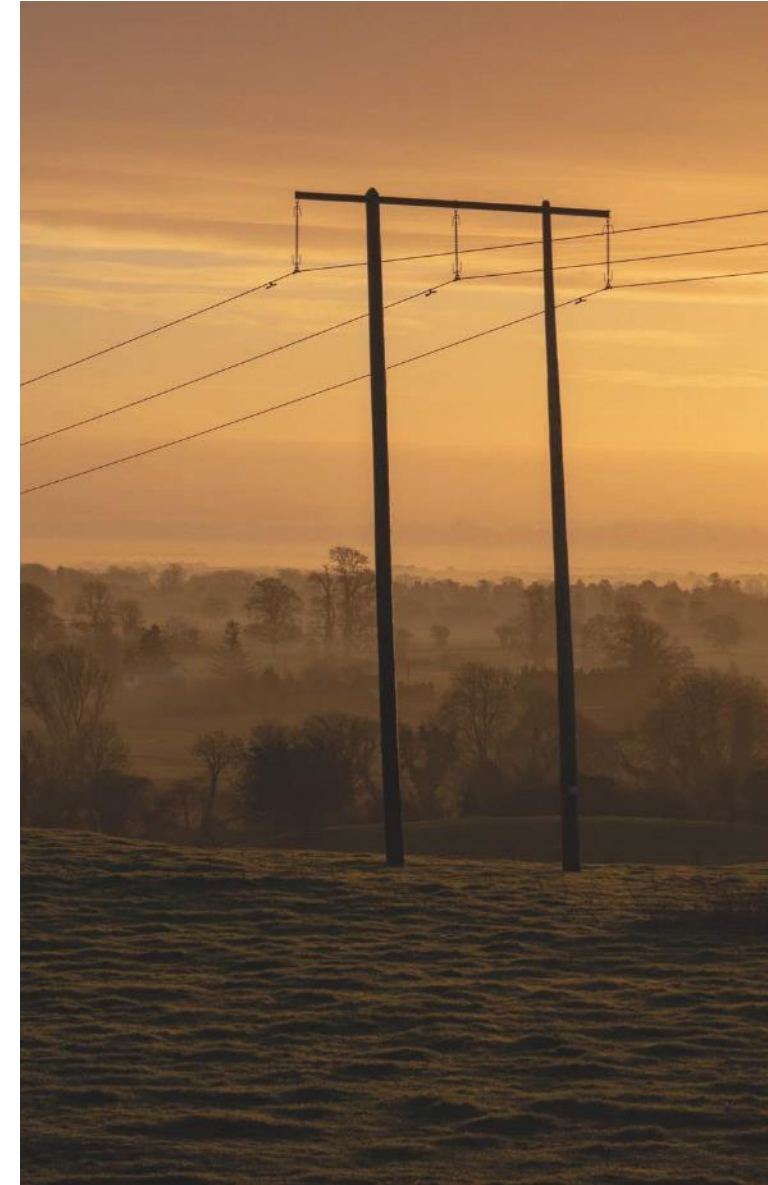


Oldpier 220 kV Station  
 Tarbert A1 B1 220 kV half station, January to July  
 Energising 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July

# Network Upgrades

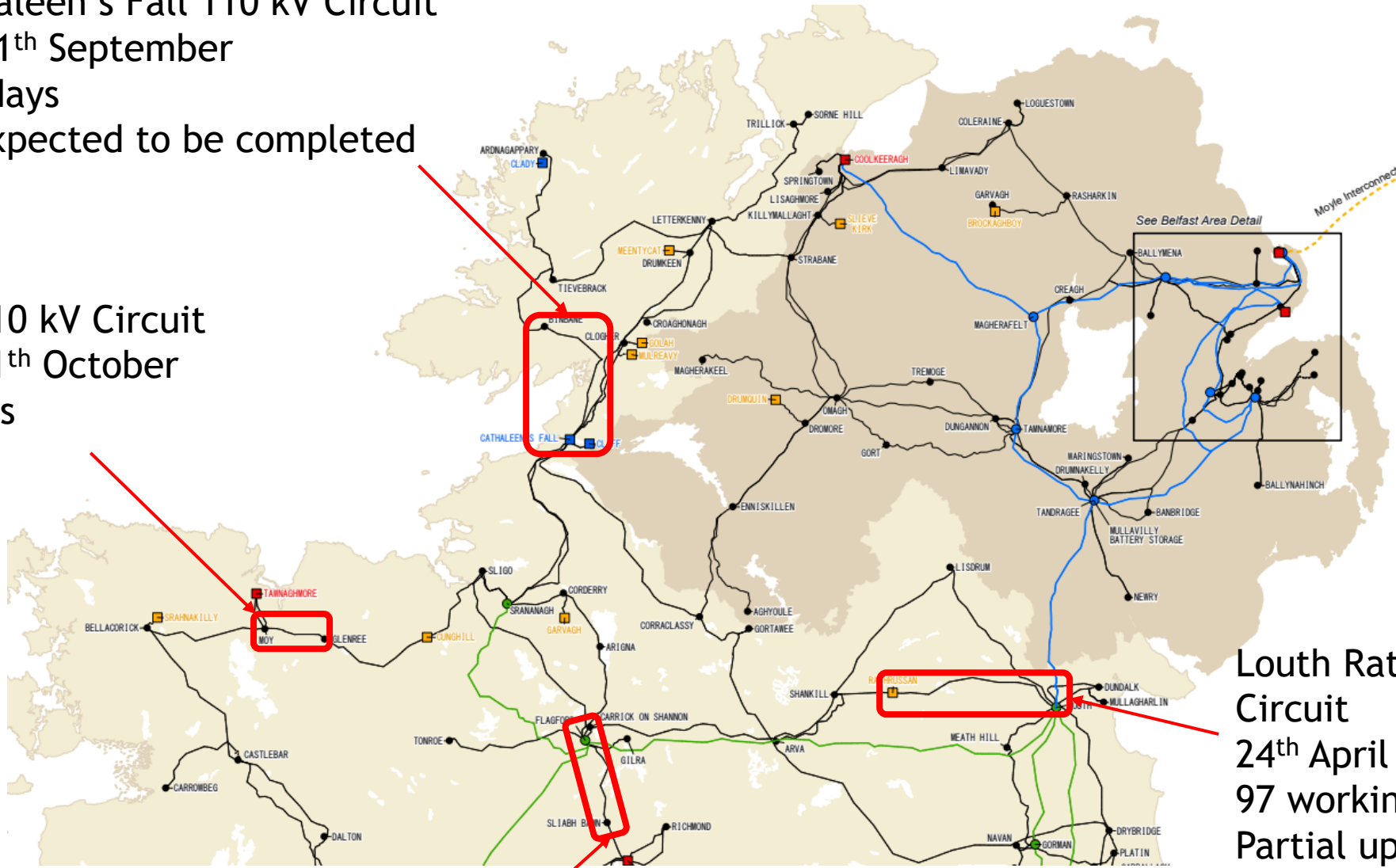
## Line Upgrades

- CP0817 Flagford Sliabh Bawn 110 kV Circuit (partial)
- CP1079 Binbane Cathaleen's Fall Circuit
- CP0905 Louth Ratrussan 110 kV Circuit (partial)
- CP1155 Glenree Moy 110 kV Circuit (partial)
- CP0869 Kellystown Woodland 220 kV Circuit
- CP1172 Crane Wexford 110 kV Circuit (partial)



Binbane Cathaleen's Fall 110 kV Circuit  
 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 11<sup>th</sup> September  
 100 working days  
 Full uprate expected to be completed

Glenree Moy 110 kV Circuit  
 26<sup>th</sup> August - 11<sup>th</sup> October  
 45 working days  
 Partial uprate



Louth Ratrussan 110 kV Circuit  
 24<sup>th</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> September  
 97 working days  
 Partial uprate

Flagford Sliabh Bawn 110 kV Circuit  
 4<sup>th</sup> March - 19<sup>th</sup> April  
 32 working days Partial uprate

# CP1079 Binbane Cathaleen's Fall

Enabling works completed in 2023

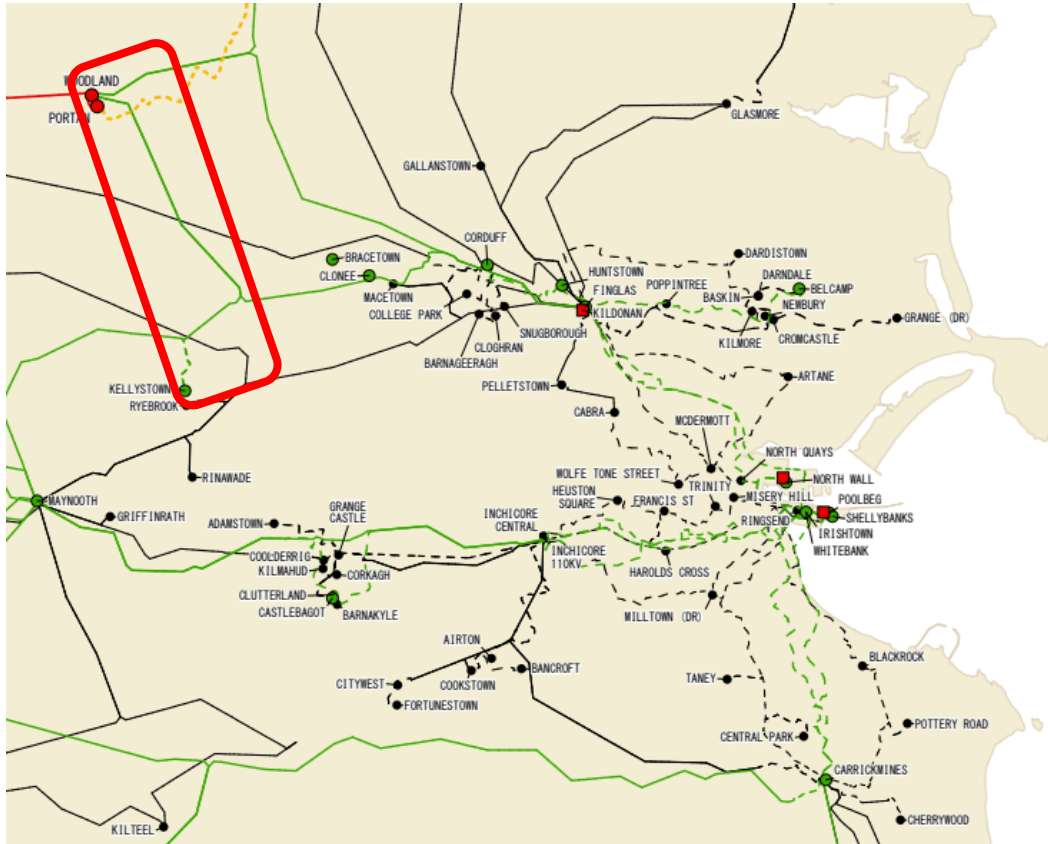


# Difficult Land Access

Land access can often prove very difficult for several line uprate and refurb projects increasing the duration required to complete works

Example of land access infrastructure needed for Cloon Lanesboro 110 kV Circuit Uprate Project





Kellystown Woodland 220 kV Circuit Uprate  
 Clonmel Woodland 220 kV Circuit proximity  
 17<sup>th</sup> May - 9<sup>th</sup> September : 80 working days  
 Full uprate works expected to be completed



Crane Wexford 110 kV Circuit Uprate  
 16<sup>th</sup> September 25<sup>th</sup> November : 50 working days  
 Partial uprate

# CP0869 Maynooth (Kellystown) Woodland

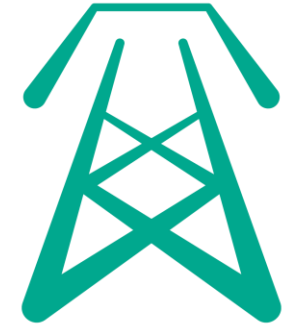




# Network Upgrades

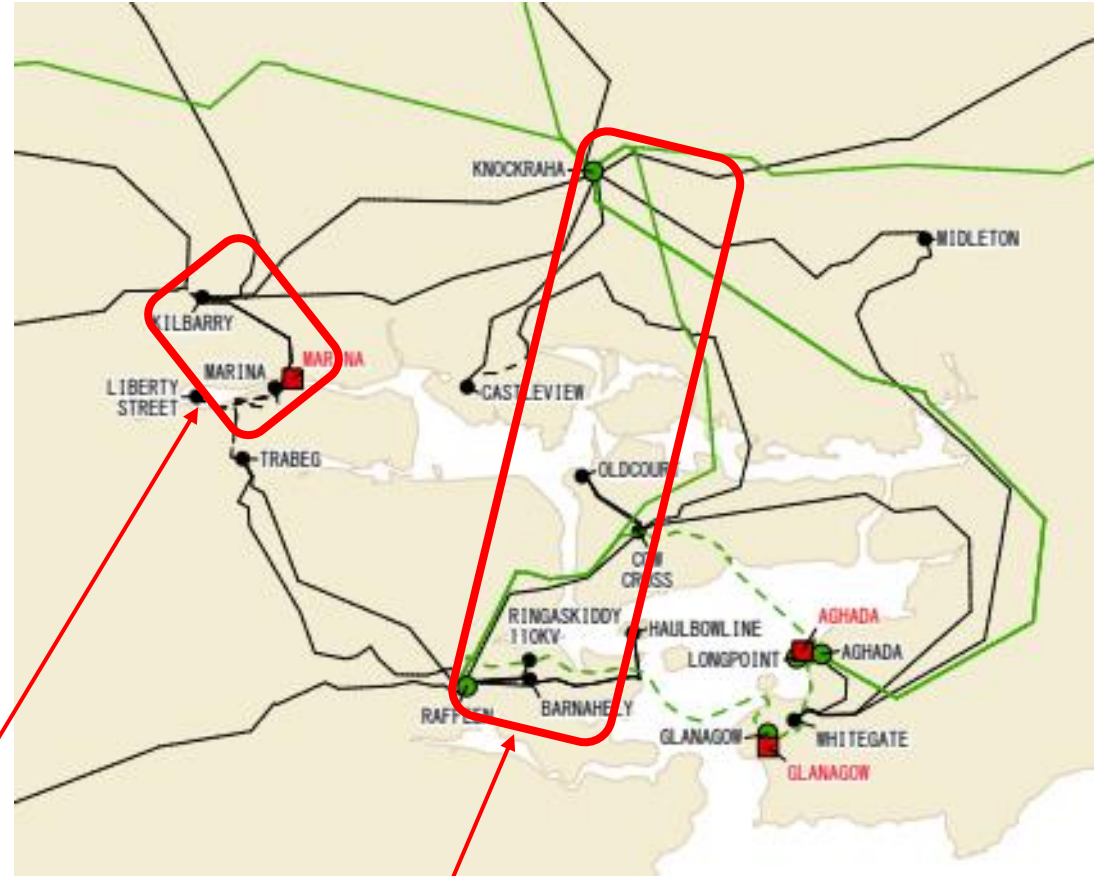
## Line Refurbishments

- Knockraha Raffeen 220 kV Circuit
- Kilbarry Marina 1 ONE and Kilbarry Marina 2 TWO 110 kV Circuits
- Dunstown Moneypoint 400 kV Circuit





Kilbarry Marina 1 & 2 110 kV Double Circuit  
 27<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> September : 75 working days  
 Partial refurbishment



Knockraha Raffeen 220 kV Circuit Refurbishment  
 Expected to be completed this year  
 15<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May : 13 working days (within a longer  
 outage for network reconfiguration)  
 Cullenagh Knockraha 220 kV Circuit proximity  
 18<sup>th</sup> September - 26<sup>th</sup> September : 7 working days  
 Aghada Knockraha 220 kV Circuit proximity

Dunstown Moneypoint 400 kV  
Line Refurbishment  
10<sup>th</sup> September - 5<sup>th</sup> November  
40 working days





# Network Upgrades

## Network Reconfigurations

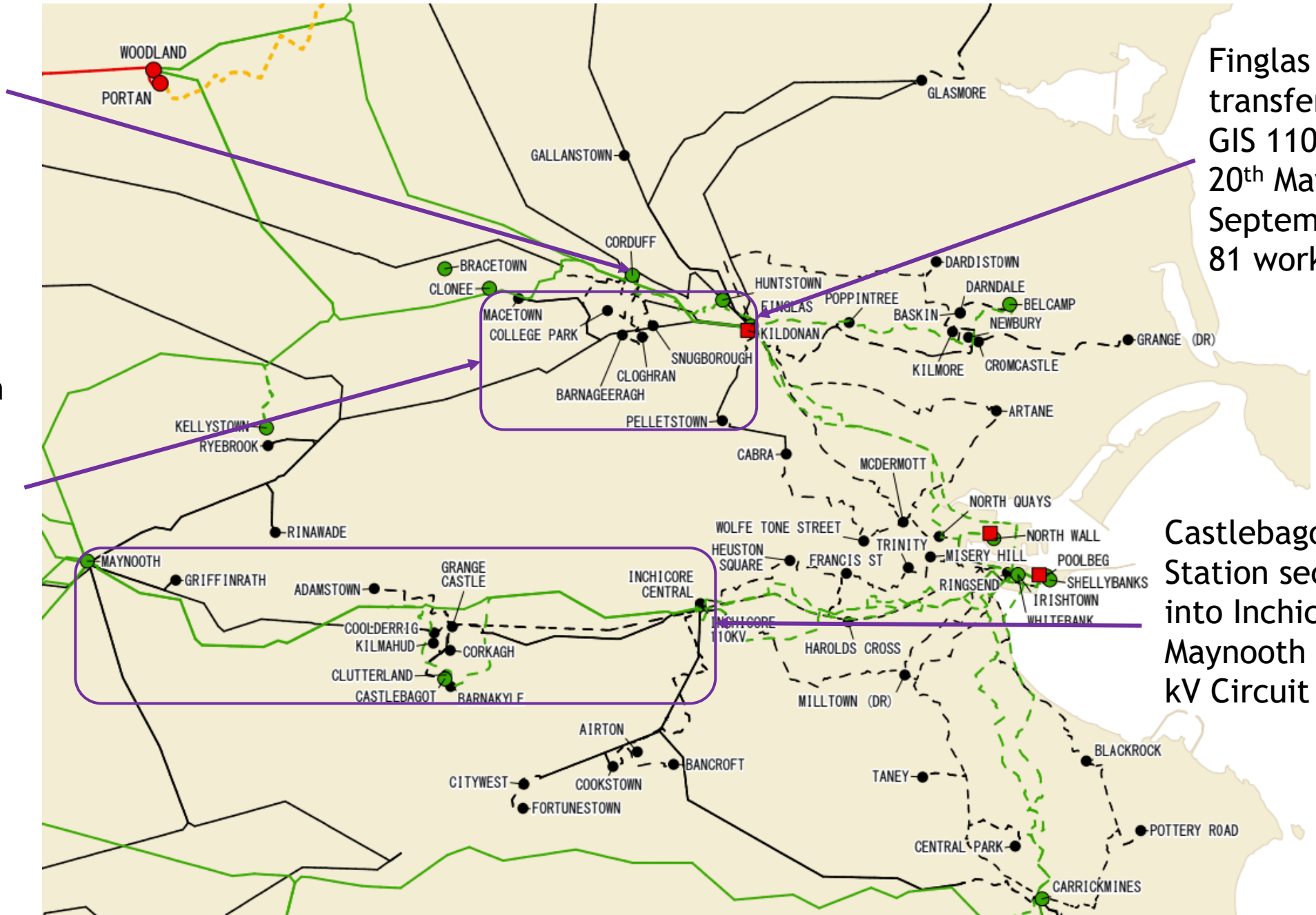
- CP1113 Corduff 220 kV Station - new Corduff T2104 tie transformer
- CP0872 Castlebagot 220 kV Station - second loop in
- CP0646 Finglas 110 kV GIS - Finglas T2104 110 kV transfer
- CP1093 Barnageeragh 110 kV - network reconfiguration
- CP0796 Knockraha 220 kV Station Reconfiguration - A4 B4 Busbars circuit transfers
- Hartnett's Cross 110 kV Station - New distribution 110 kV load station
- CP1437 Clahane Tralee 110 kV Line Diversion

New Corduff  
T2104  
energising  
Q1 2024

Reconfiguration  
of 110 kV load  
stations from  
Corduff &  
Finglas bulk  
supply points

Finglas T2104  
transfer to Finglas  
GIS 110 kV Station  
20<sup>th</sup> May - 11<sup>th</sup>  
September  
81 working days

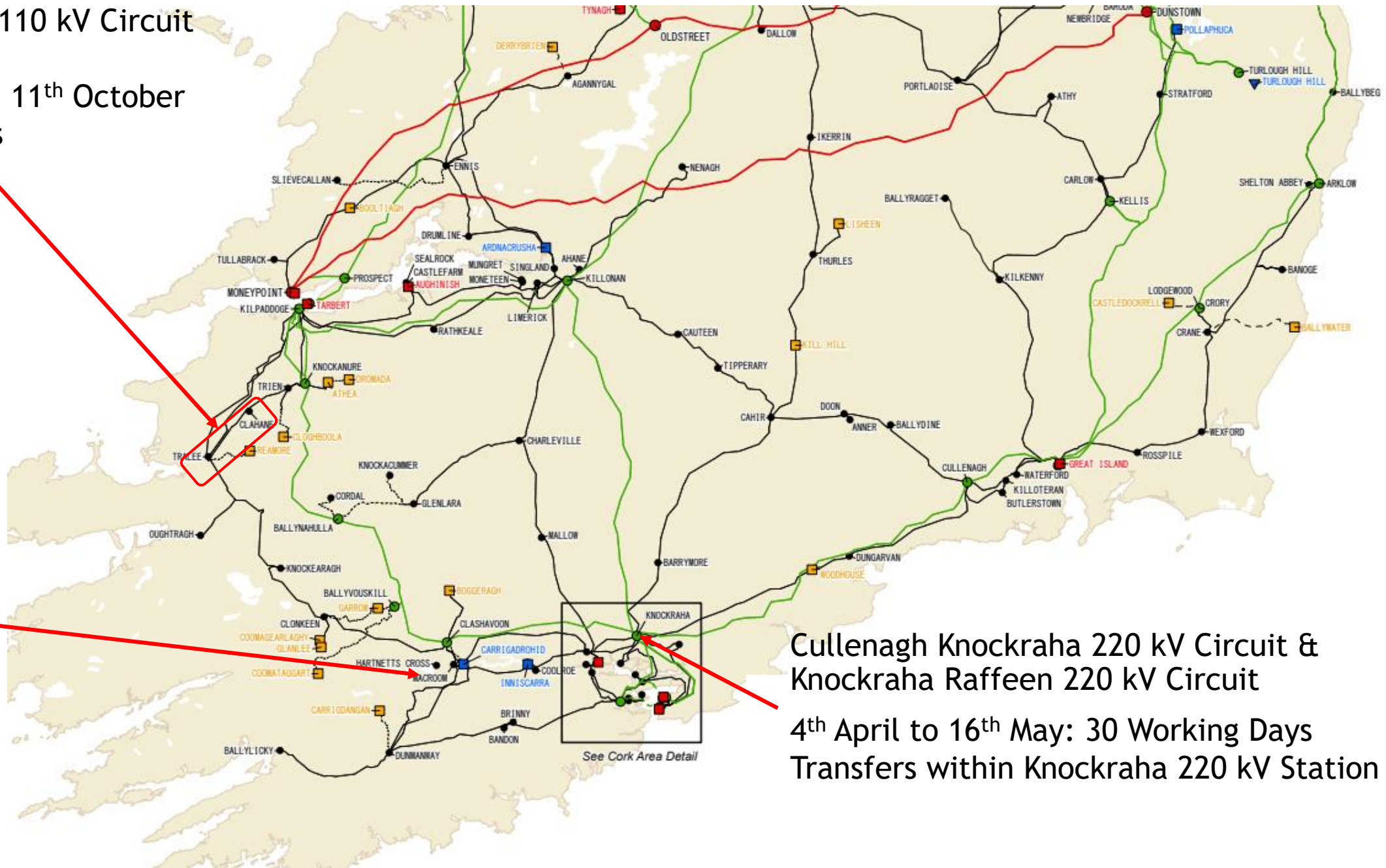
Castlebagot 220 kV  
Station second loop  
into Inchicore  
Maynooth 2 TWO 220  
kV Circuit



Clahane Tralee 110 kV Circuit  
Line Diversion  
2<sup>nd</sup> September - 11<sup>th</sup> October  
30 working days

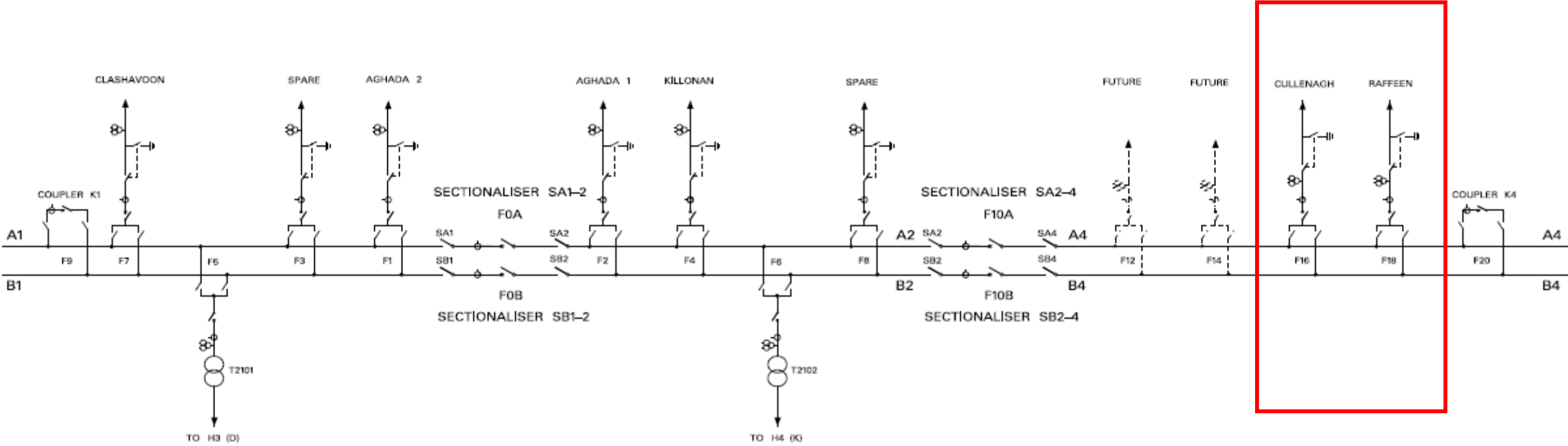
Hartnett's  
Cross 110 kV  
Station  
connection to  
Macroom  
24<sup>th</sup> September

Cullenagh Knockraha 220 kV Circuit &  
Knockraha Raffeen 220 kV Circuit  
4<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> May: 30 Working Days  
Transfers within Knockraha 220 kV Station



# CP0796 Knockraha Station Reconfiguration

Reconfiguration work in Knockraha a prerequisite to the connection of Celtic Interconnector





# Network Upgrades

## Station Refurbishment

- Arteche CT Replacements - Ratrussan, Agannygal, Clonkeen, & Coomagearlahy
- CP0799 Louth 220 kV - new SB1-2 disconnect
- CP0799 In Louth Station new Ratrussan and Mullagharlin 110 kV Cubicle refurbishments
- CP1031 & CP1032 Sprecher & Schuh CB Replacements - Cashla & Flagford

# Arteche CT Replacements



## Ratrussan Week 17 - Week 21

- 24<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

CT replacements on all 110 kV Bays

## Agannygal Week 10 - Week 13

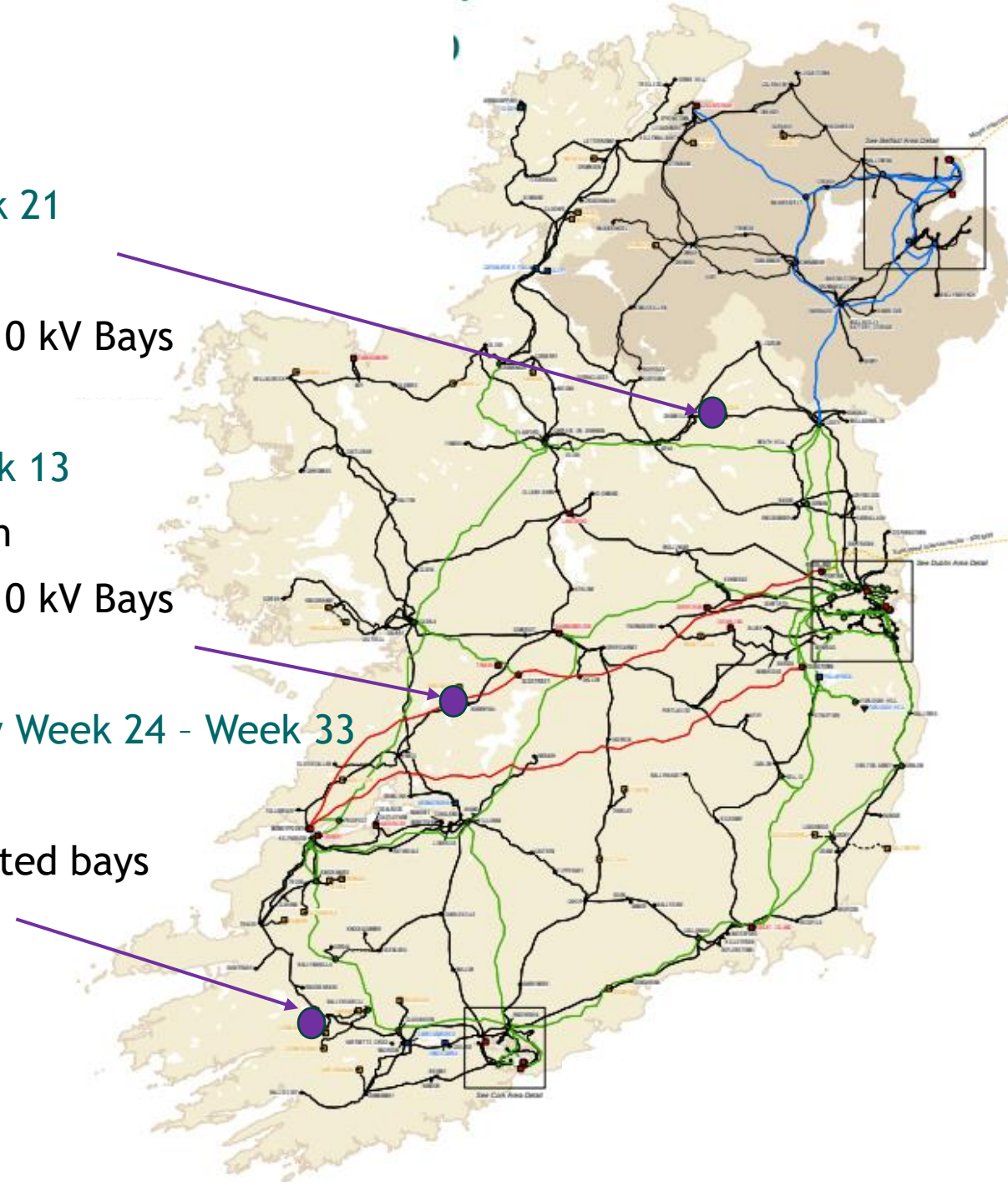
- 4<sup>th</sup> March - 25<sup>th</sup> March

CT replacements on all 110 kV Bays

## Clonkeen, Coomagearlahy Week 24 - Week 33

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> May

CT replacement on impacted bays



# Sprecher & Schuh CB



## Flagford

Carrick on Shannon Flagford 1 ONE 110 kV Circuit

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> June : 40 working days

Relay replacement in Carrick on Shannon

Carrick on Shannon Flagford 2 TWO 110 kV Circuit

30<sup>th</sup> September - 25<sup>th</sup> November : 40 working days

Relay replacement in Carrick on Shannon

## Cashla

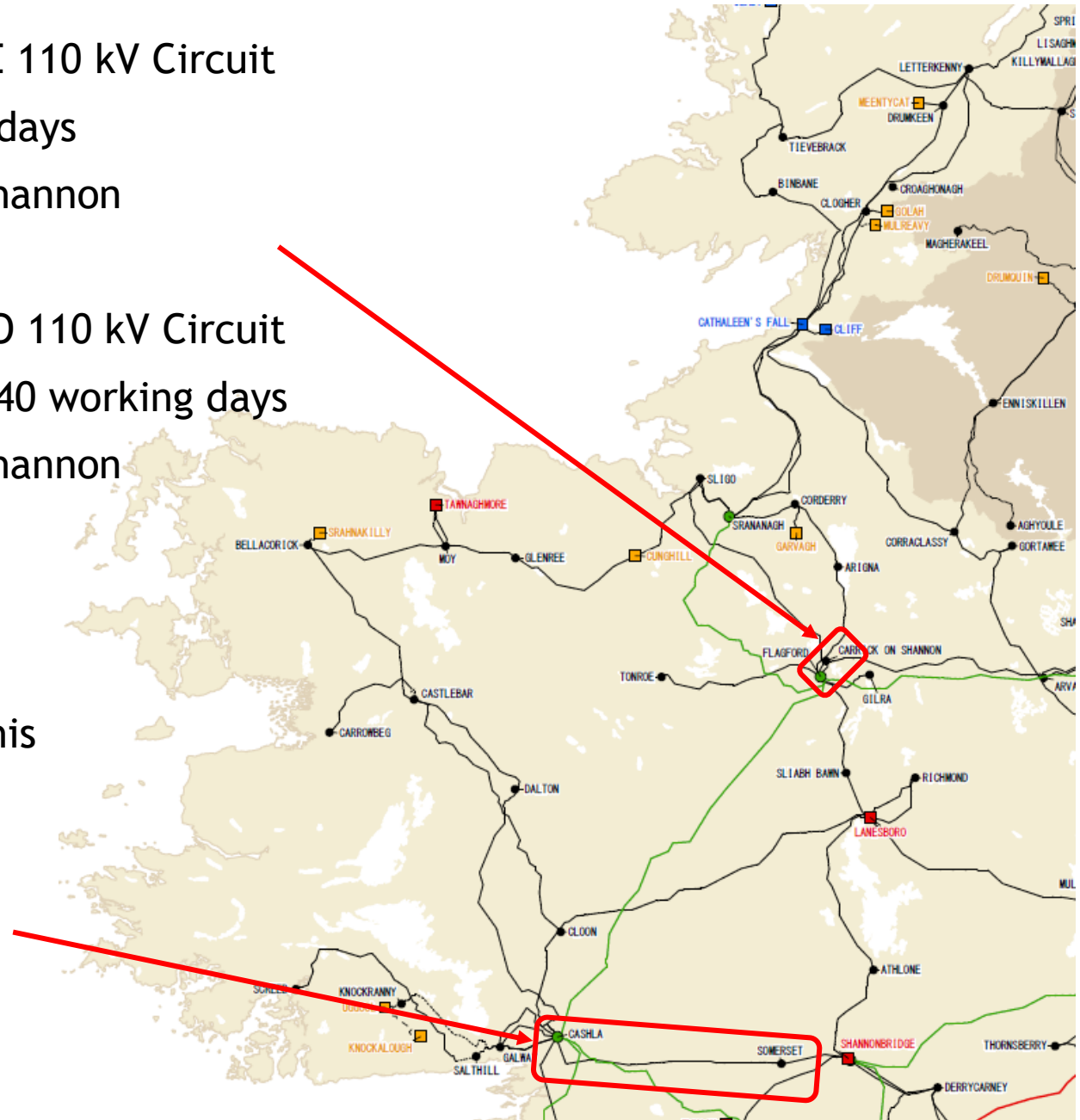
Cashla T2102, both 220 kV & 110 kV CB

2<sup>nd</sup> May - 19<sup>th</sup> July : 55 working days

Relay replacements also to be completed during this outage

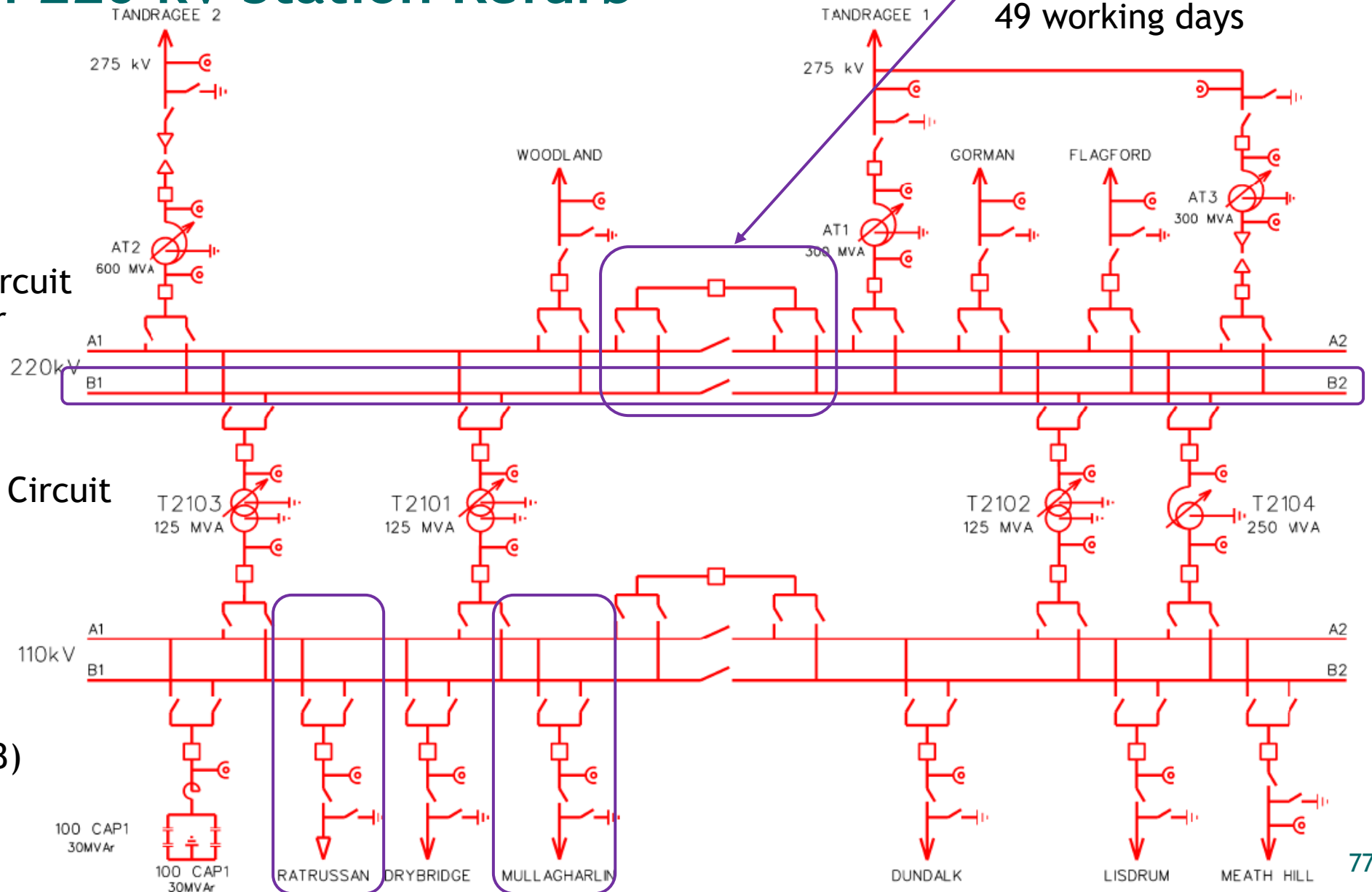
Cashla Shannonbridge Somerset Tee 110 kV Circuit

9<sup>th</sup> September - 13<sup>th</sup> November : 40 working days  
plus days for breaking and remaking tee and EI



# CP0799 Louth 220 kV Station Refurb

26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 8<sup>th</sup> May  
49 working days



Louth Ratrussan 110 kV Circuit  
24<sup>th</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> September  
97 working days

Louth Mullagharlin 110 kV Circuit  
15<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> September  
97 working days

110 kV A1 B1 Half Station  
12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August (week 33)

# Protection Upgrades

- CP1153 Cashla Tynagh 220 kV Circuit, 21<sup>st</sup> June - 23<sup>rd</sup> August : 45 working days \*
- CP1161 Cathaleen's Fall Srananagh 1 ONE 110 kV Circuit, 5<sup>th</sup> June - 30<sup>th</sup> July : 40 working days \*
- CP1114 Platin T101/2/3/4 1<sup>st</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> April : 50 working days
- CP1114 Gallanstown Platin 110 kV Circuit, 7<sup>th</sup> October - 11<sup>th</sup> October : 5 working days
- CP1114 Garballagh Platin 110 kV Circuit , 14<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> October : 5 working days
- CP1114 Oldbridge Platin 110 kV Circuit, 21<sup>st</sup> October - 25<sup>th</sup> October : 5 working days
- CP1159 Cullenagh 220 kV K1-2 and Cullenagh 110 kV K1-2 Couplers, 25<sup>th</sup> September - 20<sup>th</sup> November : 40 working days
- CP1116 Cahir Tipperary 110 kV Circuit, 25<sup>th</sup> September - 20<sup>th</sup> November : 40 working days

# Protection Upgrades

- CP1141 Kellis 220 kV Coupler Protection upgrade, 13<sup>th</sup> May - 8<sup>th</sup> July : 40 working days
- Half Station on both sides to get PI from K1-2 coupler DA1 & DA2
  - 27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May 220 kV A1
  - 4<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> June 220 kV A2
- CP1160 Coolroe 110 kV A1 Busbar, 8<sup>th</sup> April - 12<sup>th</sup> April : 5 working days
- CP1160 Coolroe 110 kV A2 Busbar, 15<sup>th</sup> April - 19<sup>th</sup> April : 5 working days
- CP1160 Inniscarra 110 kV A1 Busbar, 13<sup>th</sup> May - 17<sup>th</sup> May : 5 working days
- CP1160 Coolroe T121, 20<sup>th</sup> May - 22<sup>nd</sup> July :45 working days
- CP1160 Coolroe T122, 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 24<sup>th</sup> September :45 working days
- CP1164 Clashavoon 220 kV K1-2 Coupler, 17<sup>th</sup> July - 28<sup>th</sup> August : 30 working days
- CP1164 Clashavoon Macroom 2 TWO 110 kV Circuit, 16<sup>th</sup> September - 18<sup>th</sup> November : 45 working days

# Protection Upgrades

- CP1152 Arva Shankill 1 ONE 110 kV Circuit, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - 23<sup>rd</sup> April : 50 working days
- CP1109 Navan T141 2<sup>nd</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> May : 40 working days
- CP1109 Gorman Navan 2 TWO 110 kV Circuit, 4<sup>th</sup> June - 29<sup>th</sup> July : 40 working days
- CP1109 Gorman Navan 1 ONE110 kV Circuit, 6<sup>th</sup> August - 30<sup>th</sup> September : 40 working days
- CP1186 Drumline Ennis 110 kV Circuit, 10<sup>th</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> August : 45 Working days
- CP1186 Drumline T141, 12<sup>th</sup> August - 11<sup>th</sup> November : 60 Working days
- CP1227 Cashla T2104, 26<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> May : 45 Working Days
- CP1227 Cashla T2101, 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 23<sup>rd</sup> September : 45 Working Days



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NETWORKS

# Distribution Outage Programme (DOP) Update 2024

EirGrid Outturn Availability Forum

6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

John Whelan

Distribution Outage Programmer, HV Operations, ESB Networks

The **D**istribution **O**utage **P**rogramme (DOP) is a mechanism to capture and align DSO outages with HV Customer outages.

The following outages are included on the DOP:

- Outages of HV Customer plant (where ESBN operators are needed to create PoDs).
- All DSO/TSO outages which force a HV Customer off the system.
- All 110 / 38 kV transformers (for HV planning).
- Selected 110 / MV transformers (for portfolio management).

All communication through – [dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie](mailto:dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie)

Coordinated by John Whelan and supported by the HVSM and the HV Planners.

# System Controllers

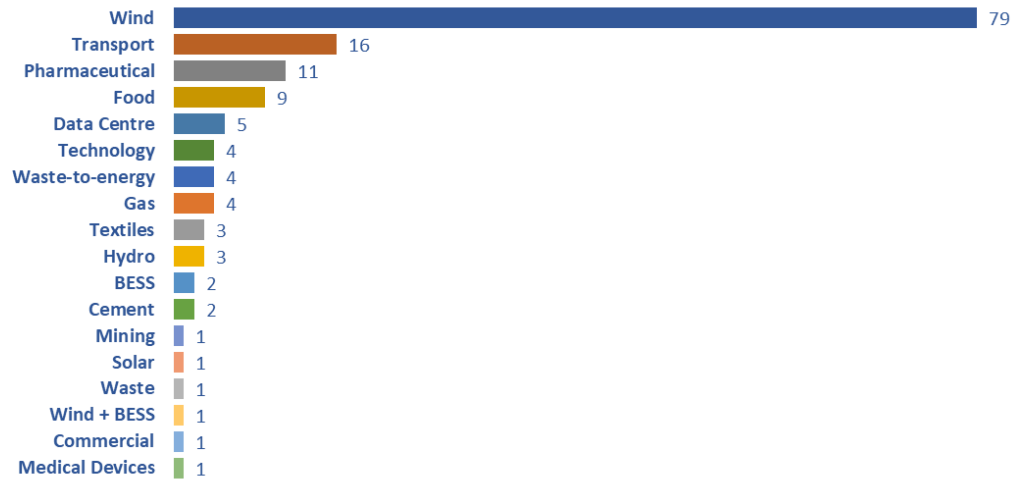
Voltage	System Manager	System Controller	Operator
400 kV	TSO	NCC	NCC / NTs
220 kV	TSO	NCC	NCC / NTs
110 kV	TSO/DSO	NCC / NDCC	NCC / NDCC / NTs
38 kV	DSO	NDCC	NDCC / NTs
MV	CSS	NDCC	NDCC / NTs
LV	CSS	CSS	NTs



# 148 HV DSO Customers

## HV Customer Types

Updated 13/02/24



## Connected Voltages

Updated 13/02/24



# Stakeholders – Owners / Assets Managers / Contractors



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ND *NeoDyne*



ENERGYPRO  
MAXIMISING WINDFARM VALUE



ABO  
WIND



MV MEGA VAR  
ELECTRICAL SERVICES



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# Voluntary Outages (VOs)



Outage Request Form  
[dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie](mailto:dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie)



Operator Available



Align ESB Networks Work



HV Planner Checks for Conflicts



VO is Issued



Control Room Switching Plan

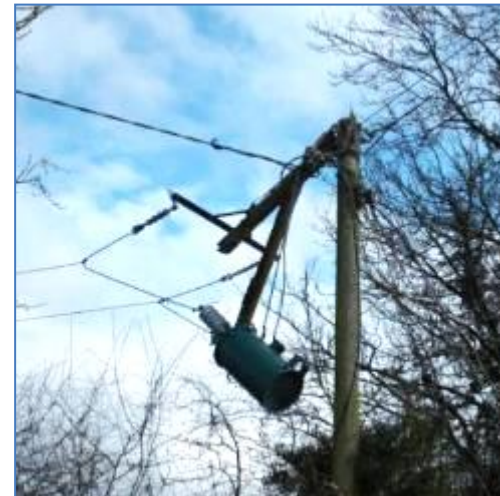
National Distribution Control Centre HV Customer Outage Request Form				
<b>To:</b>	DSO Outage Programme (ESB Networks) <a href="mailto:dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie">dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie</a>			
<b>From:</b>	<INSERT YOUR NAME>			
<b>Date:</b>	<INSERT REQUEST DATE>			
<b>Customer Name:</b>	<INSERT WIND FARM / DEMAND CUSTOMER NAME>			
<b>HV Station:</b>	<INSERT ESB NETWORKS FEEDING HV STATION>			
<b>Subject:</b>	<SAMPLE - T41 OUTAGE>			
<b>Outage Times:</b>	<b>From (time):</b>	<XX:XX>	<b>On (date):</b>	<DD/MM/YYYY>
	<b>To (time):</b>	<XX:XX>	<b>On (date):</b>	<DD/MM/YYYY>
Permission is requested to switch out the following plant:				
1. <SAMPLE 1 (TO BE DELETED) - T41 transformer and associated HV Switchgear>				
2. <SAMPLE 2 (TO BE DELETED) - All HV equipment in substation>				
3.				
4.				
<b>Description of Works:</b>				
<SAMPLE 1 (TO BE DELETED) - Repair of faulty temperature probe on T42 transformer and inspection of associated HV Switchgear>				
<SAMPLE 2 (TO BE DELETED) - Routine preventative maintenance of MV equipment and non-intrusive inspections of HV transformer and HV switchgear. No changes to the system>				
<b>Proof of Disconnection shall be given to:</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Role</b>	
1. <J.Bloggs>	<XXX XXX XXXX>	XXXX@XXX	Operator/PCW	
2. <J.Bloggs>	<XXX XXX XXXX>	XXXX@XXX	Operator/PCW	
<b>DOF Required For Plant:</b>	<YES/NO>	<b>From:</b>	<J.Bloggs>	
<b>Notes:</b>				
Please include as much detail as possible in order for the outage request to be processed without delay.				
This HV Customer outage request form must be sent to <a href="mailto:dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie">dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie</a> at least 14 days before the outage is due to commence.				
All major changes to the customer's HV system must be notified to <a href="mailto:dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie">dsooutageprogramme@esb.ie</a> at least 8 weeks before the outage is due to commence. Major changes to the customer HV system may include:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New HV station equipment (e.g. transformer),</li> <li>• Increased overhead line lengths,</li> <li>• Conductor splicing,</li> <li>• Overhead line undergrounding,</li> <li>• Increase in cable lengths,</li> <li>• New protection.</li> </ul>				

Southern Distribution Control Centre 110/38KV SYSTEM OUTAGE APPROVAL Immediately before switching commences, SDCC must be contacted for permission to proceed with switching				
<b>To:</b>	SDCC	<b>REF NO:</b>	S-2019-0223	
<b>From:</b>	Caomhán O'Brain	<b>Date:</b>	20/03/2019	
<b>Station</b>	<b>Plant Detail</b>	<b>Voltage</b>	<b>Type</b>	
Faudeen	F01 IPP	38KV	Cubicle	
Coolegreen Wind Farm	T421 Customer Transformer	38KV	Other Plant	
<b>From:</b> 08:00	<b>On:</b> 26/03/2019	<b>To:</b> 16:00	<b>On:</b> 26/03/2019	
<b>Purpose of Switching:</b>				
HV Maintenance of 38KV Station.				
<b>Station in Charge:</b>	Faudeen	<b>WBS:</b>	TBC	
<b>Operators will be appointed by:</b>	H and MV Kevin Leen			
<b>Operator in Charge:</b>	Nominee of Kevin Leen			
<b>Proof of Disconnection will be given to:</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Mobile No</b>	<b>Role</b>		
Ciaran Shortt	087 1483462	Customer Operator		
Stephen Karwan	087 1315278	Customer Operator		
<b>Main Earths Shall Be Applied at the Following Points:</b> As per ESNB Safety Rules.				
<b>Availability of Apparatus During this Outage:</b>	N/A			
<b>After Hours Arrangements:</b>	N/A			
<b>Operational Switching:</b>	SDCC to prepare switching plan			
<b>Following handover from SDCC to OIC:</b>	N/A circuit to remain energised from N/A			
<b>Switching for Work:</b>	OIC to prepare switching plan			
<b>Transfer of Load:</b>				
T421 customer transformer to be offloaded per the customer.				
<b>Special Precautions:</b>				
1. Confirm that T421 customer transformer has been offloaded.				
<b>ASC modifications:</b>				
<b>Station</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>DOF Required for:</b>				
<b>DOF Details</b>		<b>From</b>	<b>Number</b>	
T421 customer transformer following maintenance (Note NDCC Control Room must be contacted to complete DOF)		H and MV	DS-2019-0086	
<b>Notes:</b>				
(1) Customer contact details:				
<b>Modification Reason:</b>				
<b>Approved</b>	Caomhán O'Brain HV Operations Planner South			
<b>SDCC Tel:</b>	Cork: *31#0214929956 Limerick: *31#0214929975 Galway: *31#0214929969 Waterford: *31#0214929987 NDCC: *31#012917780			



# Reasons for DSO Outages

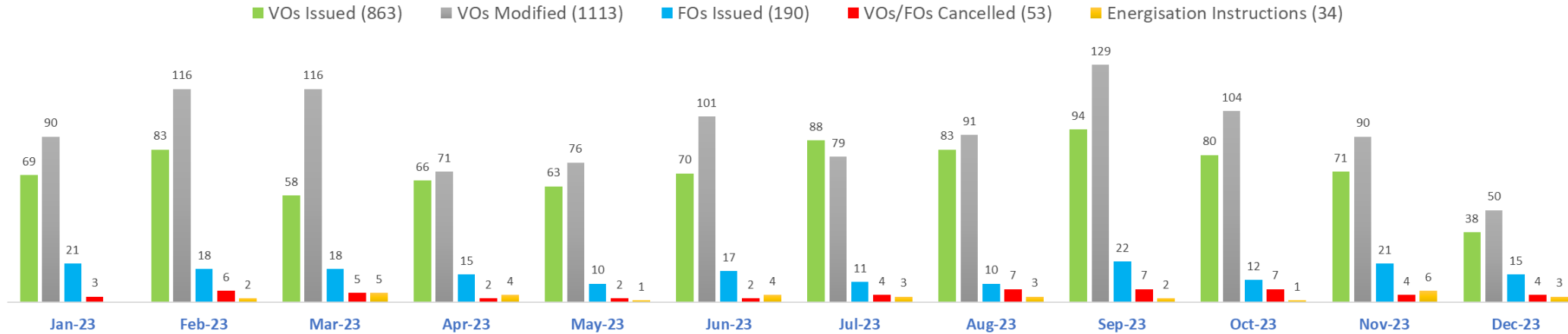
- HV Equipment Maintenance Cycles
- OHL Surveys / Construction Work
- Timber Cutting
- Circuit Diversions
- Equipment Faults
- Asset Replacement Programs
- Storm Damage
- New Connections
- TOP Outages



# DOP Statistics 2023

## VO Statistics - All - 2023 (Total = 2253)

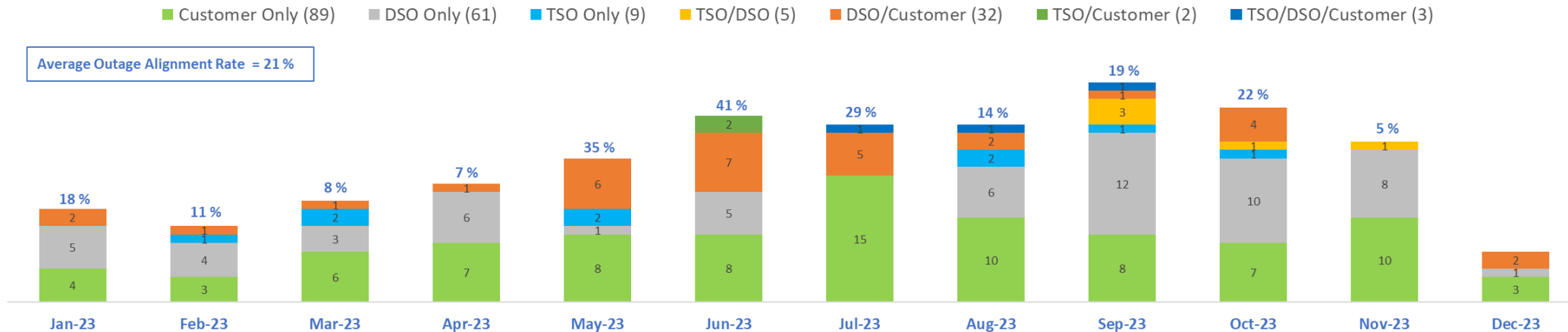
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## VO Statistics - HV Customers Outage Alignment - 2023 (Total = 201)

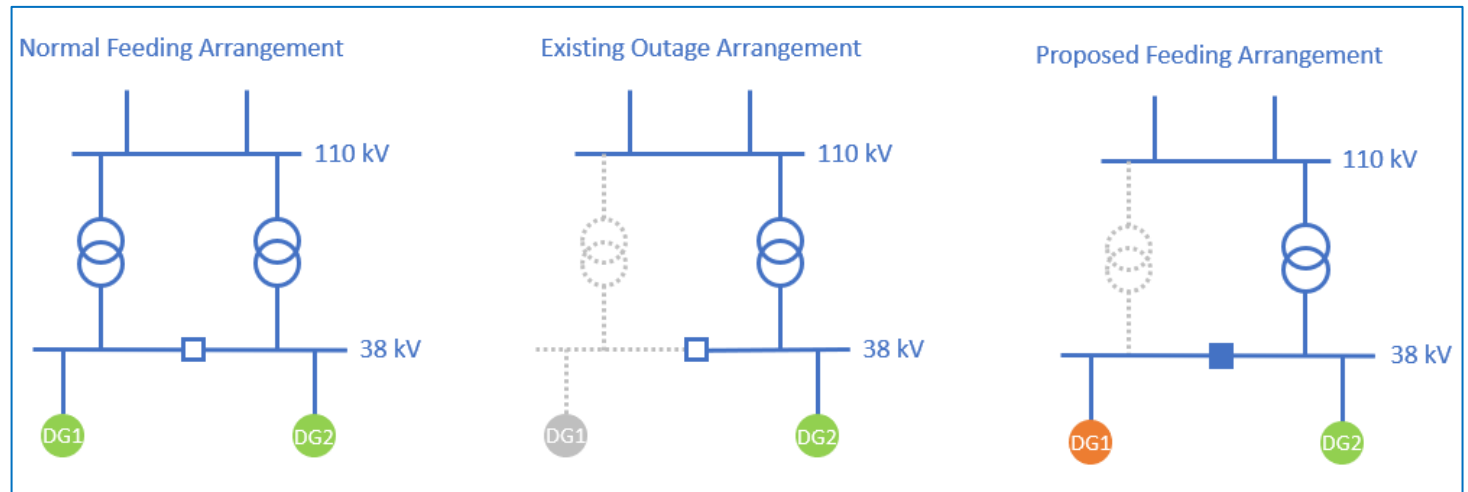
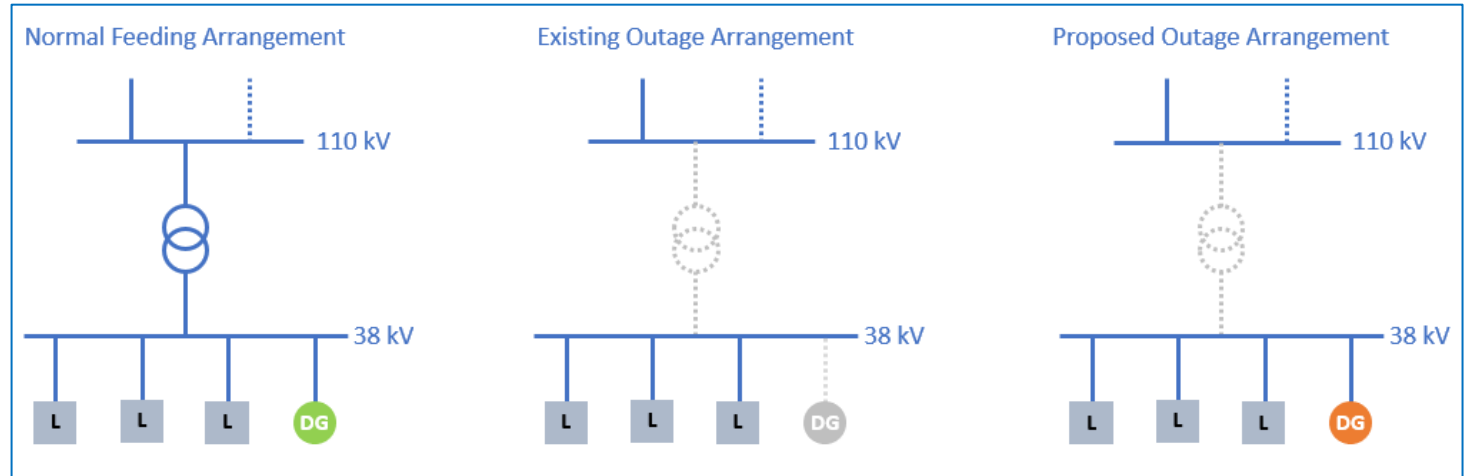
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Average Outage Alignment Rate = 21 %



# Outage Mitigation

- Outage negation
- Outage duration reduction
- Early customer notification
- Keeping IPPs online as demand customers



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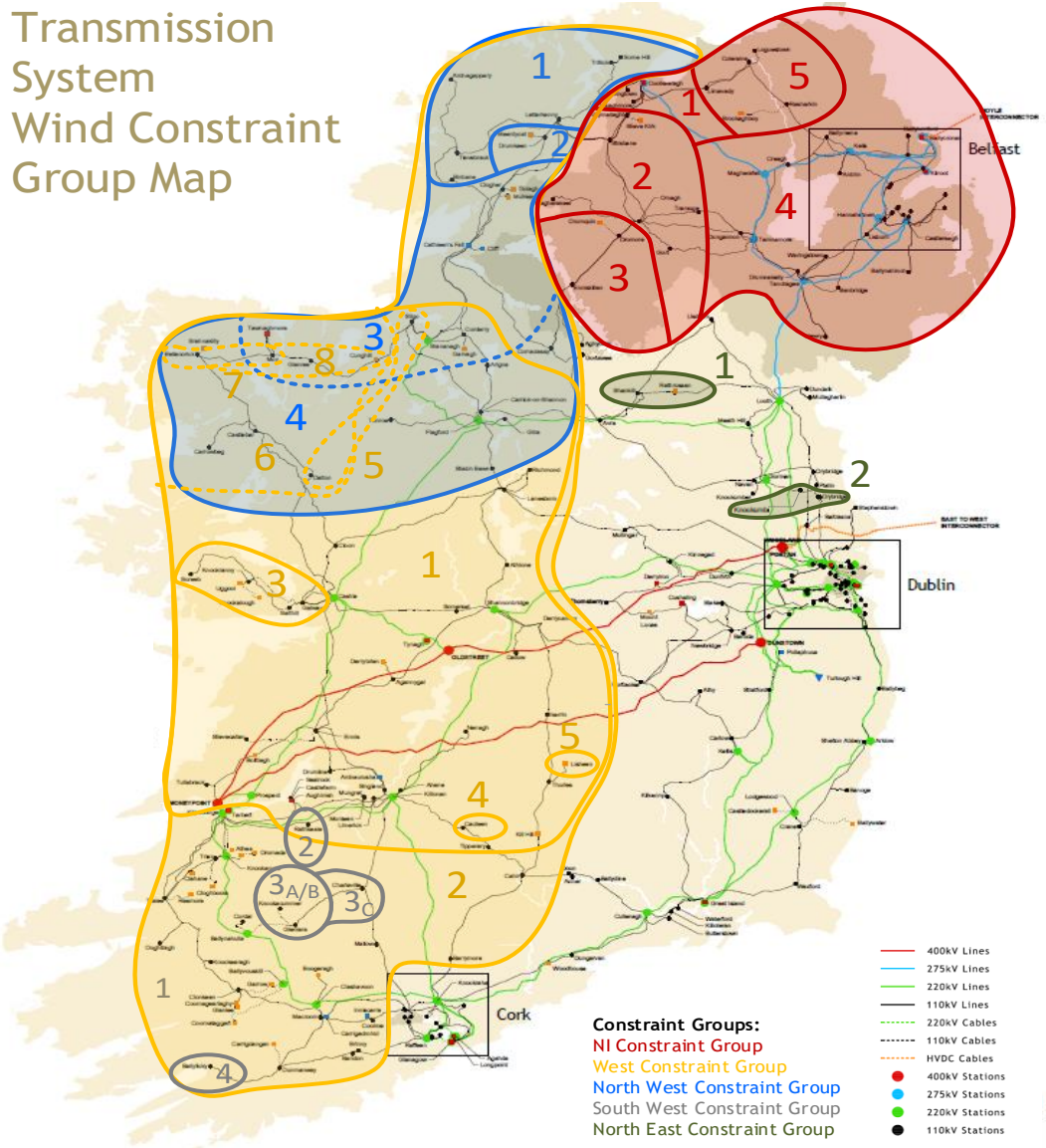


# Ireland Renewable Constraint Groups

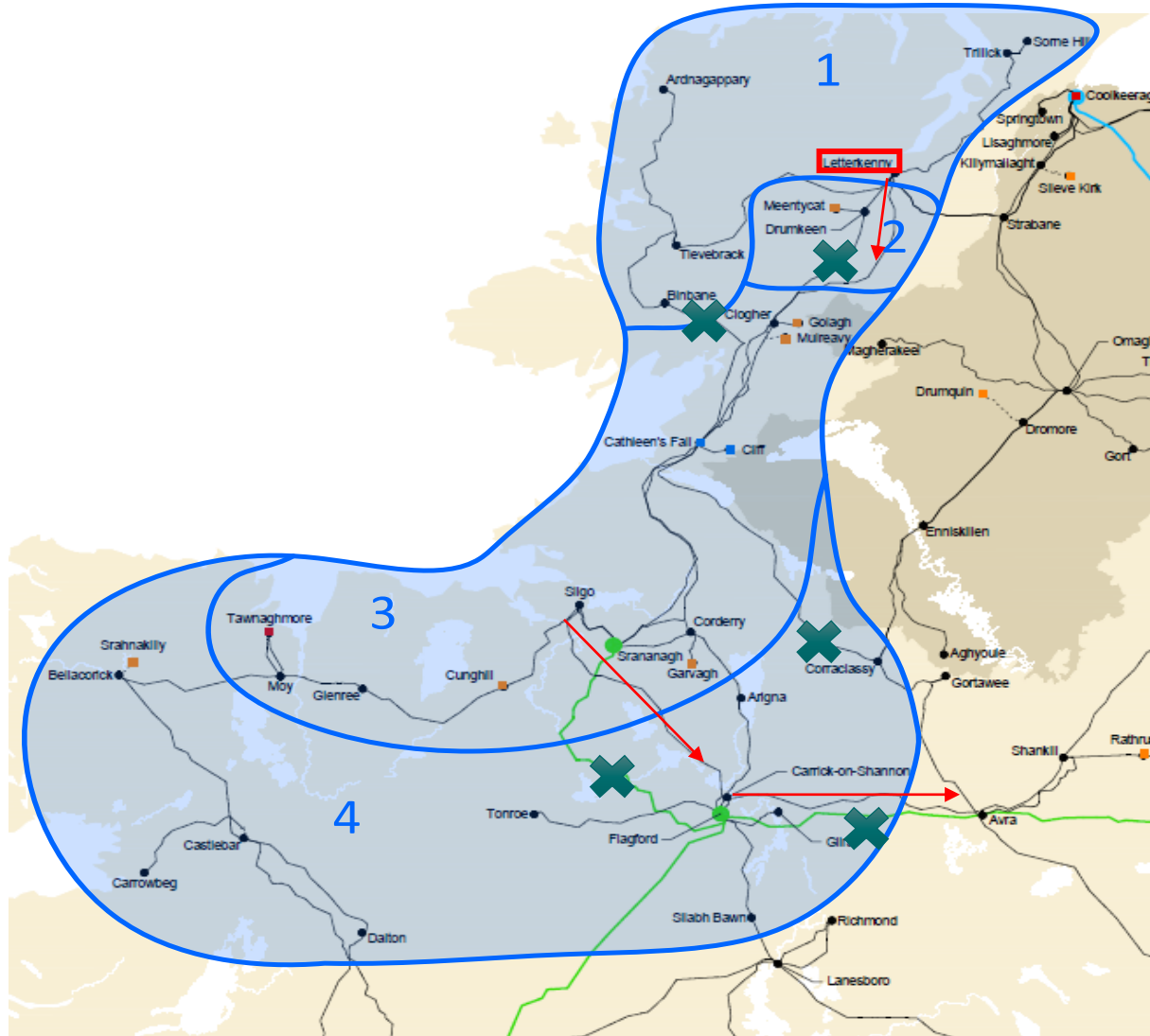


# Renewable Constraint Group Overview

Transmission System  
Wind Constraint  
Group Map



# North-West Constraint Groups





# North West Constraint Group Prevalence

NW CG1: Letterkenny A1 Busbar

New

Moderate

NW CG2: Letterkenny A2 Busbar

New

Moderate

NW CG3: Sligo to Flagford

High

NW CG4: Carrick-On-Shannon to Arva

High

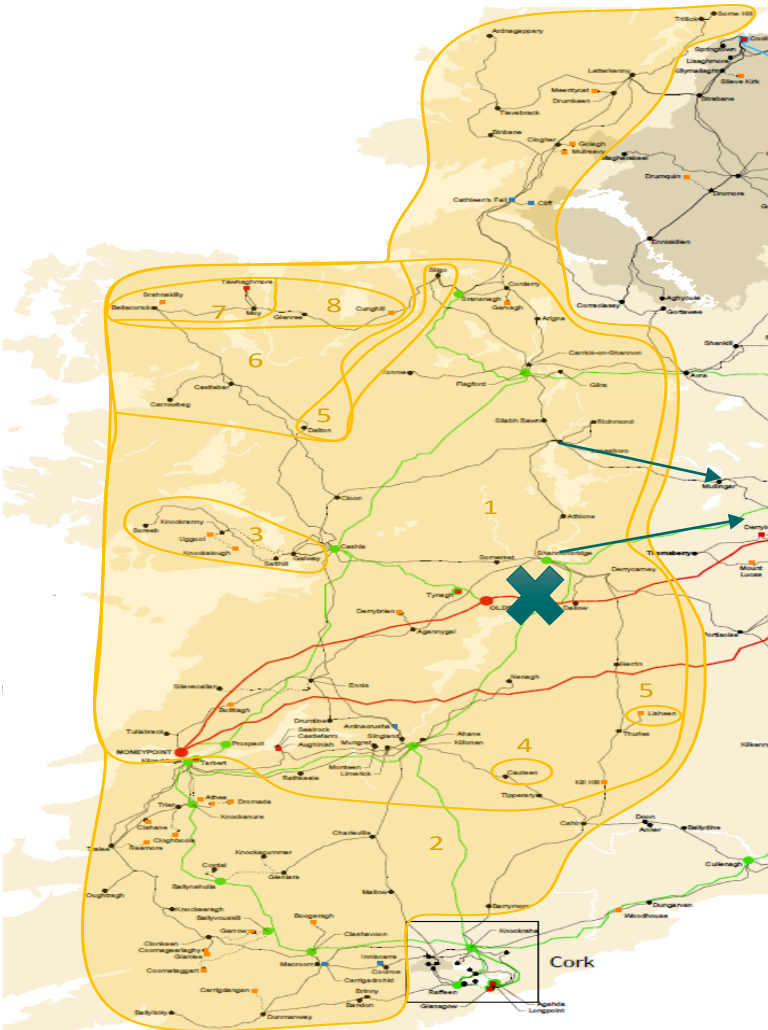
NW CG7: Corderry to Srananagh

New

Zero



# West Constraint Groups (1)



W CG1: Lanesboro to Mullingar  
W CG2: Shannonbridge to Maynooth



Low

Moderate



# West Constraint Groups (2)



W CG3: West Galway **New**

W CG4: Cauteen Voltage Stability

W CG5: Lisheen to Thurles

W CG9: Thurles Voltage Stability **New**

Low

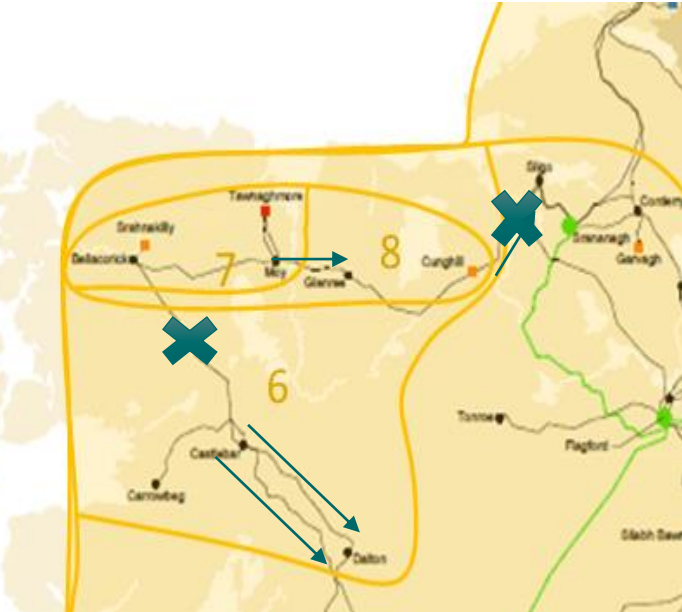
Low

Low

Low



# West Constraint Groups (3)



W CG6: Castlebar to Cloon

New

W CG7: Moy to Glenree

New

W CG8: Cunnihill to Sligo

Moderate

High

High



Low

Low



# South West Constraint Groups

New

SW CG1: Moneypoint T4202

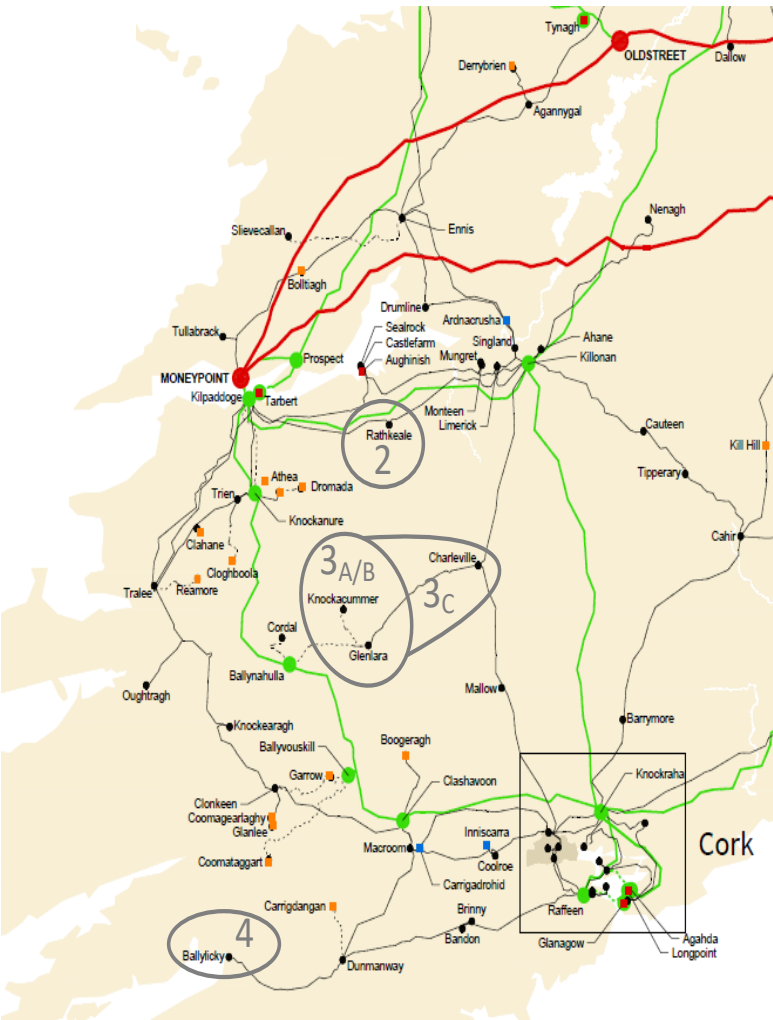
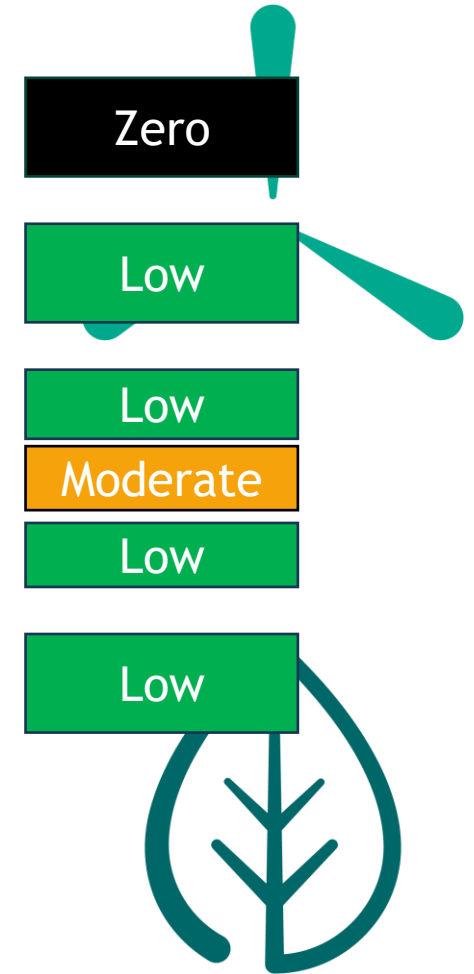
SW CG2: Limerick to Rathkeale

SW CG3a: Glenlara to Ballynahulla

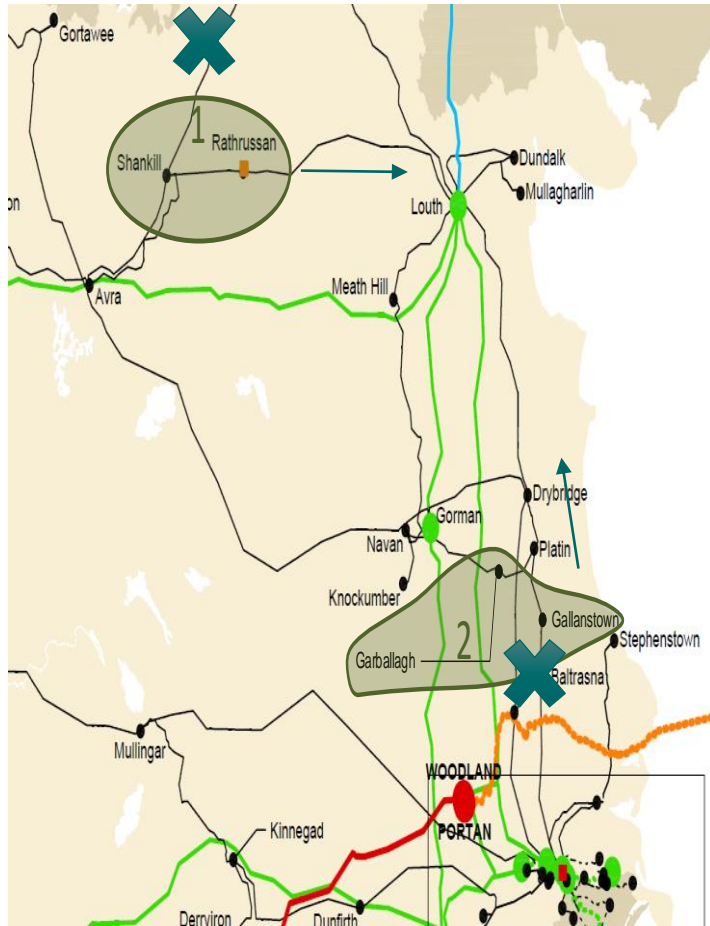
SW CG3b: Glenlara to Charleville

SW CG3c: Charleville to Mallow/Killonan

SW CG4: Ballylickey Voltage Stability



# North East Constraint Groups



New

NE CG1: Rathrussan to Louth

New

NE CG2: Platin to Drybridge

Low

Moderate



# Questions?

# Questions (1 of 3)

Q: Is there a timeframe for the Low Carbon Inertia Services (LCIS) project?

A: The LCIS procurement process is currently underway. We will have a clearer view on delivery dates once the process concludes.



Q: Can the before and after circuit ratings of those circuits being updated be provided?

A:

	Existing (Summer / Winter)	New (Summer / Winter)
Flagford Sliabh Bawn 110 kV	99 / 121 MVA	178 / 209 MVA
Binbane Cathaleen's Fall 110 kV	99 / 121 MVA	134 / 165 MVA
Louth Ratrussan 110 kV	95 / 112 MVA	178 / 209 MVA
Glenree Moy 110 kV	104 / 122 MVA	178 / 209 MVA
Kellystown Woodland 220 kV	434 / 513 MVA	792 / 823 MVA
Crane Wexford 110 kV	135 / 159 MVA	178 / 209 MVA



# Questions (2 of 3)

Q: Can an idea of the renewable constraints associated with the Moneypoint-Dunstown 400 kV outage be provided ?

Two sample cases were investigated. Please note that these cases are a very small sample of possible system conditions. Initially in the cases wind output is distributed evenly across the country. The actual constraints are dependent on a number of variables including but not limited to other outages (known outages on the specific day investigated are included), load, distribution of wind across the country, EWIC flows, North-South flows, interaction with curtailment.

## Peak Case

Load: 4,950 MW; EWIC: 500 MW export; North - South: 0 MW

Approximately 60% (of total MEC) wind output in West & North-West was capable of being exported onto the system

Approximately 80% (of total MEC) wind output in South-West was capable of being exported onto the system

## Valley Case

Load: 3,350 MW; EWIC: 500 MW export; North - South: 0 MW

Approximately 50% (of total MEC) wind output across all regions was capable of being exported onto the system



# Questions (3 of 3)

Q: What is the reason behind the one and a half year delay to the North South 400 kV Interconnector (NSIC) project energisation in the recently published NDP?

A: The energisation dates in the NDP have been consistent across the last three publications on 1 February 2024, 31 October 2023 and 31 July 2023. The Government's independent expert review on the NSIC was published in 2023. This confirmed that the project would proceed as planned and EirGrid started landowner engagement. The date for voluntary signup has now passed. For those landowners who do not sign up voluntarily an application may be made by ESB Networks to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for a compulsory purchase order. Access is required to a certain percentage of the route before construction can start.

