

A young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a yellow hoodie, is loading light blue laundry into a front-loading washing machine. The machine is open, and she is leaning over a pink laundry basket. The background shows other washing machines in a laundromat setting. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, and there are glowing yellow light trails around the girl and the machine.

GB Connections Reform

Appendix 7 – Consultations Questions

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Consultation Questions – Please explain your rationale

Chapter	Question
3. Foundational Design Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do you generally agree with our overall initial positions on each of the foundational design options and key variations? Are there any foundational design options or key variations that we should have also considered?2. Do you agree with our initial view that the current issues with the connections process could potentially be addressed on an enduring basis through other, less radical, and lower risk means than the introduction of capacity auctions?3. Do you agree with our initial view that the reformed connections process should facilitate and enable efficient connection under either a market-based (i.e. locational signals) or 'centralised' deployment approach (or an approach somewhere between the two), but not mandate which approach to follow?
4. Pre-Application Stage	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Do you agree with our initial recommendation that TMA A to TMA C should all be progressed, irrespective of the preferred TMO?5. Do you agree with our initial recommendation on the introduction of a nominal Pre-Application Stage fee, discounted from the application fee for customers which go on to submit an application within a reasonable time period?6. Do you agree with the importance of the TMA A 'Key Data'? Please provide suggestions for any other key data that you suggest we consider publishing at Pre-Application Stage.
5. Key Target Model Add-ons	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Do you agree with our initial recommendation with regard to TMA D (requirements to apply)?8. Do you agree with our initial recommendation with regard to TMA E (determination of enabling works), including that it is right to wait until the impact of the 5-Point Plan is known before forming a view on whether further changes to TMA E are required?9. Do you agree with our initial recommendation with regard to TMA F (criteria for accelerating 'priority' projects)?10. Do you agree with our initial recommendation with regard to TMA G (queue management)?
6. Target Model Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Do you agree these four TMOs present a reasonable range of options to consider for a reformed connections process?12. Do you think any of the four TMOs could be materially improved e.g. by adding, removing or changing a specific aspect of the TMO? If so, what and why?13. Are there any important TMOs we have missed?14. Do you think 'Submit Consent' is too early for Gate 2 in TMO2 to TMO4? If so, what milestone should be used instead and why?

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7. Recommended TMO	15. Do you agree that TMO4 should be the preferred TMO? 16. Do you agree with our design criteria assessment of the four TMOs? If not, what would you change any why? 17. What are your views on the stated benefits and key challenges in relation to TMO4? 18. Do you think that there is a better TMO than TMO4? Whether that be TMO1 to TMO3, as presented, a materially different option, or a refined version of one of the four TMOs we have presented?
8. Key Customer and Technology Type Adjustments	19. Do you agree with our views on DNO Demand in respect of the TMOs 20. Do you have any views on the appropriate mechanism to incentivise accurate forecasting of requirements and avoid more RDC than is necessary being requested by DNOs? 21. Do you agree with our views on the process under which DNOs apply to the ESO on behalf of relevant small and medium EG that impact on or use the transmission system, including that (under TMO4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DNOs should be able to request RDC via application windows to allow them to continue to make offers to EG inter-window; and ii) resulting offers should be for firm access until relevant EG has reached Gate 2 (at which point they can request advancement and an earlier non-firm connection date)? 22. Do you agree that directly connected demand should be included within TMO4 and that the benefits and challenges are broadly similar as for directly connected generation? 23. Do you agree that TMO1 to TMO3 would require a separate offshore process, and that this would result in material disbenefits? 24. Do you agree that TMO4 is the most aligned to the direction of travel for offshore projects? If not, why? 25. Other than the Letter of Authority differences are there any other TMAs which have specific offshore considerations? 26. Do you agree with our views on network competition in the context of connections reform, including that TMO4 is the option which is most aligned with network competition as it includes the most design time at an early stage in the end-to-end process?

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Directly Connected Demand

Offshore

Network Competition

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9. Supplementary Target Model Add-ons	27. Do you agree with our initial recommendation related to each of the TMAs within this chapter? If so, why? If not, what would you change and why?
10. Detailed Design, Implementation and Transitional Arrangements	28. Do you agree with our current views in respect of the implementation period? 29. Do you agree with our current views in respect of transitional arrangements? What are your views on how and when we should transition to TMO4? 30. What further action could Government and/or Ofgem take to support connections reform and reduce connection timescales, including in areas outside of connections process reform?
