



Next Steps in Connections Reform – Our role in the Gate 2 to the Whole Queue Process

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11 am to 12 noon



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Welcome & Housekeeping

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Update on Connections Reform
3. System Planning Overview
4. Supporting our Customers
5. Questions & Answers
6. Looking ahead
7. Close

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Connections Reform: Evidence Submission and Queue Formation

- The Gate 2 evidence window for the Gate 2 to the Whole Queue (G2tWQ) exercise is open, with submission through NESO and DNO's evidence portals. These will close in August (exact date to be confirmed)
- Support is available through the NESO's Evidence Submission Handbook, the FAQs list on the NESO's website, and through their webinars
- NESO is responsible for assessing evidence and for queue formation
- Information as to how NESO will form the connections queue can be found in the published Connections Network Design Methodology (CNDM)
- Our role as a TO will begin once the evidence window closes

Connections Reform Evidence Submission Handbook

A guide for Transmission and Distribution connections

July 2025

Connections Reform Handbook Addendum:

Guidance Updates and Clarifications

July 2025

Top 10 lessons learned

The following topics reflect the most common areas where clarification has been required during the initial DNO Evidence Gathering process.

Customers are strongly encouraged to review these carefully before submitting their Readiness Declaration and associated evidence.

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| 1. | Readiness through Planning route vs Land route | 3 |
| 2. | Project site address (onshore and offshore) | 5 |
| 3. | Installed Capacity and other capacity type definitions | 6 |
| 4. | Original Red Line Boundary | 7 |
| 5. | Original Red Line Boundary, including grid coordinates, for staged projects | 9 |
| 6. | Grid coordinates for projects (not staged) with multiple land parcels | 11 |
| 7. | Total acreage for projects with multiple land parcels or hybrid projects | 12 |
| 8. | Staged projects further information | 13 |
| 9. | Confirmation of land interests – minimum requirements | 14 |
| 10. | Director/Authorised person declaration | 15 |

Connections Reform: our role as a TO in the Gate 2 to the Whole Queue Process



On receipt of details of Gate 2 projects from NESO, TOs will undertake power system studies based on Gate 2 projects



Review and assess applications for advanced connection dates



Issue revised TOCOs to NESO, based on Gate 2 projects



Proactively engage with customers in relation to updated TOCOs, once developed

TOCO - Transmission Owner Construction Offer

Submission of Modification Applications (Mod Apps)

Within the new connections process, Mod Apps are divided into 2 categories:

- Those that need to be submitted during an Application Window ('Gated Modification Applications') and will only be processed during this window and offer run; and
- Those that can be submitted and processed at any time and do not have to wait for an open Application Window ('Non-Gated Modification Applications')
- The NESO has published guidance to help customers understand what type of Modifications fall into the '[Gated Modification Application](#)' category. This is available on the NESO's website
- Mod Apps can be submitted by customers once a signed Gate 2 contract is in place, either through the Gated or Non-Gated route outlined above
- The date of the **first application window** (for Mod Apps and new applications) is expected to be at the end of 2025 (date to be confirmed)

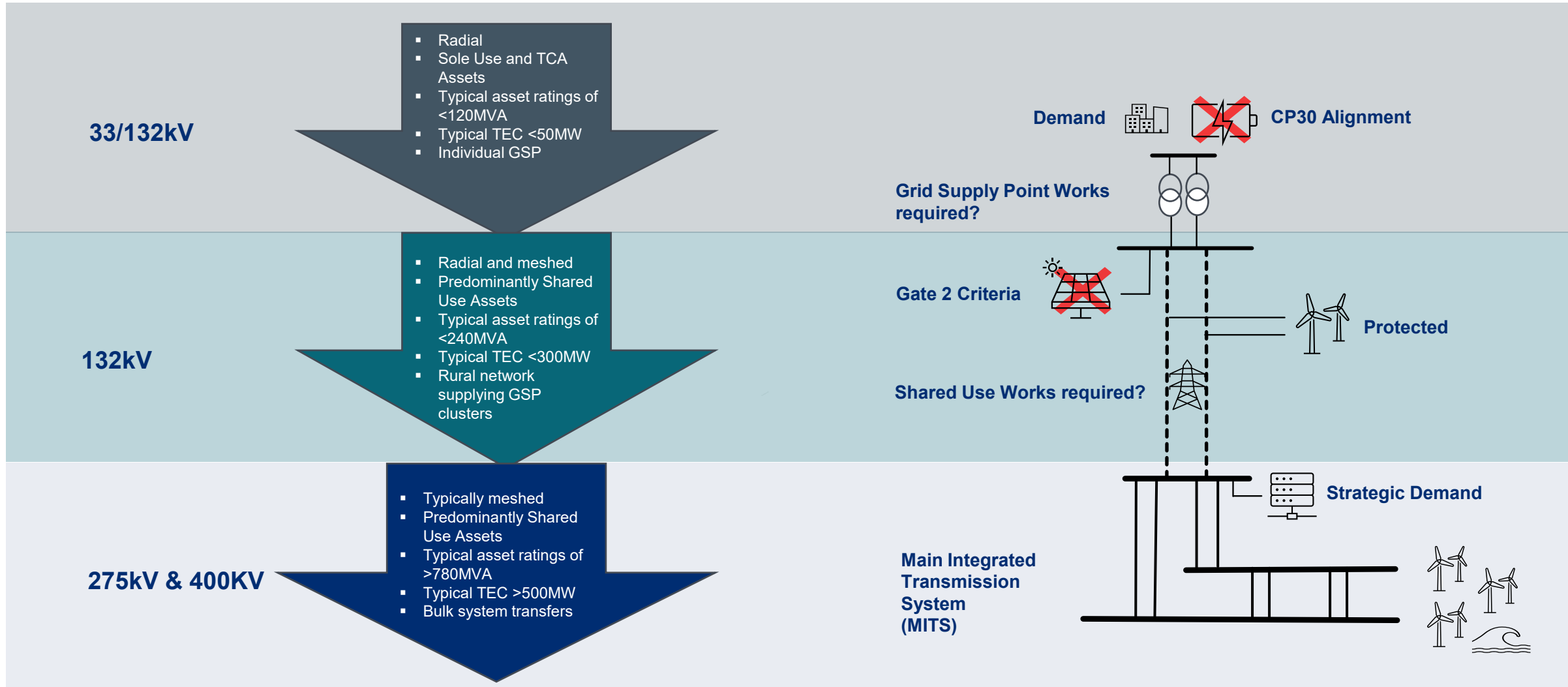




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System Planning Overview



Connection Reform – From Policy to Network Implementation

Connections Network Design
Methodology (CNDM)

CNDM Blocks diagram

Construction Planning
Assumptions (CPA)

Scenario Dispatch

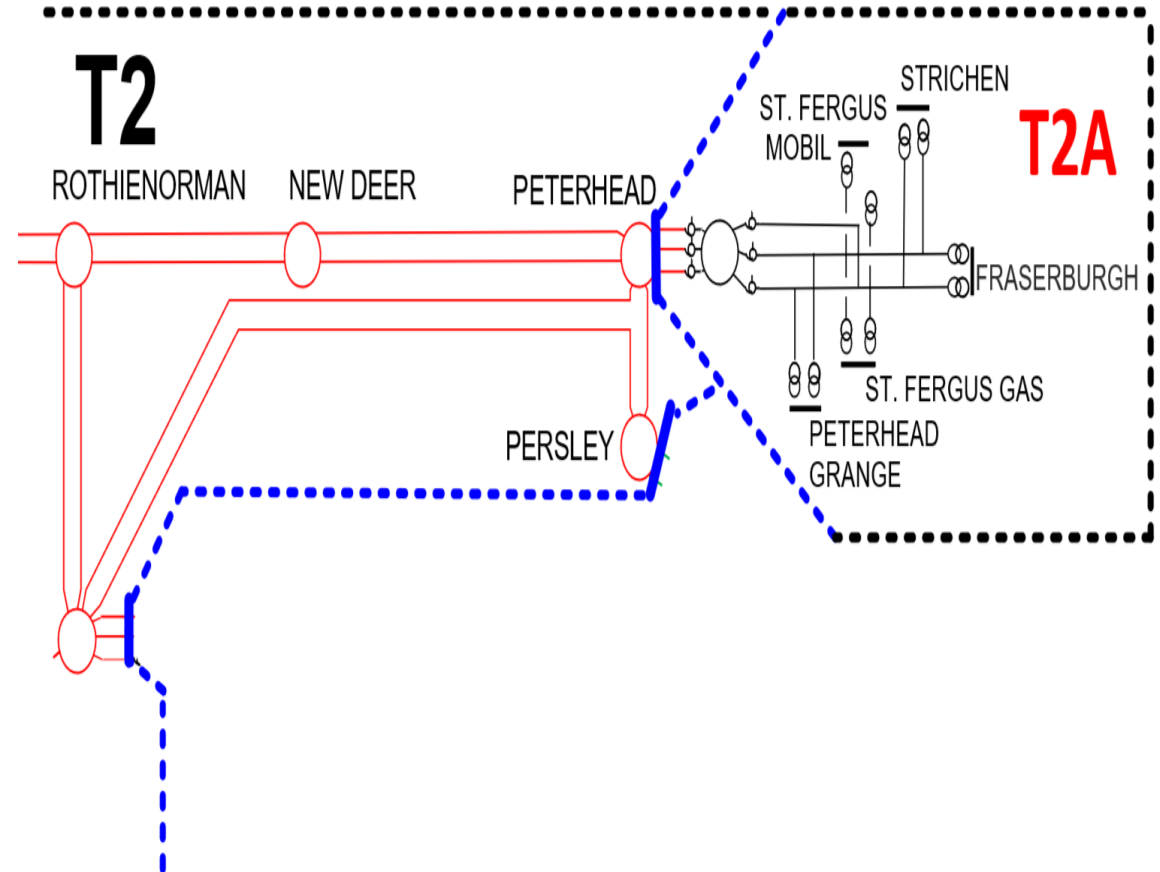
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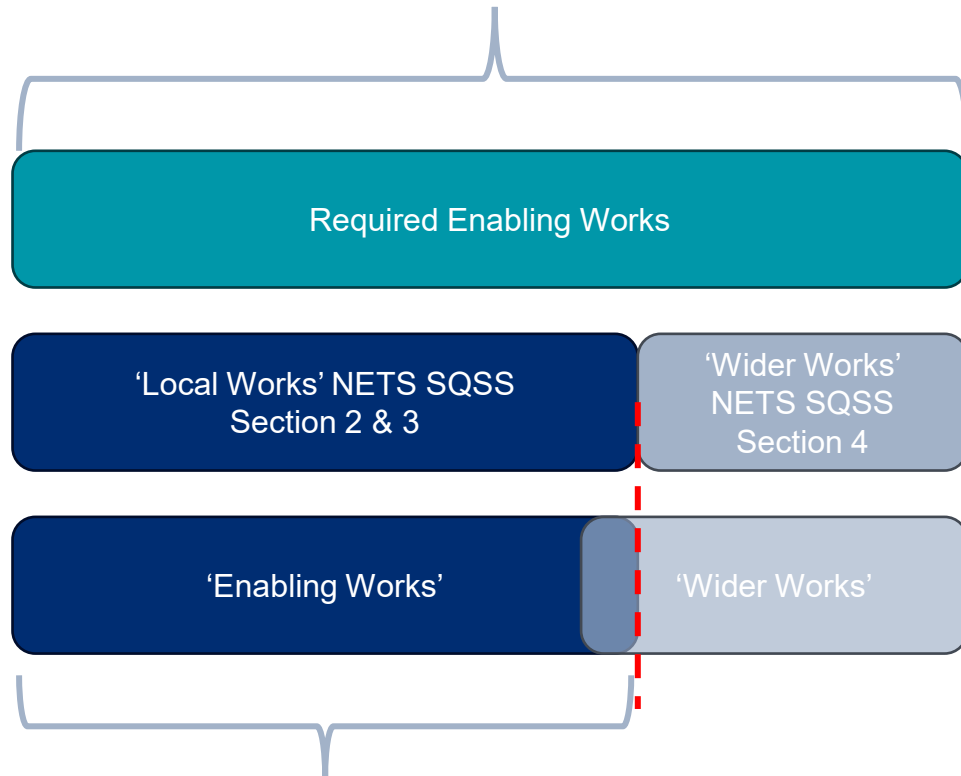
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Works categorisation

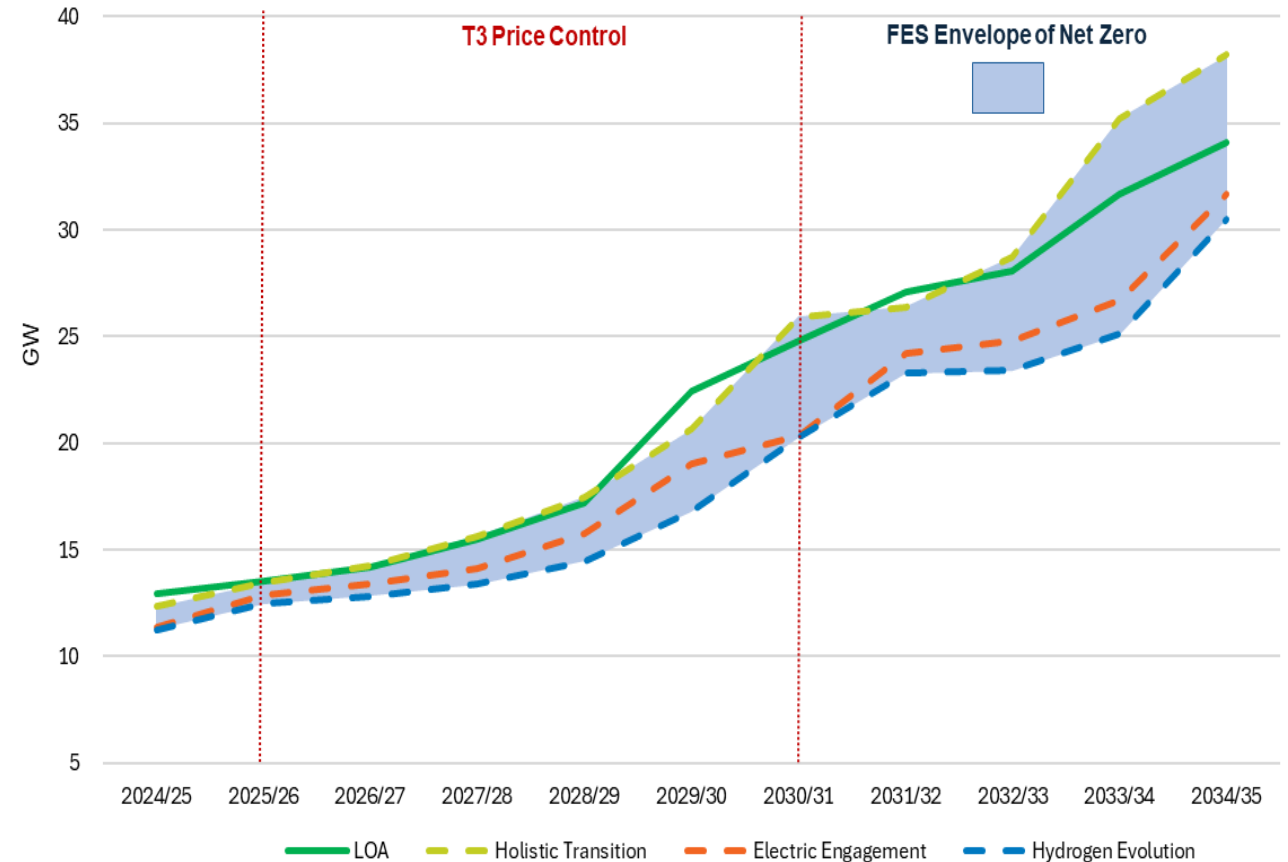


Defining your connection date and alignment with our investment plans

Works required for Full NETS SQSS Compliance



Works required to facilitate your connection





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Customer Connection Journey



G2TWQ Engagement – Offer Information Process (OIP)

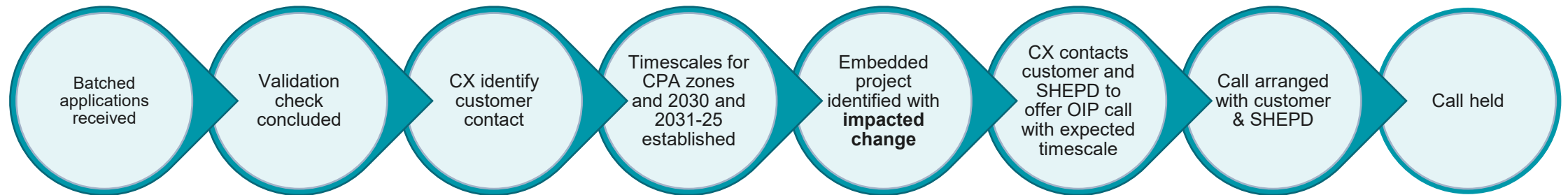
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CX - Customer Experience Department

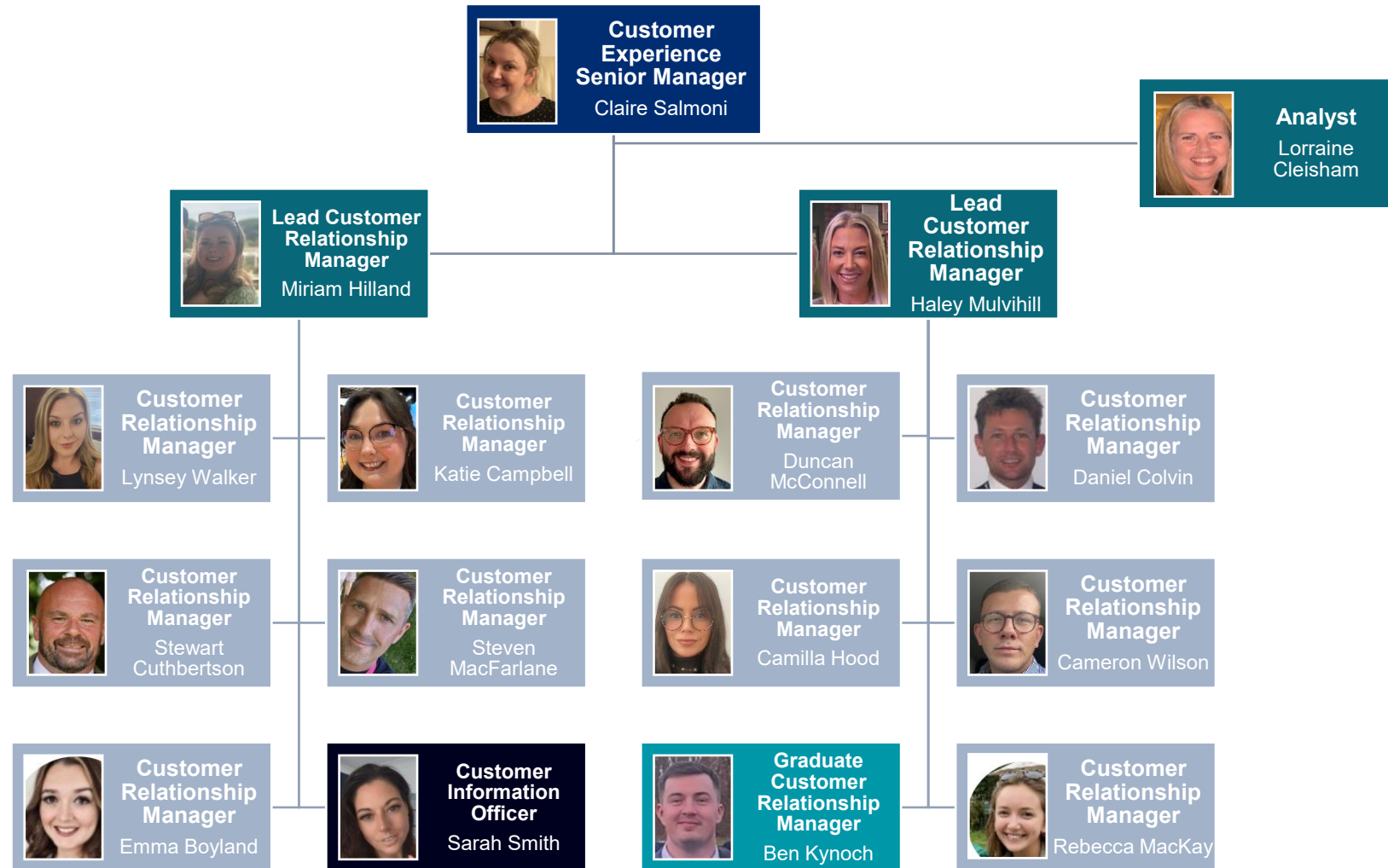
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Embedded Connections



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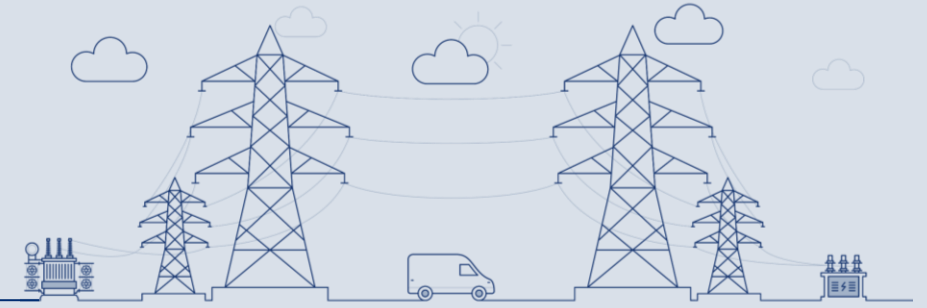


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Useful links to further information

[NESO's
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and
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[NESO's
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[Connections Network
Design Methodology](#)

[Clean Power 30
Action Plan](#)

[Our Customer Connections web pages](#)

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