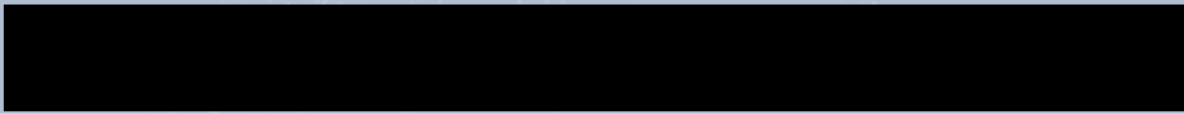


# T3 Load Reopener:



## Eligibility Letter

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## Executive Summary

This Eligibility Letter, under Special Licence Condition (SpC) 3.18 within our Transmission Licence, sets out our request for Ofgem approval of the needs case and preferred option for the [REDACTED] and to set a PCD covering Pre-Construction Funding by amending SpC 3.15. In support of the project, SSEN Transmission (SSENT) is requesting an additional PCF allowance of [REDACTED] under SpC 3.15. The estimated project cost is [REDACTED]<sup>1</sup>.

Without approval of the need and preferred option, and the subsequent release of Pre-Construction Funding, we are unable to progress this project or deliver the connection works required to connect [REDACTED] to the transmission network.

[REDACTED], developed by [REDACTED], will receive a Gate 2 offer for [REDACTED]. The project is located 7 km from the existing [REDACTED] 275 kV substation and has a connection date of June 2030. [REDACTED]

Following robust optioneering and technical assessment, our preferred solution satisfies the NETS SQSS and all relevant technical requirements, while ensuring the contracted generation can be connected by the required connection date.

The proposed solution comprises an extension of the existing [REDACTED] 275 kV AIS double busbar to create one new 275 kV AIS bay [REDACTED] and a 7.5 km underground cable (UGC) circuit back to [REDACTED]. Further detail on the scope and optioneering assessment is provided in the letter, with a single line diagram (SLD) included in Appendix B.

The shared-use element of this project is classified as a Pre-Approval of Solution by Engineering (PASE) variant, as the solution extends an existing AIS double busbar while utilising the existing 275 kV substation infrastructure. The sole-use element is also classified as a PASE variant due to the UGC solution; however, the UGC cost is being covered by the customer as part of the one-off works costs.

Our proposed solution reflects constraints at the legacy 275 kV substation and the customer's preference for a UGC solution. We note that the substation extension is also required to facilitate stability investments that are being submitted separately to Ofgem as part of our [REDACTED] Project.

The need is clear and the option is justified; therefore, the project should be placed in Track 2. We ask that Ofgem:

- Confirm eligibility for the LR
- Confirm Track 2 pathway for regulatory funding, progressing straight to Project Assessment
- Amend SpC 3.15 Pre-Construction Funding in line with the Final Determination decision of 8.2% PCF

<sup>1</sup> 23/24 prices

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- Confirm that an ITA and ODI will not apply.

This submission is made in accordance with SpC 3.15 (“Pre-Construction Funding Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable”) and SpC 3.18 (“Load Reopener and Price Control Deliverable”) of SSENT’s Licence. The content within this submission is aligned to the requirements in Ofgem’s “Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document Version 4” (dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025).

We are applying to Ofgem for a direction to amend the outputs and associated allowances in Appendix 2 of SpC 3.15 of our Licence. This is permissible in respect of new Load Re-opener Outputs. SSENT may apply to the Authority for a direction amending the outputs, delivery dates, or associated allowances by submitting an Eligibility Letter for the relevant Load Re-opener as set out in Part D of Special Condition 3.18 Load Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable (LRt).