



# **Significant Changes Guidance**

Work-in-Progress as at 21 June 2024

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The list on the next slide is provided as a guide to when in scope developers should expect to await/follow the primary process in TMO4+. It is not an exhaustive list, and it is intended to be further developed to support the interpretation of the codified concept of significant changes.

To interpret the next slide:

*Where something is ‘Potentially Significant’ then in certain circumstances it will be in scope of the primary process (and in other cases it will not be in scope).*

*Where something is ‘N/A’ there is no need for and/or possibility of such a change at that stage of the process.*

*Where something is ‘Not Significant’, it may remain important but another aspect of TMO4+ or an existing year-round secondary process will manage these change requests.*

*Where something is ‘Potentially Significant’, ‘Not Significant’ or ‘N/A’, further explanatory information may also be provided on the slide which follows the next one.*

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Item	Change to Signed Gate 1 Contract (via a Gate 1 Process)	Gate 1 Contract Changes (as part of a Gate 2 Application)	Change to Signed Gate 2 Contract (via a Gate 2 Process, unless stated otherwise)	Change to Connected Capacity (via a Gate 2 Process, unless stated otherwise)
Transmission Entry Capacity Increase (or other generation capacity increase)	Significant	Not Allowed via Gate 2 Application	Significant (And the additional capacity must be Gate 1)	Significant (And the additional capacity must be Gate 1)
Transmission Entry Capacity Reduction (or other generation capacity reduction)	TBC	TBC	Not Significant (1)	Not Significant (1)
Demand Capacity Increase (Directly Connected Demand)	Significant	Not Allowed via Gate 2 Application	Significant (And the additional capacity must be Gate 1)	Significant (And the additional capacity must be Gate 1)
Demand Capacity Reduction (Directly Connected Demand)	TBC	TBC	Not Significant (1)	Not Significant (1)
Connection Entry Capacity Increase	Significant	Not Allowed via Gate 2 Application	Significant (And the additional capacity must be Gate 1)	Significant (And the additional capacity must be Gate 1)
Connection Entry Capacity Reduction	TBC	TBC	Not Significant (1)	Not Significant (1)
Partial or Full Technology Type Change (e.g. Onshore Wind to Solar)	Potentially Significant (2)	Only Allowed via Gate 2 Application if Not Significant (2)	Potentially Significant (2)	N/A
Project Location Change	Potentially Significant (3)	Only Allowed via Gate 2 Application if Not Significant (3)	Not Significant (4)	N/A
Requesting a Different Preferred Connection Point to Originally Requested	N/A	Allowed via Gate 2 Application	N/A	N/A
Requesting a Connection Date Earlier Than Originally Requested	N/A	Allowed via Gate 2 Application	N/A	N/A
Requesting a Connection Date Later Than Originally Requested	N/A	Allowed via Gate 2 Application	N/A	N/A
Contracted Connection Date Advancement Request	N/A	N/A	Not Significant (5)	N/A
Contracted Connection Date Delay Request	N/A	N/A	Not Significant (6)	N/A
Re-Planting	N/A	N/A	N/A	Potentially Significant (7)

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- (1) Capacity reductions after Gate 2 are governed by existing User Commitment / Final Sums arrangements and capacity reduction policies and processes.
- (2) Where there is (or is the potential of) a material impact on the transmission system and/or other users of the transmission system this would be considered a significant change.
- (3) Reasonable changes to the project site location due to normal project development are not significant. A fundamental change to the location of the project would be significant e.g. if it is in a completely different location for a reason unrelated to normal project development.
- (4) Changes to project location after Gate 2 are to be governed by the proposed Gate 2 arrangements e.g. red line boundary change restrictions, etc.
- (5) Advancement requests to connection dates after Gate 2 are to be governed by the (out of scope) capacity reallocation process. However, note the potential for this process to potentially be aligned with the Gate 2 process.
- (6) Delay requests to connection dates after Gate 2 are to be governed by the (proposed to be amended by TMO4+) Queue Management arrangements.
- (7) Where there is (or is the potential of) a material impact on the transmission system and/or other users of the transmission system this would be considered a significant change.

## **Other Notable Points**

- Small and Medium Embedded Generation that wants a BEGA with the ESO must follow the primary process to request/obtain a BEGA and their request must match what is contracted with the DNO/IDNO.
- Contract novations, contract terminations and contract notices are not significant changes. Other contract interactions that do not require any system studies and are more administrative in nature are not significant and can also take place outside of the primary process e.g. supplier use of system agreements, etc.
- Subject to contract and project structure it will be possible for different technologies and/or different stages to progress at different development timescales. The approach to significant changes will therefore need to consider any discreet contractual stages of a project, as well as the project as a whole.