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Dear requester

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 5 November 2024. Your request has been passed to the Information Rights Team to consider under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

**Request**

You asked us for:

*The amount of constraints payments, made to CWP Ltd during the past ten years.*

**Our response**

The National Grid Electricity System Operator was part of the National Grid PLC group of companies until 30 September 2024 and was not subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

On 1 October 2024 we became the National Energy System Operator (NESO) under government ownership (the Independent System Operator and Planner as designated in the Energy Act 2023).

Regulation 14 of the [Energy Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2024 \(SI 2024/706\)](#) amended Part 6 of Schedule 1 (other public bodies and offices: general) of the FOIA, inserting the following:

“The Independent System Operator and Planner designated in accordance with section 162 of the Energy Act 2023 in respect of information held by it as a result of the exercise of its functions under, or as a consequence of, that Act.”.

The FOIA does not apply retrospectively to information that was held by the National Grid Electricity System Operator prior to 1 October 2024. As your request is for information relating to the past ten years NESO is not required to respond to your request for information.

### **Advice and assistance**

We can conduct searches for information held by NESO relating to any constraints payments made to CWP Ltd since 1 October 2024. Please confirm if you would be interested in recorded information from that date to the present.

### **Next steps**

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints). Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team

National Energy System Operator (NESO)