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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 29 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:

Where do the constraint payments paid to wind farms materialise at the consumer's end? Is it in the standing charge as part of network costs, specifically the Balancing Services Use of Systems (BSUoS)?

Our response

We can confirm that we hold information that meets the scope of your request.

Information on balancing the grid can be accessed here: [How do we balance the grid? | National Energy System Operator](#).

Information on constraints payments, one of the ways in which the grid is balanced, is available here: [What are constraints payments? | National Energy System Operator](#).

Further information on balancing costs can be found here: [Balancing costs | National Energy System Operator](#). The Balancing Costs FAQ sheet includes information on who pays for balancing costs and the impact on consumers' energy bills: [FAQ - Balancing Costs](#).

This concludes our response to your Freedom of Information request.

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. 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

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