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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 23 January 2025. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

In relation to the National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) '[Technical Report on the events of 9 August 2019](#)' you asked us:

'...We are very interested in the characteristics of the frequency of each node of the UK grid over time during the accident, but I cannot get more information about the spatial and temporal distribution characteristics of the grid frequency in the blackout accident from your report... there is only one picture of frequency change over time as shown in the appendix. Also, they don't tell me from which node measurement the image was taken from.

I would appreciate it if your team are glad to share more information about the frequency changes at different nodes of the UK grid during the accident.'

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 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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.

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

Further information about the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) is available here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#).

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

National Energy System Operator (NESO)