

**Respondent Details**

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No.	Question	Your response	Consent to Publish Response (Y/N)
Q1	How would you define 'contestability'?	The ability for companies other than NIE to build the works required for the connection from a new generation facility to the NIE network.	y
Q2	What do you see as the main benefits of introducing contestability in new connections: A) To the consumer? B) To your company?	A) faster delivery of renewable energy. B) More control over connections including faster connections and cheaper connections.	y
Q3	What is the nature of your company's business?	Develop, own and operate sub 250kW wind turbines	y
Q4	What is your role in making new connections to the electricity network... A) At present? B) In the future?	A) Advisor; B) Advisor	y
Q5	What past experience do you have in making new connections to the electricity network... A) in Northern Ireland? B) or elsewhere? (Please state location)	A) WindNI have made applications for over 60 connections; B) I have been involved in numerous connections in Scotland, England and Wales under competition in connection rules. The same rules would be suitable for NI	y
Q6	What type of connections are you interested in?	150kW to 250kW connection of single wind turbines.	y
Q7	Should contestability be applied to: A) Transmission and distribution connections? B) Onshore and offshore connections?	A) Yes; B) Yes	y
Q8	To what extent should different rules apply to Transmission Network Operators and Distribution System Operators?	Only where system security is a material issue	y
Q9	To what extent should different rules apply to offshore connections and onshore connections?	No difference	y

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Q10	What industry codes would require updating to facilitate contestable connections?	T&D codes	y
Q11	What works should be deemed as non-contestable?	The physical connection to NIE's network; work on NIE's system	y
Q12	How should operations and maintenance be managed during the lifetime of a contestable asset?	Works should be adopted by NIE and O&M's recovered through general use of system charges	y
Q13	Should different degrees of contestability be introduced for each connection type?	Only where system security is a material issue	y
Q14	What are the barriers to introducing contestable connections?	Regulatory and beaurocratic	y
Q15	What is the current impact of not having contestability in the connections market?	slow connections, limited visibility on progress, costs and specifications not challenged	y
Q16	What is your view of best practice in regard to contestable connections?	Rest of UK practice	y
Q17	What type of arrangements would achieve the right balance between contestable and non-contestable works?	Rest of UK practice	y
Q18	What problems could arise from the introduction of contestability?	Already understood and managed from rest of UK practice.	y

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Q19	How much of a factor is the cost/timing of a new connection in regards to setting up a business/generator?	Very important. The slowness in delivering connections is the chief brake on our business.	y

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I1-2	How often does this issue arise?		
I1-3	Where does the issue arise?		
I1-4	What more could be done to deal with the issue?		
I1-5	Why can't the issue be dealt with or what are the barriers to implementing change?		
I1-6	How has delivery of your connection been affected by this issue?		

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I2-1	Describe your issue		
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I2-3	Where does the issue arise?		
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I2-6	How has delivery of your connection been affected by this issue?		

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I3-2	How often does this issue arise?		
I3-3	Where does the issue arise?		
I3-4	What more could be done to deal with the issue?		
I3-5	Why can't the issue be dealt with or what are the barriers to implementing change?		
I3-6	How has delivery of your connection been affected by this issue?		