

To: distribution network and
system operators, flexibility
providers, generators and other
interested parties

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Dear Stakeholders,

Formal Approval of Extension (Derogation) for Capacity Heatmap Publication into the Long Term Development Statement (LTDS).

Our open letter published¹ on 25 November 2024 (the Extension (Derogation) Letter) confirmed and formally approved the Distribution Network Operators' (DNOs) request for a one-year extension of the deadlines contained within Table 7 of the Form of Long Term Development Statement (FoS) of the Common Information Model (CIM) stages 1.3, 2 and 3. However, it omitted to confirm that the DNOs' request to extend the deadline for the publication of the Capacity Heatmap data (the standardised Capacity Heatmap)² addressed in section 9.1 of the LTDS³ had also been approved.

The reasons set out in the Extension (Derogation) Letter apply to extending the deadline for the publication of the standardised Capacity Heatmap and to the DNOs proposal for provision of draft outputs. The standardised Capacity Heatmap relies on data from the completed Equipment (EQ) profile to meet the CIM LTDS standard. For that reason, we will maintain the six month period between the publication of the EQ profile and the deadline for publication of the standardised Capacity Heatmap. Accordingly, we have extended the deadline stated in Section 9.1 of the FoS for publication of the standardised Capacity Heatmap to 29 May 2026 instead of 1 May 2025. We also approve the DNOs proposal that the deadline is 15 April 2026 for draft outputs to be provided.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ [LTDS CIM Extension \(Derogation\) Letter – 25/11/2024](#)

² [Appendix 3 of the LTDS CIM Extension \(Derogation\) Letter – 25/11/2024.](#)

³ [Form of Long Term Development Statement](#)