



# **Transmission Development Plan for Northern Ireland 2023-32**

**Update Notice**

**22 January 2025**



## INTRODUCTION

This Update Notice is intended to provide further information on the Transmission Development Plan 2023-2032 (TDPNI) since the study period freeze date.

Due to timescales for regulatory approval and the conditions of SONI's Licence, this updated information was unable to be incorporated directly into this iteration of the TDPNI (2023-2032). The freeze date for the study period, which forms the basis of the information and timescales contained within this TDPNI, was 1 May 2023.

Given the considerable time that has lapsed since this freeze date, further information and assessments mean the timescales associated with some projects may be subject to change.

## UPDATE NOTICE

Since the study period freeze date, SONI and NIE Networks continue to undertake further assessments as part of a new Joint Project Management Office (JPMO).

The purpose of the JPMO is to establish further and deeper collaboration between SONI and NIE Networks as TSO and TO during the grid development process.

The JPMO will facilitate more detailed and accurate assessments of the grid development programme and project timelines and monitor progress in delivery alongside any associated risks. This approach will provide more certainty, consistency and definitive planning parameters for industry.

As a result of initial assessments undertaken by the JPMO, additional information has come to light which may require revisions to several project timelines outlined in the Transmission Development Plan 2023-2032. These assessments are ongoing.

In line with SONI's obligations to develop the grid in an efficient, economic and co-ordinated manner, some timelines may be subject to change to reflect changing project needs for the benefit of Northern Ireland consumers or to facilitate new demand for grid connections in specific areas.

While this process is ongoing, the following projects and their delivery timelines may be subject to change:

- North-South Interconnector
- Mid Antrim Upgrade
- Connect West (Mid Tyrone Project)
- Northwest of NI Reinforcement
- Energising Belfast.

## NEXT STEPS

SONI and NIE Networks are working closely through the JPMO to develop a robust, detailed network development programme.

The outcomes of the JPMO assessments and programme will form the basis of the next Transmission Development Plan and all future Associated Transmission Reinforcement (ATR) updates. These updates will be made publicly available in due course.