Project Sheet

South West Cluster

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Key Information

Internal Project
AC transmission line
Mostly New

In Permitting

Description

New 400kV substation at Hinkley Point. New 400kV transmission route from Hinkley Point to Seabank. Reconstruction of Bridgewater substation for 400kV operation. Uprate Bridgewater - Melksham to 400kV.

Project promoters

National Grid

Countries

United Kingdom

National development plan(s)

Additional information on the project

Project sheet backlog

6 Nov. 2020 - Publication as part of the draft TYNDP 2020 package for consultation

Project Description & Context

Project Investments

Main investment(s): New 400kV substation at Hinkley Point. New 400kV transmission route from Hinkley Point to Seabank. Reconstruction of Bridgewater substation for 400kV operation. Uprate Bridgewater - Melksham to 400kV.

Type of element	Total route length (km)	From substation 1	To substation 2	Present status	Commissioning year	Progress of the investment	Explanation in case of delay or reclustering
AC transmission line	60	Hinkley Point (GB)	Seabank (GB)	In Permitting	2024	Investment on time	

Is the project in the reference grid?

Yes

System Needs addressed by the project

Project promoter(s) selected up to 4 system needs that are addressed by their project in a predefined list. Available needs ranged from reduction of price differentials between countries, improvement of system flexibility and stability, enabling cost-efficient connection of high volumes of RES, improvement of voltage stability...
As part of the TYNDP 2020, ENTSO-E released a study investigating cross-border system needs in the 2030 and 2040 horizons.

The project promoter did not select any need.

Interconnection targets

In 2017, the Interconnection Target Expert Group proposed alternative indicators to the 15% interconnection criteria for every country and electrified island with a new methodology developed collaboratively between the European Commission, ENTSO-E, ENTSOG, industry, universities and other experts. The methodology is based on three indicators:
1. Price differential between EU countries, with an objective to reduce it below 2 EUR/MWh
2. Ratio between nominal transmission capacity and installed RES capacity, with a target of past 30%
3. Ratio between nominal transmission capacity and peak load, with a target of past 30%

The following maps show the ITEG methodology applied to the TYNDP 2030 scenarios, with the 2020 grid.

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Project Assessment

Transfer capacity increase (National Trends 2025)

	Border	A B	B A
Transfer capacity increase (in MW)	Internal (UK)	3200	3200

CBA results

ENTSO-E has assessed the benefits delivered by each project in 2025 (scenario National Trends 2025) and in 2030 (three scenarios: National Trends, Distributed Energy and Global Ambition). Indicators B1 to B6 were computed by ENTSO-E, while promoters had the possibility to compute and submit so-called project-level benefits (B7 to B10). The benefits must be understood as benefits for Europe as a whole, not for the promoters of the project.
Results are presented per scenario.

N/A means that results are not available.

Central scenario: National Trends

National Trends is the central policy scenario of the TYNDP2020, designed to reflect EU member state's National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), in line with the requirement to meet current European 2030 energy strategy targets.

			Comparison of the COP21 scenarios with NT2030 average result		
	NT2025	**NT2030**	**DE2030 is < or > than NT2030**	**GA2030 is < or > than NT2030**	

Increase in socio-economic welfare

B1 Annual Socio-Economic Welfare (SEW) increase (M € / year)	max average min		N/A N/A N/A	>	>	ENTSO-E assessment
B1_CO2 Annual Socio-Economic Welfare increase resulting from CO2 emissions reduction	max average min		N/A N/A N/A	>	>	ENTSO-E assessment

B1_RES Annual Socio-Economic Welfare increase resulting from RES integration	max average min		N/A N/A N/A	>	>	ENTSO-E assessment

Reduction of CO2 and GHG emissions

B4 Non-CO2 emissions (kg/year)

B4a Nitrogen oxides	average	N/A	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B4b Ammonia	average	N/A	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B4c Sulfur dioxide	average	N/A	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B4d Particular matter 5	average	N/A	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B4e Particulate matter 10	average	N/A	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B4f Non-methane volatile organic compounds	average	N/A	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment

B2a Annual CO2 variation from market simulation (ktonnes / year)		max average min		N/A N/A N/A	>	>	ENTSO-E assessment
B2a_€ Annual Societal cost variation resulting from CO2 variation from market simulation monetised (M € / year)	CO2 price	60€/ ton 100€/ ton 189€/ ton		N/A N/A N/A	>\ >\ >	>\ >\ >	ENTSO-E assessment
B2b Annual CO2 variation due to network losses (ktonnes / year)		average	-73	N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B2b_€ Annual Societal cost	CO2 price	60€/ ton	3 5	1 3	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment

variation resulting from CO2 variation from network simulation monetised (M € / year)	100€/ ton 189€/ ton	12	6			

Integration of renewable energy sources

B3 Annual avoided curtailment (RES integration) (GWh / year)	max average min		N/A N/A N/A	>	>	ENTSO-E assessment
B3a Connected RES (MW)	-			n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment

Impact on grid losses

B5 Variation of network losses (GWh / year)	average	-129	-107	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B5_€ Variation of network losses monetised (M€ / year)	average	-5	-3	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment

Security of supply

B6 Annual reduction in Energy Not Served (MWh / year)	max average min		N/A	n/a	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment
B6_€ Annual Socio-Economic Welfare increase resulting from reduction in Energy Not Served monetised (M€ / year)	average	n/a	N/A	>	n/a	ENTSO-E assessment

Scenarios: Distributed Energy & Global Ambition

DE and GA are two scenarios created in line with the COP21 targets to understand the impact on

infrastructure needs agains different pathways reducing EU-28 emissions to net-zero by 2050. For these two scenarios, projects were assessed with a subset of CBA parameters.

		DE2030	GA2030	
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Sensitivity Study: Current Trends

'Current Trends' describes a future where the energy transition is slower than planned.

	CT2030	

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Residual impact

Information on the residual impact of the project was provided by the project promoter(s).

Project Costs

The project costs were provided by the project promoter(s).

	CAPEX (Meuro)	Uncertainty range (%)	OPEX
458. HINP-SEAB New Double Circuit	1104		16.2
Total	1104		16.2

Explanation provided by the project promoter on the CAPEX uncertainty range:

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