Stability Pathfinder Phase 2 Timeline

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Timeline update

- In the Expression of Interest overview slides, we published the planned timeline for Stability Pathfinder Phase 2.
- Many thanks to all those who have participated in the Expression of Interest (EOI) and submitted Feasibility Studies.
- Through the Expression of Interest, we received 1575 solutions from 29 submissions. All submissions passed this stage.
- We have received approximately 850 Feasibility Study solutions from 28 submissions. These are currently being reviewed.
- This number of submissions at the EOI stage was substantially more than originally anticipated hence we have reviewed the timeline and the scope of the Connections Review work with the Transmission Owners and extended the timeline.
- The extension to the timeline for the Connection Review means that the Economic Assessment stage will be pushed back to enable participants to consider the outcome of the Connection Review in their tender submissions.
- An updated timeline is provided on the next slide. This is our current best view of the remaining timeline for Stability Pathfinder Phase 2.
- The final slide includes updates to the proposed service term which we would appreciate your feedback on.
- We acknowledge the work participants have put into developing proposals and appreciate this will be disruptive. We apologise for the delay and thank you for your ongoing support in developing this new approach.
- Pathfinders are using a learning by doing approach and we are taking away learning from this experience to help improve our future projects.

Website https://www.nationalgrideso.com/future-of-energy/projects/pathfinders/stability/Phase-2
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Timeline update

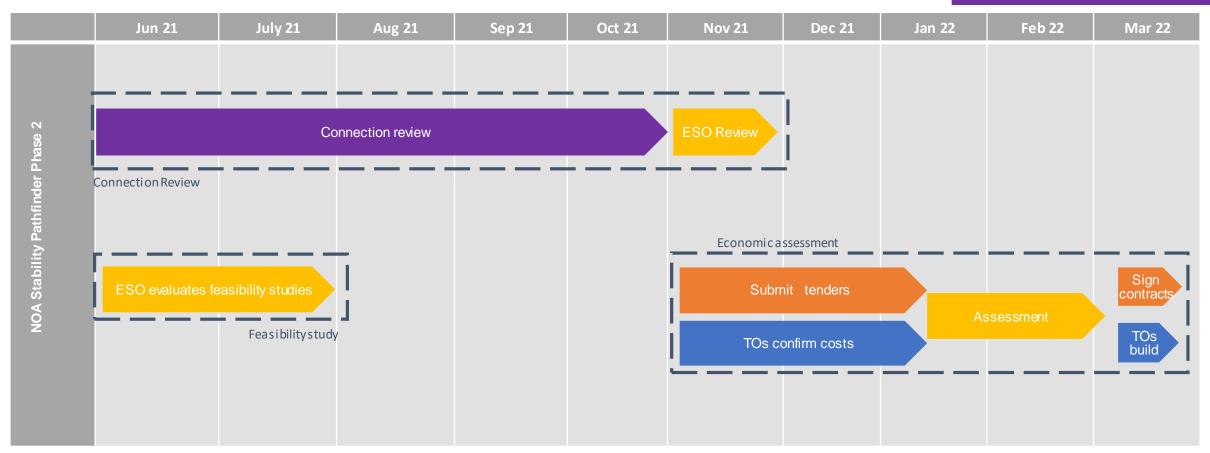
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• This is our current best view of the timeline. We will keep participants updated if any further changes are required.



Service term

- Due to the extension of the timeline we are considering the following updates to the proposed service term:
 - Earliest Start Date To enable participants and NGESO sufficient time following contract award to implement changes and testing
 needed to deliver the new service we propose an earliest start date of 1st September 2022.
 - Latest Start Date Services can commence at any time but the start date will be considered in the economic assessment as
 described in the published Assessment Methodology. This proposal has already been consulted on through the Assessment
 Methodology review process.
 - Service End Date To ensure a sufficient contract length to enable investment, allow costs to be spread over a number of years to provide value to the end consumer and given that start dates may be later than originally anticipated we propose a later service end date of 31st March 2034.

Let us know your views

- If you have any feedback regarding these updates to the proposed service term, please email your feedback:
 - To <u>box.networkdevelopment.roadmap@nationalgrideso.com</u>
 - By 17:00 18th June 2021
- We will confirm any updates to the proposed service term by the end of June.

