

**Note of the meeting between CSEEP and National Grid Strategic Infrastructure projects team.
11/12/24, Ty Hywel**

In attendance:

- Rebecca Evans, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning
- (redacted, Reg 13) National Grid
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Officials attending:

- (redacted, Reg 13) WG Energy Division
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4) PSNC update (indicated by the NESO as a North-South transmission line for Wales)

- As recommended in HND and Beyond 2030 reports, this is identified as a critical network strengthening project.
- A scheme in early stages of development with potential conclusion date in 2037, although deliverability to this date to be confirmed.
- Strategic options have been drawn up for consideration and related system studies need completing
- National Grid are engaging with Ofgem, UK and Welsh Governments, political and environmental stakeholders over strategic optioneering
- Next steps will be to identify a preferred strategic option, and variations on this, and to start to consider routing corridors
- This link has not yet reached a point for National Grid, where it is a certainty in the projects.
- While there is a current demonstrable need for transmission infrastructure to transfer power out of North Wales (not caused by AC6), but greater evidence of the need for transmission connection between mid and South Wales is needed
- While National Grid see there are clear potential benefits from the link, such as system resilience and the potential to reduce the volume of new distribution network reinforcement, firm signals are needed for the anticipatory investment
- National Grid suggested a discussions between themselves, Ofgem and Welsh Government to discuss grid development in Wales.