

# National Grid reaches halfway point in information event programme for new connection project

## News Release

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**National Grid is halfway through its programme of information events that are being held to show people how plans are shaping up for a new connection to link new sources of electricity, including the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside, into ‘the grid’ in Cumbria and Lancashire.**

The company is encouraging people to come along to meet the North West Coast Connections project team and see the progress made since the company announced its chosen route for the new connections in June. A list of the remaining events is below.

Robert Powell, Project Manager, says: “These events are allowing us to continue the dialogue we started with communities during our consultation back in autumn 2014.

“At our events we’re sharing the work we’ve done so far, including our work with landowners, Electricity North West and other key groups to start to develop the initial design for the new connection. Over the coming months, we expect to further refine the design of the connection ahead of carrying out formal consultation next year.”

The proposed new power station at Moorside will be connected at two points on the existing National Grid network to ensure security of supply. National Grid’s chosen route corridor runs from Harker substation near Carlisle, largely following the path of existing low voltage power lines around the Cumbrian coast to Moorside. It then heads from Moorside to the Furness peninsula where it goes under Morecambe Bay to emerge at Middleton substation near Heysham, in Lancashire.

The company is keen to involve community groups in the development of its plans for the new connection. Organisations interested in arranging for a briefing on the project are asked to get in touch with the community relations team by calling freephone 0800 876 6990.

National Grid aims to submit an application for consent to build the new connection to the Planning Inspectorate in 2017. A decision will then be made by the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change. If consent is granted, construction work is expected to start in 2019. National Grid is required to provide NuGen, the developer of the proposed nuclear power station, with the first phase of the connection into its transmission network by 2024.

People can register their details on the North West Coast Connections website to make sure they get updates on the project and are informed when the community events in the autumn are taking place: [www.northwestcoastconnections.com](http://www.northwestcoastconnections.com)

For further information about the project, please contact the project team direct using any of the following methods:

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**Freepost:** Freepost NG NWCC

People wishing to be notified of the outcome of the recent consultation and the option being taken forward are asked to register their details on the North West Coast Connections website:

[www.northwestcoastconnections.com](http://www.northwestcoastconnections.com) People registering their details will also be sent updates on the project and information on further engagement opportunities.

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

### **National Grid in the UK:**

- We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain.
- We own and operate the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain.

- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businesses.
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering.
- National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
- Our portfolio of other businesses is mainly concerned with infrastructure provision and related services where we can exploit our core skills and assets to create value. These businesses operate in areas such as Metering, Grain LNG Import, Interconnectors and Property. National Grid Carbon Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid and it undertakes Carbon Capture Storage related activities on behalf of National Grid.

## **National Grid in the US:**

- In the northeast US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.
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