

Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 5: Indicative timetable scenarios (ALL DATES PROVISIONAL UNTIL CONFIRMED)

| Description | Scenario 1 (shortest timeline): All applicants qualify | Scenario 2: Non-qualifying applicants after application assessment; no review raised | Scenario 3: Non-qualifying applicants after application assessment; but all qualify once review raised | Scenario 4: Non-qualifying applicants after review; no appeal raised | Scenario 5 (longest timeline): Non-qualifying applicants after review; appeal raised |
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| Publication of Minor & Necessary guidance. (LCCC’s Minor & Necessary Modifications Guidance provides guidance on how an applicant may apply to LCCC for a minor and necessary modification to the Standard Terms. It also sets out the application form and the information to be included in the application). | 24 February 2023 | | | | |
| Engagement on Minor & Necessary Modification requests. (This is the period during which potential CfD applicants can start early engagement with LCCC on minor and necessary modification requests). | 2 March 2023 | | | | |
| Minor & Necessary Modification request window. (This is the window for potential applicants to make their formal request to LCCC for minor and necessary modifications). | 16-23 March 2023 | | | | |
| Statutory notices for AR5 published. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation Round Notice • Budget Notice • Standard Terms Notice • Counterparty Costs Notice • Framework Notice | 16 March 2023 | | | | |
| Allocation Framework for AR5 published. (This document sets out the rules to be applied to AR5). | 16 March 2023 | | | | |
| CfD Standard Terms for AR5 published. (These are the final versions of the CfD Standard Terms and Conditions, the generic version of the CfD Agreement and contract variants for AR5). | 16 March 2023 | | | | |
| Application Window for CfD Allocation Round 5. (This is the window for applicants to submit their CfD application and accompanying evidence/documents). | 30 March–24 April 2023 | | | | |
| Latest date for Minor & Necessary determinations. (This is the deadline by which LCCC must respond to requests for minor and necessary modifications). | 17 April 2023 | | | | |
| Qualification assessment window. (This is the window for the Delivery Body, National Grid ESO, to review CfD applications against the relevant CfD qualification criteria). | 25 April–24 May 2023 | | | | |
| Applicants notified of outcome of qualification assessment. (Applicants informed whether their applications are considered to qualify for participation in AR5 (i.e. eligible) or are non-qualifying (i.e. ineligible). AR5 will proceed on scenario 1 if all applications qualify at this stage). | 24 May 2023 | | | | |
| Window for Non-Qualifying applicants to request a non-qualification review. (This is the window for non-qualifying applicants to request a Non-Qualification Review – a Tier 1 appeal - asking the Delivery Body to review their decision on qualification status. AR5 will proceed on scenario 2 if no Tier 1 appeals are submitted). | N/A | 25 May-1 June 2023 | | | |
| Non-qualifying review assessment window. (This is the window for the Delivery Body to re-assess CfD applications against the relevant CfD qualification criteria if Tier 1 appeals are submitted). | N/A | N/A | 2-15 June 2023 | | |
| Non-Qualifying applicants notified of outcome of non-qualification review (a “Non-Qualification Review Notice”). (Applicants informed whether after re-assessment their applications are considered qualifying (i.e. eligible) or non-qualifying (i.e. ineligible). AR5 will proceed on scenario 3 if all Tier 1 appeals are successful at this stage, i.e. all applications qualify following review of Tier 1 appeals). | N/A | N/A | 15 June 2023 | | |
| Window for non-qualifying applicants to request a Qualification Appeal (Tier 2 appeal). (This is the window for any non-qualifying applicants to submit a Qualification Appeal asking Ofgem to review the Delivery Body’s non-qualification decision. If no Tier 2 appeals are submitted by 5pm on 22 June, AR5 will proceed on scenario 4. If Tier 2 appeals are submitted, AR5 will proceed on scenario 5). | N/A | N/A | N/A | 16-22 June 2023 | |
| Ofgem review Qualification Appeals. (Ofgem consider Qualification Appeals including time for the Delivery Body to reply to a Qualification Appeal). | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 23 June-28 July 2023 |

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| Non-qualifying applicants notified of outcome of qualification appeals. (Applicants are informed whether after review of a Qualification Appeal their applications are considered qualifying (eligible) or non-qualifying (ineligible) to participate in AR5). | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 28 July 2023 |
| DESNZ reviews the final valuation of all qualifying applicants. (The Delivery Body submits the final valuation, or an updated valuation if any Qualification Appeals are upheld, to DESNZ and notifies its intention to hold an auction. During this period, the Secretary of State may consider whether to increase the budget for the allocation round). | 25 May – 2 June 2023 | 2-9 June 2023 | 16-23 June 2023 | 23-30 June 2023 | 31 July-7 August 2023 |
| Delivery Body issues a ‘Notice of Auction’ inviting qualified applicants to submit sealed bids. (The ‘Notice of Auction’ will specify that an auction is to be held and the deadline for the submission of sealed bids). | 5 June 2023 | 12 June 2023 | 26 June 2023 | 3 July 2023 | 8 August 2023 |
| Sealed bid window. (Qualifying applicants may submit sealed bids during this window). | 6–12 June 2023 | 13–19 June 2023 | 27 June – 3 July 2023 | 4-10 July 2023 | 9-15 August 2023 |
| Run allocation process and independent audit. (This is when the allocation/auction process takes place, followed by an independent audit to confirm that the process has been accurately followed). | 13-28 June 2023 | 20 June – 5 July 2023 | 4–19 July 2023 | 11-26 July 2023 | 16 August – 1 September 2023 |
| National Grid send DESNZ Secretary of State recommendations and Independent Audit Report. | 29 June 2023 | 6 July 2023 | 20 July 2023 | 27 July 2023 | 4 September 2023 |
| Consideration of Audit Report and Delivery Body recommendations on next steps. (Secretary of State considers the Audit Report and the Delivery Body’s recommendation to proceed to notify qualified applicants of their results or to re-run the allocation round). | 30 June – 3 July 2023 | 7-10 July 2023 | 21–24 July 2023 | 28-31 July 2023 | 5-6 September 2023 |
| CfD notification. (Delivery Body notifies all qualified applicants of the allocation/auction outcome; LCCC notified of successful projects only; DESNZ publishes details of the successful projects). | 4-5 July 2023 | 11-12 July 2023 | 25–26 July 2023 | 1-2 August 2023 | 7-8 September 2023 |
| Contracts processed and distributed. (This is the period in which LCCC sends out contracts to the successful applicants making a formal offer of a CfD). | 6-19 July 2023 | 13–26 July 2023 | 27 July–9 August 2023 | 3-16 August 2023 | 11-22 September 2023 |
| Sign contracts and return to LCCC. (Successful applicants must return signed contracts to LCCC within 10 working days of the offer being made). | 20 July – 2 August 2023 | 27 July–9 August 2023 | 10–23 August 2023 | 17–31 August 2023 | 25 September – 6 October 2023 |