



Enduring Connection Policy - 2.5 (ECP-2.5) 2024 Category B & Category C Initial Batch

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Background

ECP-2 is the second stage of the CRU's development of enduring connection policy in Ireland. On the 10th June 2020 the CRU published their decision on ECP-2, which set policy for at least three annual batches of connection offers (ECP 2.1, ECP-2.2, and ECP-2.3). Subsequently, the CRU published their decision on ECP-2.4, which set policy for an additional batch of connection offers (ECP-2.4). On 25th September 2024 the CRU published their decision¹ on the Electricity Connection Policy – Generation and System Services (ECP-GSS) which will apply to onshore renewable and conventional generators, storage, and other system services technology projects connecting to the electricity system. In this decision paper, the CRU have directed the System Operators to process a final batch under the existing ECP-2 policy (ECP-2.5).

ESB Networks have used the ECP-2 decision paper², subsequent ruleset³ and ECP-2.4 decision paper⁴ to determine which Category B and Category C applicants have been successful in making the list of projects due to receive connection offers in the ECP-2.5 Batch.

This report contains the list of ECP-2.5 applicants processed under Category B and Category C as per the ECP-2 Decision Paper.

The CRU has decided that for ECP-2, there should be a possible connection pathway for specific sub-categories of projects to be connected outside the framework of the batch process.

The non-batch category B was open to the following projects:

- Small projects i.e. MEC greater than 6kW/11kW and less than or equal to 500kW
- DS3 system services trial projects - up to 500kW; and
- Autoproducers

The non-batch category C was open to the following projects:

- 100% community- owned projects where MEC greater than 0.5MW and less than or equal to 5MW

¹ https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/CRU2034101_Electricity_Connection_Policy_Generation_System_Services_Decision_Paper.PDF

² <https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/CRU20060-ECP-2-Decision.pdf>

³ <https://www.esbnetworks.ie/docs/default-source/default-document-library/ecp-2-ruleset.pdf>

⁴ https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/Enduring_ConnectionPolicy_ECP_2.4_Decision_1.PDF

ECP-2.5 Category B applicants are summarised in table below:

Generator Type	Total Applications	Total Sum of MEC (MW)
Diesel	3	4
Solar	14	6.05
Wind	1	0.5
Hybrid (Solar / Gas)	1	0.9
Hybrid (Solar / HVO)	1	4
Totals	20	15.45

ECP-2.5 – List of Projects for Category B

Name of Facility	Applicant (Legal Entity)	County	Eastings Co-ordinates	Northings Co-ordinates	Generator Type	MEC (MW)	Planning Permission Reference
Crechora Mills	J. O'Connell (Crechora) Limited	Limerick	130427	130966	Solar	0.4	22/1276
Western Brand North Site	Western Brand Group ULC	Mayo	145808	280124	Solar	0.4	22/1117
Univet Ltd	Univet Limited	Cavan	256058	312041	Solar	0.23	PP Exempt
Lyonara Mallow	Northraven Limited	Cork	154703	96453	Solar	0.415	PP Exempt
Eirfreeze Solar Export	Molly and Sherry (Eirfreeze) Limited	Dublin	318443	235447	Solar	0.42	0056/23 (SECT 5 EXEMPTION)
Avoncourt Packaging PV	Avoncourt Packaging Ltd.	Cork	167462	68194	Solar	0.499	22/40863
Cregg Village Solar PV Array	Rosses Punto Limited	Sligo	166461	339664	Solar	0.4	PL60/250

Lidl Store Maynooth	Lidl Ireland GMBH	Kildare	293938	236393	Solar	0.4	22/220
Adare Manor	Tizzard Holdings Limited t/a Adare Manor	Limerick	147086	146008	Solar	0.9	24/60189
Essexford Joinery Solar PV Export	Essexford Joinery Works Limited	Monaghan	289124	303451	Solar	0.236	20/532
Belview Port	Glanway Limited	Waterford	265721	112886	Solar	0.4	PP Exempt
Kildrenagh Sky	Joe Hughes	Carlow	274605	163918	Wind	0.5	(ABP 314517)
Portlaoise Generator	Tirlan Limited	Laois	246113	197360	Diesel	0.5	2460095
Queen Street Solar PV Install	Banagher Precast Concrete Limited	Offaly	200354	215192	Solar	0.5	21366
Clonroche Generator	Tirlan Limited	Wexford	287704	134254	Diesel	0.5	20240297
CIX1C	Cloudcix Limited	Cork	164767	72460	Diesel	3	2139877
Drinagh Co-operrative	Drinagh Co-operrative	Cork	119955	44452	Solar	0.49	22/00181
Lyonara Portlaoise Dual Generator	Lyonara Cold Stores Limited	Laois	246188	246188	Hybrid (Solar / Gas)	0.9	21/827
PepsiCo Carrigaline PV and Capacity Market	Portfolio Concentrate Solutions ULC	Cork	174903	61944	Hybrid (Solar / HVO)	4	PP Exempt
Renishaw 556kWp PV System	Renishaw Ireland DAC	Dublin	319203	246592	Solar	0.36	PF/2220/21

ECP-2.5 Category C applicants are summarised in table below:

Generator Type	Total Applications	Total Sum of MEC (MW)
Solar	3	10.98
Wind	2	9.98
Totals	5	20.96

ECP-2.5 – List of Projects for Category C

Name of Facility	Applicant (Legal Entity)	County	Eastings Co-ordinates	Northings Co-ordinates	Generator Type	MEC (MW)
Dundalk Golf Club Solar Project	Dundalk Golf Club PLC	Louth	306125	304044	Solar	4.99
Maothail Community Solar	Mohill Community Development Association CLG	Leitrim	208961	297476	Solar	1
Derrylough Wind Farm	SharedTurbine Limited	Longford	209874	261401	Wind	4.99
Dolanstown Solar Farm	Kilcock Renewable Energy Community CLG	Meath	289573	240704	Solar	4.99
Cloonaragher Wind Farm	SharedTurbine Limited	Sligo	166755	307479	Wind	4.99