



Enduring Connection Policy - 2.5 (ECP-2.5) 2024 Category A 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 decision¹ 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-2.4², which set policy for an additional batch of connection offers (ECP-2.4). On 25th September 2024 the CRU published their decision³ 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).

The application window for ECP-2.5, closed on November 30th 2024. The System Operators (SOs) have used the ECP-2 decision paper¹, ECP-2 ruleset⁴ and the subsequent ECP-2.4 decision paper² above to determine which applicants have been initially successful in making the list of 65⁵ projects due to receive connection offers under Category A.

This report contains the initial list of applicants that will be processed under Category A as part of the 2024 ECP-2.5 batch following payment of the balance of application fees to the relevant SO. As per the decision paper, the first 25 projects in category A were selected on the basis of renewable output, with the projects having the largest volume of renewable GWhrs/yr generated being granted the highest priority. The subsequent 40 projects were selected in order of planning permission grant date. There is a cap of 10 storage and other system service technology projects in each ECP-2 batch - apart from these projects, all eligible applications to ECP-2.5 were accepted into the Category A batch.

Please note that the projects in Category A may change should projects not proceed with their application, or no longer be deemed eligible.

¹ <https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/CRU20060-ECP-2-Decision.pdf>

² https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/Enduring_ConnectionPolicy_ECP_2.4_Decision_1.PDF

³ https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/CRU2034101_Electricity_Connection_Policy_Generation_System_Services_Decision_Paper.PDF

⁴ <https://www.eirgridgroup.com/site-files/library/EirGrid/ECP-2-Ruleset-Final.pdf>

⁵ The cap on the storage and other system service technology projects dictates that the ECP-2.5 Category A batch contains 65 projects.

Applicants are summarised in the table below:

Generation Type	Total Applications	Total Sum of MEC (MW)
Solar	37	1819
Wind	10	591
Battery	10	715
Gas	3	948
Hybrid (Solar / Battery)	4	425 (255 Solar / 170 Battery)
Hybrid (Solar/HVO/ Battery)	1	11.2 (1.2 Solar / 6 Battery / 4 HVO)
Grand Total	65	4509

ECP-2.5 –Initial List of Projects for Category A

Name of Facility	Applicant	County	Eastings	Northings	Generation Type	MEC (MW)	PP reference
Ballivor Wind Farm	Bord na Móna Powergen Limited	Westmeath	663657	755289	Wind	182	316212
Sheskin South Wind Farm	Sheskin South Renewables Power DAC	Mayo	94222	324469	Wind	129.6	ABP-315933-23
Ballinagree Wind Farm	Ballinagree Wind DAC	Cork	136059	83720	Wind	112	ABP-312606-22
Delamain Solar Farm	Delamain Solar Farm Limited	Kildare	288083	212204	Solar	210	ABP-318785-24
Cush Wind Farm	Cush Wind Limited	Offaly	204539	209099	Wind	57.6	318816
Borrisbeg Windfarm	Buirios Limited	Tipperary	214072	174477	Wind	54	ABP-318704-23
Blackhall Solar Farm	Blackhall Solar Farm	Meath	290953	243940	Solar	166	231144
Fahybeg Windfarms	RWE Renewables Limited	Clare	162714	168858	Wind	40	317227-23
Culmullin Solar farm Extension	Energia Solar Holdings Limited	Meath	290195	250006	Solar	120	212214, Appeal Ref: 314058-22
Rathcoursey Solar Farm	Rathcoursey Solar Farm Limited	Cork	187343	68900	Hybrid (Solar / Battery)	140	ABP-317994-23
Derrycarney Solar Farm	Derrycarney Solar Limited	Offaly	213749	219562	Solar	105	2320, ABP-316303-23
Mothel Phase 2	BNRG Mothel Limited	Waterford	238973	117480	Solar	100	ABP-317188-23
Lumcloon Solar Farm	Offaly Solar Energy AS Limited	Offaly	213465	219724	Solar	95	23/60071
Ballydonagh Solar Farm	Ballydonagh Solar Limited	Galway	184379	220396	Solar	90	2361049
Ballyteige Solar Park Phase 2	Ballyteige Solar Limited	Offaly	239419	227302	Solar	90	22378
Hawkinstown	Hawkinstown Corryfarm Energy Limited	Meath	303586	262285	Solar	85	ABP-316078-23

Moyvilla Solar Farm	Power Capital Solar Developments Limited	Galway	136725	172725	Solar	85	20/562
Creggs Solar Farm	BLUE PINE SOLAR 12 LIMITED	Galway	175962	259373	Solar	75	23/60875
Rathdrinagh Solar	Highfield Solar Limited	Meath	701872	168617	Solar	72	23/576
Springmount Solar	Springmount Solar Farm Limited	Tipperary	213827	125093	Solar	65	23172- PL92.319664
Manusmore Solar Phase 2	Power Capital Solar Developments Limited	Clare	139810	174290	Solar	60	20/562
Baunogephure Solar and BESS	Neoen Renewables Ireland Limited	Carlow	280891	176264	Hybrid (Solar / Battery)	105	ABP-318475-23
Brownstown Solar and BESS farm	BLUE PINE SOLAR 10 LIMITED	Kilkenny	253103	158932	Hybrid (Solar / Battery)	100	ABP-318091-23
Rath Solar PV Extension	JCO Solar Limited	Offaly	213027	208907	Solar	48	21/227
Ballinaclough Solar	Ballinaclough PV Limited	Tipperary	197894	135472	Solar	42	2460074
Gormagh Solar and BESS farm	BLUE PINE SOLAR 19 LIMITED	Offaly	233376	228282	Hybrid (Solar / Battery)	80	PL2/22/387
Rahanisky	HARMONY SOLAR CORK LIMITED	Cork	165418	78304	Solar	39.9	235486
Kilderry Solar	Kilderry Solar Farm Limited	Kilkenny	255629	159823	Solar	35	2360382
Rathduff Solar Farm	Rathduff Solar Limited	Tipperary	197894	135472	Solar	25	211014 (ABP APPEAL REF: ABP-313424-22)
Bishopswood solar farm	BLUE PINE SOLAR 20 LIMITED	Offaly	256816	212497	Solar	25	22/390
Grangeford Solar PV	PRT Solar Limited	Carlow	280272	175953	Solar	22	23/60297
Coppenagh Solar Park Phase 3	Farm Power Generation Limited	Carlow	285462	174931	Solar	20	23/60177

Ballymoneen Ph 3 Extension	Power Capital Developments Limited	Galway	143417	232320	Solar	20	22/61105
Milltown Solar Extension	Harmony Solar Meath Limited	Meath	274777	272162	Solar	19	23172 – PL92.319664
Erkina 2	Soleire Renewables SPV Alpha 2 Limited	Tipperary	216278	185315	Solar	15	21261 (Tipperary)
Kilcash Wind Turbine	Kilcash Wind Limited	Roscommon	758069	590044	Wind	4.5	2360142
Lissanore Wind Turbine	Lissanore Wind Limited	Longford	228429	272941	Wind	4.5	ABP-317459-23
Meenawley Wind Turbine	Natural Forces Renewable Energy Limited	Donegal	879518	569949	Wind	4.5	23/51240
Garravagh Solar	Lee Solar Limited	Cork	156779	71304	Solar	14	18/07410
ESK SOLAR FARM	Derrygowna Windfarm Limited	Cork	144549	89714	Solar	12.65	23/06017
Kilbeg Solar Farm	H&H Renewables Limited	Mayo	135277	274925	Solar	12	24/224
Moate Solar Farm	Blue Pine Solar Limited	Offaly	220182	237414	Solar	10	2 3 / 5
Clonloghan Solar Farm	GP Joule Ireland Limited	Clare	139298	163602	Solar	9.999	ABP-302702-18
BALLYMONEY PHASE 2	BNRG Ballymoney Limited	Wicklow	326002	176600	Solar	9.4	305289-19
Ballyduff PV - Phase 2	BNRG Ballyduff Limited	Cork	193442	67656	Solar	8	18/04258
Liss Wind Farm	Hazelgate Limited	Kilkenny	236504	154809	Wind	2.35	16/17
Dexcom Roadrunner Project	Dexcom International Limited	Galway	549243	726816	Hybrid (Solar / HVO / Battery)	11.2	23/61035
Clonmeath Solar Phase 2	Clonmeath Solar Limited	Meath	285286	250576	Solar	4	24/60288
Dunmurry Springs PV - Phase 2	BRNG Dunmurry Limited	Kildare	271329	215873	Solar	3.99	20/1325
BALLYBOE PHASE 2	BNRG BALLYBOE LIMITED	Tipperary	226971	126287	Solar	3.99	19/600239
Kerry Airport Solar PV	Kerry Airport PLC	Kerry	94990	104396	Solar	1	23/60448
Tomsallagh Solar Ext	WXD Energy Limited	Wexford	301434	144653	Solar	1	ABP-316163
Xerox BESS	ION RENEWABLES Limited	Louth	304466	304050	Battery	20	21900

Ringsend OCGT	ESB Power Gen	Dublin	319819	233637	Gas	299	DCC ref: PWSDZ3074/23
Kellistown Battery Storage	Engie Developments Ireland Limited	Carlow	280083	171406	Battery	100	18/23
Barretspark Battery Storage	Engie Developments Ireland Limited	Galway	143096	228730	Battery	100	18/1883
Gorman Energy Storage Phase 2	ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited	Meath	289645	273255	Battery	50	LB/171475 and LB/201276
Powerscourt Battery Storage	WEP Storage Ltd	Tipperary	222421	126246	Battery	100	ABP – 303718- 19
Duleek Storage	Halesol Limited	Meath	303118	267554	Battery	50	ABP-311427-21
Meenadreen BESS	Windgeneration Ireland Limited	Donegal	202037	379573	Battery	75	19/51446
Drumlins BESS	Drumlins Windfarm Limited	Monaghan	255348	319878	Battery	20	ABP-309119-21
Tynagh OCGT	EP Energy Developments Limited	Galway	174385	213028	Gas	299	21/2192
Tynagh North	EP Energy Developments Limited	Galway	174385	213028	Gas	350	ABP-317810-23
Rathnaskilloge Storage	Leesol Limited	Waterford	637490	600695	Battery	100	ABP-305817-19
Shannon Clean Tech BESS 1	Shannon Cleantech Limited	Kerry	105508	148451	Battery	100	18/878, A8P- 305739-19