Quarterly Information Disclosure about Distributed Energy Resources

1 April – 30 June 2024

Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Information 1 April – 30 June 2024			
> Number of DER connected to Essential Energy's distribution network	286759		
> Volume of electricity exported into Essential Energy's distribution network from DER	280.0GWh		
> Number of complaints from customers without DER affected by voltage issues or exceedance of thermal capacity limits due to DER	2		
> Number of customers that are subject to static limits on the distribution network due to DER	86628		
Number of DER customers that are actively being curtailed from exporting any electricity via a total static limit	2792		
Number of DER customers that are actively being curtailed from exporting some electricity via a partial static limit	83836		
 Level of operating and capital expenditure by Essential Energy that is primarily for the purpose of addressing network constraints on DER exports (including reasons for expenditure options) 	Information is currently not available		

> Top ten areas by postcode in Essential Energy's distribution district that have the highest levels of DER penetration by reference to volume of electricity exported and number of units and/or systems.

Volume of electricity exported			
Postcode	MWh exported Apr to Jun		
2830	8,233		
2650	7,820		
2444	7,772		
2340	7,717		
2480	7,349		
2800	7,258		
2486	7,215		
2640	6,513		
2478	6,511		
2450	6,501		

Volume of units and/or systems		
Postcode	Number of systems	
2830	8,675	
2480	8,635	
2444	8,200	
2650	7,854	
2450	7,069	
2340	6,809	
2486	6,721	
2800	6,691	
2478	6,459	
2640	6,347	

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> Number of complaints from DER customers by reference to postcode relating to constraints impacting the export of electricity from DER

		Post	
Post Code	No of Work Orders	Code	No of Work Orders
2365	2	2641	1
2388	1	2642	1
2390	1	2650	1
2450	1	2703	1
2470	2	2713	1
2473	1	2714	1
2480	5	2716	1
2580	2	2795	3
2582	1	2800	3
2586	1	2820	1
2587	2	2830	1
2620	2	2866	1
2621	1	Total	41
2640	2		

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Term	Definition			
DER	means distributed energy resources comprising small generating units and generating systems located on the customer's side of the metering installation that export electricity into the licence holder's distribution network. For the purpose of this reporting manual, it excludes electric vehicles and their charging infrastructure.			
Generating system	means a system comprising one or more generating units with a total rating less than 30MW.			
Generating unit	has the same meaning given to that term in the National Electricity Rules.			
Generator	has the same meaning given to that term in the National Electricity Rules.			
Partial static limit	means the imposition of non-zero limits on the capability of the Generator to export to the grid.			
Small generating unit	means a generating unit:			
unit	(a) with a nameplate rating that is less than 30MW; and			
	(b) which is owned, controlled or operated by a person that AEMO has exempted from the requirement to register as a Generator in respect of that generating unit.			
Thermal capacity limit	means the maximum electrical current that, under ambient conditions, can be carried by the distribution feeder, without exceeding the thermal limits of the feeder.			

means the imposition of blanket limits on the capability of the Generator to export to the

Total static limit

grid.

