Quarterly Information Disclosure about Distributed Energy Resources

1 October – 31 December 2023

Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Information 1 October – 31 Dec 2023			
> Number of DER connected to Essential Energy's distribution network	279571		
> Volume of electricity exported into Essential Energy's distribution network from DER	500.4 GWh (estimated).		
> Number of complaints from customers without DER affected by voltage issues or exceedance of thermal capacity limits due to DER	Information is currently not available		
> Number of customers that are subject to static limits on the distribution network due to DER	74168		
> Number of DER customers that are actively being curtailed from exporting any electricity via a total static limit	2094		
> Number of DER customers that are actively being curtailed from exporting some electricity via a partial static limit	72074		
 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 Oct to Dec	
2444	12,974	
2800	12,881	
2830	12,634	
2340	11,515	
2650	11,473	
2480	11,360	
2795	10,370	
2620	10,304	
2486	10,219	
2450	10,154	

Volume of units and/or systems		
Number of systems		
8,465		
8,373		
7,811		
7,501		
6,771		
6,543		
6,456		
6,392		
6,206		
6,041		



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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 Code	No of Work Orders	Post Code	No of Work Orders
2340	1	2671	1
2347	1	2705	3
2350	3	2706	1
2354	1	2707	1
2358	2	2715	1
2380	1	2717	1
2390	4	2729	1
2448	1	2739	1
2450	1	2793	1
2456	1	2794	1
2476	1	2795	4
2548	2	2798	2
2579	3	2799	4
2583	2	2800	1
2620	2	2827	1
2626	1	2850	1
2647	1	4387	1
2653	1	Total	55

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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:		
	(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.		
Total static limit	means the imposition of blanket limits on the capability of the Generator to export to the		

grid.

