Quarterly Information Disclosure about Distributed Energy Resources

1 January - 31 March 2023

Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Information 1 January – 31 March 2023			
> Number of DER connected to Essential Energy's distribution network	253,185		
> Volume of electricity exported into Essential Energy's distribution network from DER	383 GWh (estimated)		
> Number of complaints from customers without DER affected by voltage issues or exceedance of thermal capacity limits due to DER 0 customers			
> Number of customers that are subject to static limits on the distribution network due to DER	487hh		
Number of DER customers that are actively being curtailed from exporting any electricity via a total static limit	iled from 897		
Number of DER customers that are actively being curtailed from exporting some electricity via a partial static limit	47369		
 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 Jan to March	
2800	11,150	
2830	10,705	
2650	10,487	
2444	10,221	
2480	9,478	
2340	9,219	
2795	8,997	
2460	8,798	
2486	8,769	
2620	8,614	

Volume of units and/or systems		
Postcode	Number of systems	
2830	8,183	
2480	8,093	
2444	7,442	
2650	7,131	
2450	6,422	
2486	6,353	
2340	6,089	
2800	6,015	
2478	5,968	
2640	5,720	



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

	No of		No of
	Work		Work
Postcode	Orders	Postcode	Orders
2340	1	2586	1
2346	1	2620	1
2350	6	2640	7
2353	1	2642	2
2354	1	2650	2
2359	1	2652	2
2365	1	2653	3
2370	1	2658	1
2404	1	2665	1
2408	1	2680	1
2439	2	2700	1
2440	1	2705	1
2446	1	2706	1
2454	1	2717	1
2460	1	2720	1
2464	1	2787	1
2473	1	2791	1
2474	3	2794	1
2478	1	2795	3
2480	7	2798	2
2481	2	2799	2
2482	1	2800	2
2485	1	2820	1
2580	1	2824	4
2583	1	2839	1
		2850	2
		2871	1
		2877	1
		2880	1
		Total	90

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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.		



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