



Enduring Connection Policy - 2.5 (ECP-2.5 / ECP-2.5.1) 2024 Category B & Category C Final 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).

On 20th March 2025 the CRU published the decision paper on Enduring Connection Policy – 2.5.1 (ECP-2.5.1)², which opened an application window that closed on 10th April 2025.

ESB Networks have used the ECP-2 decision paper³, subsequent ruleset⁴ and ECP-2.4⁵ and ECP-2.5.1 decision papers 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 / ECP-2.5.1 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

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/CRU202546_Electricity_Connection_Policy_-_2.5.1_Decision_Paper_1.PDF

³ <https://cruie-live-96ca64acab2247eca8a850a7e54b-5b34f62.divio-media.com/documents/CRU20060-ECP-2-Decision.pdf>

⁴ https://esbnetworksprdsastd01.blob.core.windows.net/media/docs/default-source/publications/ecp-2-ruleset.pdf?sfvrsn=c8c1d0e7_4

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

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

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	22.65
Wind	1	0.5
Hybrid (Solar / HVO)	1	1
Totals	19	28.15

ECP-2.5 – List of Projects for Category B

*Please note that 'Offer Quarters' are a reasonable estimate and to be used for guidance purposes only. Offer quarters remain subject to review and may change after studies commence and the complexity of the node is confirmed.

** Please note that the 'assumed nodes' have been assigned based on Gate 3 Nodal Assignment Rules and are for guidance purposes only. They are subject to change once studies commence.

Offer Quarter*	Name of Facility	Applicant Entity)	(Legal County	Eastings Co-ordinates	Northings Co-ordinates	Generator Type	MEC (MW)	Assumed Node**	Planning Permission Reference
Q3 2025	Western Brand North Site	Western Brand Group ULC	Mayo	145808	280124	Solar	0.4	Dalton	22/1117
Q3 2025	Univet Ltd	Univet Limited	Cavan	256058	312041	Solar	0.23	Shankill	PP Exempt
Q4 2025	Lyonara Goolds Hill	Northraven Limited	Cork	154703	96453	Solar	0.415	Mallow	PP Exempt
Q3 2025	Eirfreeze Solar Export	Molly and Sherry (Eirfreeze) Limited	Dublin	318443	235447	Solar	0.42	McDermot	0056/23 (SECT 5 EXEMPTION)

Q3 2025	Avoncourt Packaging PV	Avoncourt Packaging Ltd.	Cork	167462	68194	Solar	0.499	Trabeg	22/40863
Q4 2025	Cregg Village Solar PV Array	Rosses Punto Limited	Sligo	166461	339664	Solar	0.4	Sligo	PL60/250
Q3 2025	Lidl Store Maynooth	Lidl Ireland GMBH	Kildare	293938	236393	Solar	0.4	Griffinrath	22/220
Q3 2025	Essexford Joinery Solar PV Export	Essexford Joinery Works Limited	Monaghan	289124	303451	Solar	0.236	Meath Hill	20/532
Q3 2025	Belview Port	Glanway Limited	Waterford	265721	112886	Solar	0.4	Waterford	PP Exempt
Q4 2025	Kildrenagh Sky	Joe Hughes	Carlow	274605	163918	Wind	0.5	Carlow	(ABP 314517)
Q4 2025	Tirlan Portlaoise Diesel Generator	Tirlan Limited	Laois	246113	197360	Diesel	0.5	Portlaoise	2460095
Q4 2025	Queen Street Solar PV Install	Banagher Precast Concrete Limited	Offaly	200354	215192	Solar	0.5	Dallow	21366
Q3 2025	Tirlan Clonroche Diesel Generator	Tirlan Limited	Wexford	287704	134254	Diesel	0.5	Wexford	20240297
Q1 2026	CIX1C	Cloudcix Limited	Cork	164767	72460	Diesel	3	Kilnap	2139877
Q3 2025	Drinagh Co-operative	Drinagh Co-operative	Cork	119955	44452	Solar	0.49	Dunmanway	22/00181
Q4 2025	Lyonara Portlaoise Dual Generator	Lyonara Cold Stores Limited	Laois	246188	246188	Solar	0.9	Portlaoise	21/827
Q4 2025	PepsiCo Carrigaline PV and Capacity Market	Portfolio Concentrate Solutions ULC	Cork	174903	61944	Hybrid (Solar / HVO)	1	Barnahely	PP Exempt
Q3 2025	Renishaw 556kWp PV System	Renishaw Ireland DAC	Dublin	319203	246592	Solar	0.36	Grange (DR)	PF/2220/21
Q4 2025	Boliden Tara Mines Solar Farm	Boliden Tara Mines DAC	Meath	284003	267997	Solar	17	Knockumber	24/60131

ECP-2.5/ECP2.5.1 Category C applicants are summarised in table below:

Generator Type	Total Applications	Total Sum of MEC (MW)
Solar	5	20.96
Wind	3	14.48
Totals	8	35.44

ECP-2.5/ECP-2.5.1 – List of Projects for Category C

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Offer Quarter*	Name of Facility	Applicant (Legal Entity)	County	Easting Co-ordinates	Northing Co-ordinates	Generator Type	MEC (MW)	Assumed Node**
Q4 2025	Dundalk Golf Club Solar Project	Dundalk Golf Club PLC	Louth	306125	304044	Solar	4.99	Dundalk
Q4 2025	Maothail Community Solar	Mohill Community Development Association CLG	Leitrim	208961	297476	Solar	1	Carrick on Shannon
Q4 2025	Derrylough Wind Farm	SharedTurbine Limited	Longford	209874	261401	Wind	4.99	Athlone
Q4 2025	Dolanstown Solar Farm	Kilcock Renewable Energy Community CLG	Meath	289573	240704	Solar	4.99	Griffinrath
Q1 2026	Cloonaraher Wind Farm	SharedTurbine Limited	Sligo	166755	307479	Wind	4.99	Tonroe
Q1 2026	Ballinderry Solar	KIBCO Holdings Limited	Galway	144847	247864	Solar	4.99	Cloon
Q1 2026	Ballinakilla Wind Farm	Sharedturbine Limited	Galway	145300	247850	Wind	4.5	Cloon
Q4 2025	Derryveagh	KIBCO Holdings Limited	Longford	209861	261388	Solar	4.99	Athlone

ECP-2.5 – List of Withdrawn Projects for Category B & C

The table below reflects the ECP-2.5 applications that were offered a place in the 2024 Batch and subsequently withdrew their ECP-2.5 application.

Name of Facility	Applicant (Legal Entity)	County	Co-ordinates	Generator Type	MEC (MW)	Category
Adare Manor	Tizzard Holdings Limited t/a Adare Manor	Limerick	147086; 146008	Solar	0.9	B
Creora Mills	J. O'Connell (Creora) Limited	Limerick	130427; 130966	Solar	0.4	B
Dooleeg More Extension 3	Cearth Limited	Mayo	101480; 318590	Wind	0.26	C