



Consultation on the Eleclink Access Rules

This consultation paper outlines proposed modifications to the Access Rules for the Eleclink interconnector and invites feedback from all market parties on these proposals ahead of submission to the relevant national regulatory authorities for approval

11 September 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

Eleclink Limited ('Eleclink') is a 1000MW HVDC electricity interconnector between Great Britain ('GB') and France which has a 25-year exemption under Article 63 of regulation (EU) No. 2019/943. The interconnector commenced full commercial operations in May 2022.

We are seeking stakeholder views on a number of proposed operational modifications to the Eleclink Access Rules, which we anticipate would take effect from early 2026, subject to approval from the relevant national authorities.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE ELECLINK ACCESS RULES

The proposed modifications are set out below in more detail. All times are in CE(S)T.

1. Improved flexibility of Day-ahead and Intraday Auction and Nomination Timings

Existing information contained within the Access Rules relating to Auction and Nomination gate timings will be removed and published within the standalone 'Auction Reference Guide' document. This document will sit alongside our Access Rules and be published on the Eleclink website. This change will also allow us to amend Auction and Nomination Gate timings to suit market conditions, when necessary, and with sufficient notice, offering improved flexibility to our customers. We will not amend timings for Auctions or Nominations more than three times per calendar year.

2. Participation Agreement termination

We are reducing the customer inactivity period from 15 months to 8 months, meaning that for customers who have been inactive on the Allocation Platform for 8 months or more, Eleclink reserves the right to terminate their Participation Agreement. For clarity, Eleclink will continue to engage with its customers prior to a termination being taken.

3. Helix change

With the launch of our new nomination platform earlier this year, Helix, we are including a clause on the interaction between the nomination platform and participants' systems, in line with the disclaimer currently displayed on Helix.

4. JAO rule changes

We have made various administrative modifications to ensure alignment with the latest version of JAO's EU harmonised allocation rules for long-term transmission rights (subject to confirmation from JAO).

5. Eleclink rebranding change

Following a change to Eleclink's branding in July 2025, the Access Rules will be updated throughout to change the company spelling from 'ElecLink' to 'Eleclink' and insert the new company logo. For clarity and ease of reviewing all other changes to the Access Rules during the consultation phase, these changes have only been made in limited instances within the Rules. Required branding changes will be implemented in full within the Access Rules document submitted for regulatory approval.

These changes can be seen in the proposed updated version of the Eleclink Access Rules, published alongside this consultation paper on Eleclink's website: www.eleclink.co.uk.

3. NEXT STEPS

This consultation opens on 11 September 2025 and closes at **23:59 CET on 10 October 2025**.

Eleclink would like to invite stakeholders to send their contributions on this consultation no later than the closing date to team.eleclink@eleclink.co.uk.

Consultation responses should be titled 'Consultation on the Eleclink Access Rules.' When responding please state your contact details and whether you are responding as an individual company or representing the views of an association.

Eleclink will analyse all stakeholder responses and may amend the proposed modifications to the Eleclink Access Rules based on the feedback received.

The final version of the proposed modification to the Eleclink Access Rules will be submitted to the national regulatory authorities for review and approval together with the consultation responses received from the stakeholders.

If you have any questions in relation to this consultation, please contact the Eleclink Regulation team at team.eleclink@eleclink.co.uk.

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