

# Managing Access to the GB Transmission System

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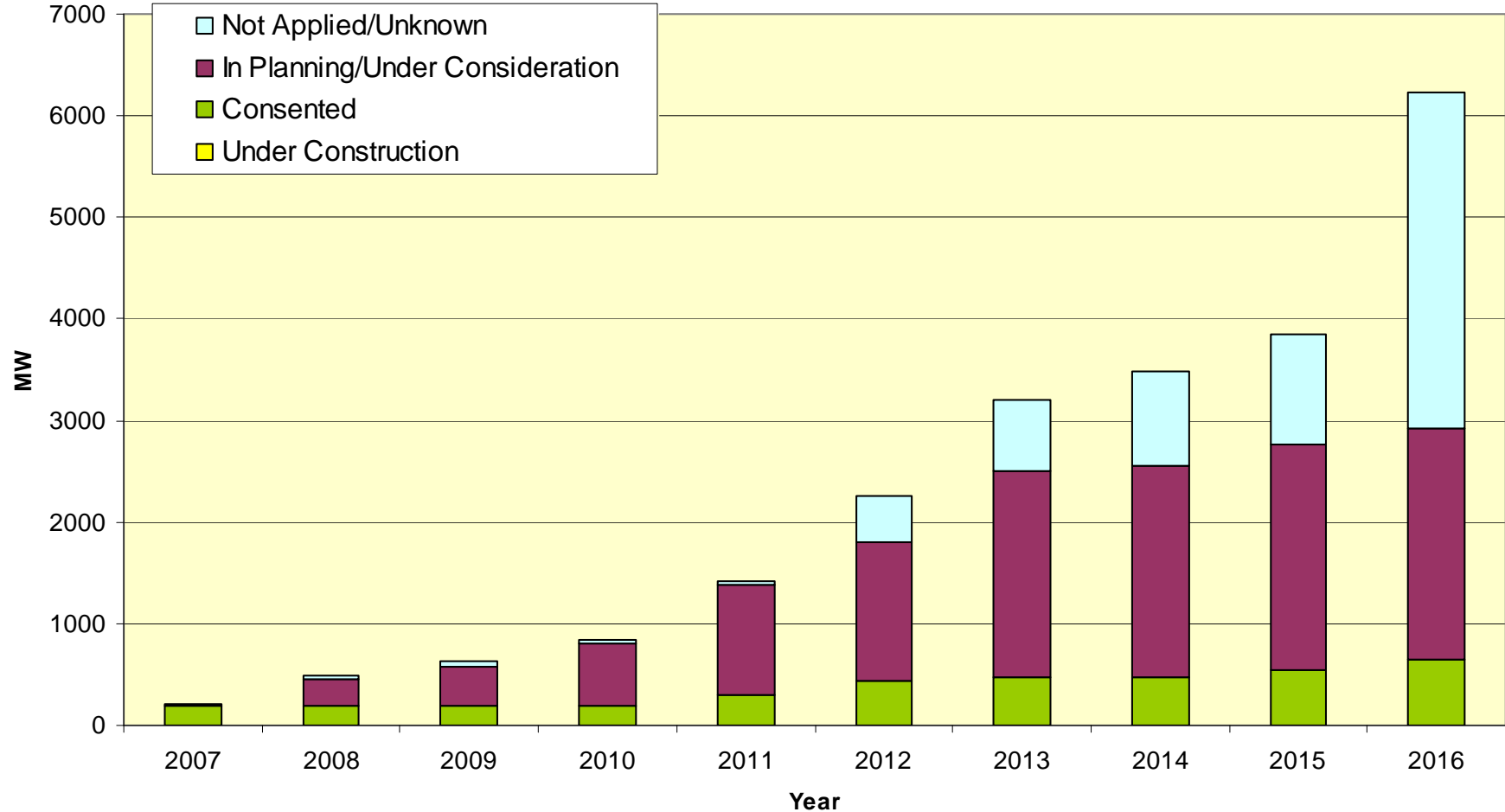
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# BETTA Background

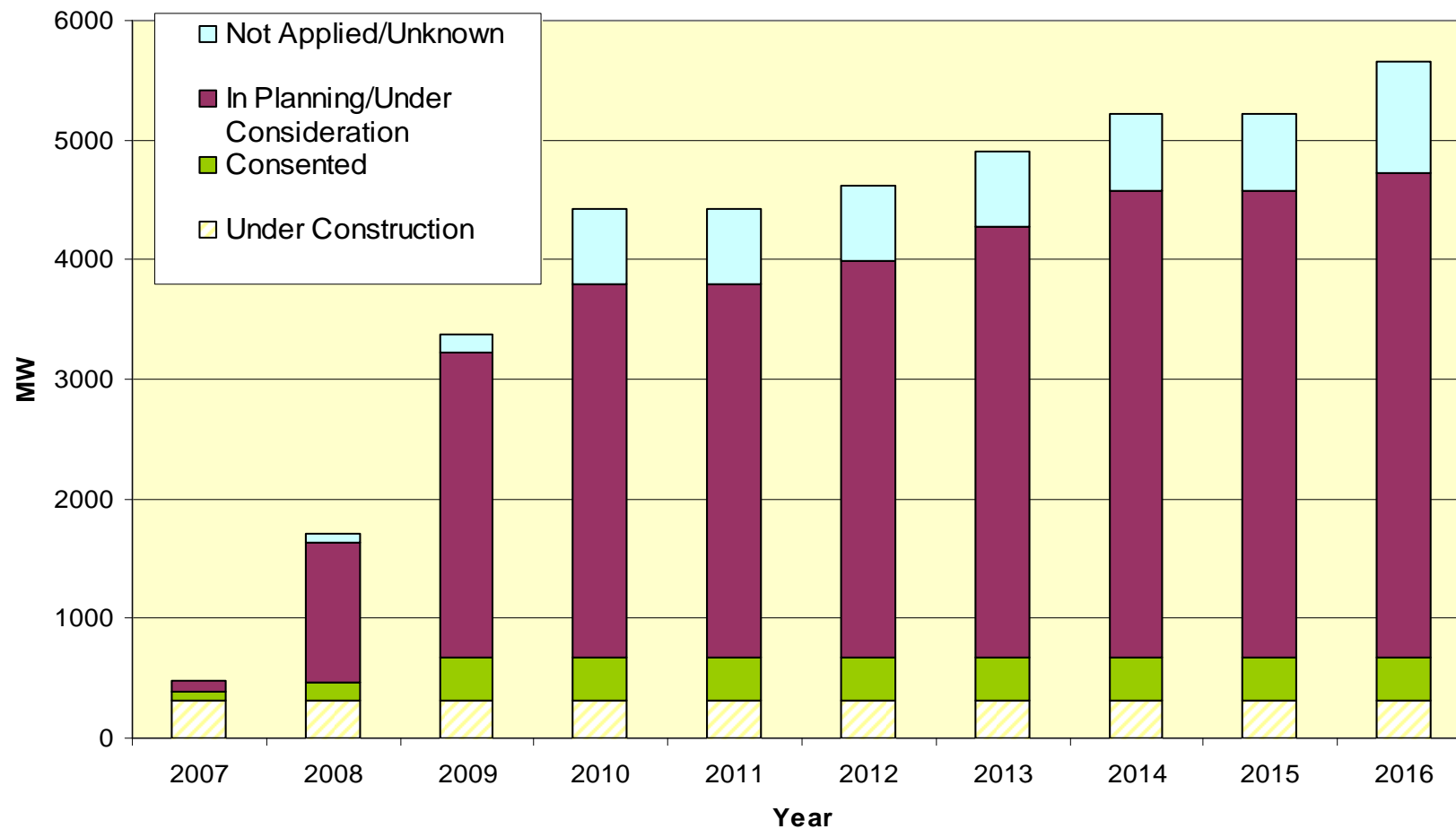
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- ◆ Transition to BETTA
  - ◆ existing applications and offers → GB framework
  - ◆ Licence Condition C18 (Queue order)
- ◆ Transition completed over a year ago
- ◆ Many projects applied early – subsequently sought amendments - reflect revised position
- ◆ Licence Condition C8
- ◆ Work with contracted background
- ◆ Interconnector circuits have derogation

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# Background

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- ◆ 12GW of contracted projects in Scotland (+ 30GW in England and Wales)
- ◆ Beaully-Denny line - 2011
- ◆ Planning consents delays
- ◆ User Commitment
- ◆ TEC trading and hoarding
- ◆ Few dropping out / reducing TEC
- ◆ Lack of “gaps” into which to advance projects
- ◆ Process to manage changes to customers agreement
- ◆ Need to identify optimum process for “moving up the queue”

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- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Implementation of CAP131
- ◆ Quarterly Reports
- ◆ Use of Project Milestones
- ◆ Allowing Developers to Slip dates
- ◆ TEC Reduction Clauses
- ◆ Reductions of capacity
- ◆ Changing Works in agreements
- ◆ Identification of economic works
- ◆ Early Connection dates
- ◆ Contingent TEC reduction clause
- ◆ Change amnesty

# Objectives

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- ◆ Maximise use of GB Transmission System
- ◆ Facilitate Competition
  - ◆ Connection of renewables (Government targets)
  - ◆ Framework appropriate to all
- ◆ Due regard to potential increased constraint costs
- ◆ Solution within existing framework

# Summary - Responses

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- ◆ Connect projects as soon as practically possible
- ◆ Milestones to ensure delivery
- ◆ Open and honest communications
- ◆ Support for proactive and robust approach
- ◆ Doubts over effectiveness of CAP131 (final sums)
- ◆ Slipping dates sterilises capacity
- ◆ Support for changes through CUSC amendments
- ◆ Minimal support for contributing to operational costs of early connection.

# Key Initial Conclusions (1)

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- ◆ Transition is over – now working with contracted background
- ◆ All projects should have equal opportunity to connect
- ◆ Moving projects back sterilises capacity
- ◆ “Back of the queue” not a fundamental issue if mechanism exist for projects to move forward

## Key Initial Conclusions (2)

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- ◆ Advancement of dates based on who can use transmission system soonest (queue position irrelevant)
- ◆ Key determinants should be:
  - ◆ Ready, able and willing to proceed and accept contract conditions that reflect this.
  - ◆ Probably means consented, with contracts / options for main plant and with finance in place
- ◆ Milestones, backstop date and compulsory User Commitment to deter abuse

## Key Initial Conclusions (3)

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- ◆ CUSC Amendments e.g. TEC Reduction Clause
- ◆ No trading of future TEC
- ◆ More communication (seminars)
- ◆ Quarterly report / information exchange key

# Next Steps (1)

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Issue Initial Conclusions	end April
Issue Final Conclusions document	June
Raise CUSC Amendments to allow National Grid to:	
♦ Publish more information	June
♦ Reduce TEC	June
♦ Clarify Application forms	June
CAP131 approval / implementation	??

## Next Steps (2)

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- ◆ Commence revised approach to use of interim generic User Commitment
- ◆ Commence revised backstop date policy
- ◆ Publish methodology for advancing connection dates
- ◆ Transmission Access - CUSC Standing Group to develop access products

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