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## Allocation Round 4: All potential timeline scenarios published

<u>All potential timeline scenarios for Allocation Round 4</u> (AR4) are now available to view on the AR4 microsite.

It has been possible to view the longest and shortest possible timelines for the round on the microsite since August 2021, but following stakeholder feedback, all five potential scenarios have now been published.

Following the AR4 application window closing on 14 January 2022, National Grid ESO is currently reviewing applications against the relevant qualification criteria. This stage of the AR4 process is called the 'qualification assessment window'. The qualification assessment window concludes on 25 February 2022, when National Grid ESO will inform applicants whether they are eligible to participate in the round.

The AR4 timeline after the qualification assessment window will initially depend on whether there are any non-qualifying applicants. If there are non-qualifying applicants, the shortest possible timeline for AR4 will no longer be applicable.

Further updates on the progress of AR4 will be provided via the <u>AR4 microsite</u> and this bulletin as the round progresses.

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