

Welcome to the Winter edition of ESB Networks' stakeholder newsletter that connects our customers, stakeholders and staff with the latest news on key strategic projects happening across ESB Networks.

ESB Networks – delivering the electricity network for Ireland's clean electric future.



ESB Networks welcomed the Price Review Six (PR6) Final Determination

ESB Networks welcomed the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) publication of the PR6 Final Determination (covering 2026–2030) on 16 December 2025. PR6 represents the largest investment in Ireland's electricity network in its history, enabling 500+ major capital projects that will support housing, economic growth, and national climate targets by expanding grid capacity and resilience. PR6 will allow ESB Networks to build on and accelerate the significant progress achieved during Price Review 5 (PR5) which included the connection of over 186,000 homes, farms and businesses, the addition of 2.1 GW of utility scale renewable generation and the installation of over 1.8 million smart meters.

Marking the announcement at Batter Lane substation, Nicholas Tarrant, Managing Director, ESB Networks emphasised that the determination endorses the scale of ambition set out in ESB Networks' PR6 Business Plan, paving the way for a more resilient, reliable, and sustainable energy future.

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Energising your everything

ESB Networks and Solar Ireland announced 2 GW of national solar power surpassed

On 19 November 2025, the amount of solar generation connected to the electricity network exceeded 2GW for the first time. This milestone was driven by rapid growth since the first utility scale solar farm energisation in April 2022, and supported by over 155,000 rooftop installations across homes, farms, and businesses. At its summer peak, solar generation met over 21% of national electricity demand, highlighting the role of renewables in Ireland's energy future.

ESB Networks plays a central role in enabling this transformation, and this milestone reflects the collective efforts of homeowners, communities, developers, and policymakers working together to build a cleaner, more resilient electricity system.

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ESB Networks completed upgrade of Portlaoise 110kV station to support growth in Midlands

ESB Networks has completed the upgrading of two transformers at Portlaoise 110kV station to more than double capacity at the site, and deliver a more resilient, reliable electricity supply for customers in the area.

In just 24 weeks, both 31.5 MVA transformers at the station were successfully upgraded to 63 MVA, following design work that began in March and construction that kicked off in May. The upgrade ensures that the network is better equipped to meet growing electricity demand, doubling capacity and enabling new customer homes, businesses, and farms to connect to the electricity network.

This achievement was made possible through exceptional collaboration between ESB Networks, ESB Engineering and Major Projects (E&MP), EirGrid, and our delivery partners Omexom Ireland, Kilcawley Construction, and TLI Group.



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ESB Networks, Solar Ireland and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment celebrated surpassing 1 GW of rooftop solar power

Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, and Transport joined ESB Networks, SEAI and Solar Ireland at Fingallians GAA Club, Swords, to mark the connection of 1GW of rooftop solar to the Irish electricity network, in December. This milestone reflects the rapid adoption of microgeneration in recent years, which now exceeds 170,000 systems nationwide.


From homes and farms to sports clubs, SMEs and community buildings, rooftop solar has become one of Ireland's most successful and accessible climate solutions, supported by SEAI solar PV grants and strong public engagement. Rooftop installations have grown rapidly in recent years and now exceed 170,000 systems nationwide.

Notably the Fingallians GAA Club, has a 120-panel system which is expected to generate over 51,000 kWh/year, avoiding over 18 tonnes of CO₂ annually, and achieve a 3-5 year payback to the customer.

This overall 1 GW milestone demonstrates the crucial role households and communities are playing in reducing emissions, lowering energy costs and strengthening Ireland's energy security.

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ESB Networks participated at the Ireland Electrified Annual Conference 2025

ESB Networks was delighted to participate in the Ireland Electrified Annual Conference 2025 on 4 December in Croke Park. At this year's conference, Ireland Electrified launched its Electrification Action Plan for Ireland, setting out the policies needed to decarbonise key sectors (transport, heating, industrial processes) by replacing fossil fuels with clean electricity, and ultimately contributing to a clean energy future.

Dan Catanese, Electrification Strategy Manager, ESB Networks, contributed to the panel discussion on 'Driving the Transition: Electrifying Transport Systems at Scale' alongside delegates from Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland, Department of Transport, DART+, Irish Rail, KPMG, and Ireland Electrified. The panel explored forward-looking insights on electric mobility, infrastructure rollout, integration hurdles, and the policy frameworks needed to accelerate Ireland's electrification of transport.

Dan also contributed to a panel discussion at the recent EV Summit 2025 on 'Irish Green to Global Opportunities', exploring how Ireland can leverage its green tech potential to turn global trade and regulatory challenges into opportunities for EV innovation, focusing on competitiveness, supply chain resilience, energy security, and strategic positioning.

Events such as these provide a critical opportunity for ESB Networks to engage with industry stakeholders to gain insights and identify opportunities for collaboration.