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After an unusual lapse over a generally quiet summer, pylons wise, here is a three months collection of news items.

1. Articles on 8th June in the [Mail](#) and the [Telegraph](#) claim pylons have wiped £12 million off the price of a Scottish mansion, the Eilean Aigas island estate on the Beaulieu River. To be fair, the 2012 sale asking price of £15 million and the 2015 advertised auction minimum bid of £3 million are not really comparable, as minimum bids can be much lower than asking prices. The billionaire owner was a strong objector to the Beaulieu Denny line, helping to finance the group Pylon Pressure according to the articles. No doubt the impact on property value is very substantial. Nice pictures though!

2. As part of the Integrated Transmission Planning and Regulation (ITPR) project led by Ofgem, National Grid has submitted to Ofgem a [proposed methodology](#) for the development of the first Network Options Assessment (NOA) Report, which will present the reinforcement options under consideration. The first NOA report will be published by 31 March 2016. The NOA will be important for determining the preferred options for new transmission lines.

3. National Grid published in July its [Future Energy Scenarios](#) (FES) which set out a range of credible futures for how Great Britain's energy landscape might evolve through to 2035 and 2050. National Grid seeks stakeholder views on FES through four workshops in September and October.

4. National Grid also published in July its [Winter Review and Consultation Report](#), presenting a review of the security of supply in gas and electricity for the last winter. The report is used in industry consultation for the coming winter. Extract: "The level of margin between actual demand and available generation was adequate across the winter. At times of peak demand milder than average weather was experienced. This means that we did not experience levels of demand that would be associated with the normal colder weather of winter".

5. It was announced 5th August that consent has been [granted](#) for Dogger Bank Teesside A&B.

6. The long-standing dispute on the North South Interconnector in Ireland is re-surfacing. In the Republic of Ireland, Eirgrid made a new application in June 2015, linked to the history of the old 2009 application which was abandoned in 2010 in some chaos after public hearings had started. The new planning case number is VA0017 as at [An Bord Pleanála](#). The Case is due to be decided by 05-01-2016. Documents and details are at the [Eirgrid site](#).

7. In Northern Ireland, objectors' group SEAT reports: "SONI (formally known as NIE) have recently made the third amendment to the 2007 planning application for the overhead Meath – Tyrone interconnector. Our legal team and our planning experts

advise us that this planning application must be brought before the Planning Appeals Commission hearing in Armagh to ensure that the many issues not addressed at the postpone hearing in 2012 be adequately addressed.” SEAT is calling on landowners again to resist the proposed line, noting the strong landowner opposition to several proposals in the Republic.

8. The 2009 NIE planning application [O/2009/0792/F](#) for the Cavan-Tyrone Interconnector (integral with Eirgrid’s North-South Interconnector) came to hearings in 2012 which were adjourned, following legal challenges and deficiencies in the case documents. A second (additional) application [O/2013/0214/F](#) was made in 2013 for associated works. A consolidated environmental statement was submitted in 2013 and an addendum in 2015. More details and links are at the [SONI site](#). The case is currently being considered by the Planning Appeals Commission who will decide if there are to be further hearings (which are expected). The DOE issued an Article 31 Notice on September 10 for the associated works application, opening the way for a public local inquiry.

9. Friends of the Lake District are [campaigning](#) against the National Grid proposed 165 km 400 kV [North West Coast Connections](#) Project partly through the National Park. The route runs from Harker near Carlisle, round the west Cumbrian coast via Sellafield, to Heysham near Lancaster. They say ‘*National Grid is currently refusing to discuss underground mitigation for the line installation in the west of the Lake District and has only put forward various overhead line route iterations as “mitigation”*’. Meanwhile, ironically, National Grid is spending £500 million [removing pylons](#) from four other protected areas: the New Forest, Peak District, Snowdonia and Dorset.

10. And finally, Robert Adamson sends this link to the new [dynamic pylons design](#) which we wait to see appearing across the European countryside.

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