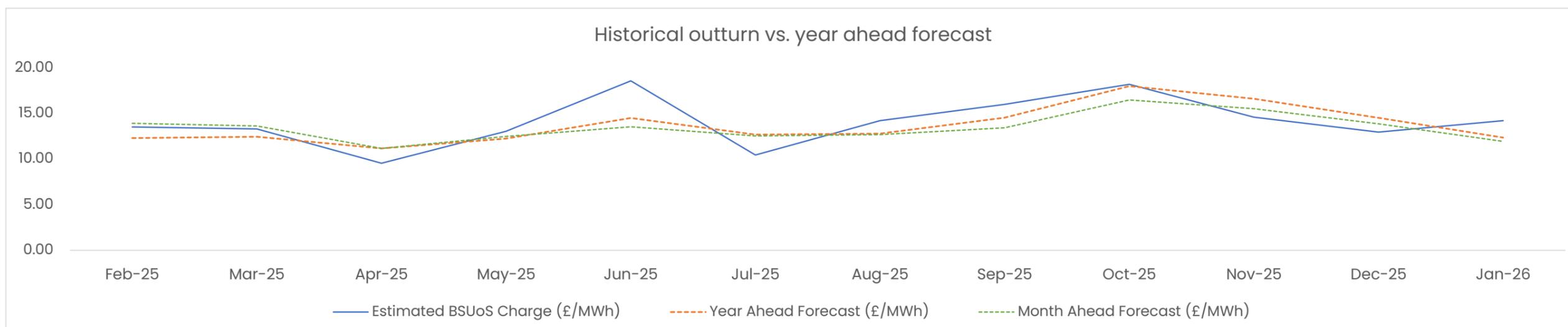


# BSUoS Outturn for Jan-26



	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Balancing Costs £m	273.28	257.96	150.81	214.93	324.36	168.96	238.52	286.58	326.67	268.57	234.70	300.49
Estimated internal BSUoS £m	55.26	61.18	44.56	46.05	44.56	46.05	46.05	44.56	97.04	93.91	97.04	97.04
BSUoS Cost Recovery £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALoMCP £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMP345 Deferred Costs £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMP381 Deferred Costs £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total BSUoS £m</b>	<b>328.54</b>	<b>319.14</b>	<b>195.37</b>	<b>260.98</b>	<b>368.92</b>	<b>215.01</b>	<b>284.57</b>	<b>331.14</b>	<b>423.71</b>	<b>362.48</b>	<b>331.74</b>	<b>397.53</b>
Estimated BSUoS Volume (TWh)	24.34	24.05	20.50	20.05	19.90	20.61	20.05	20.74	23.32	24.88	25.65	28.02
<b>Estimated BSUoS Charge (£/MWh)</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>13.27</b>	<b>9.53</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>18.54</b>	<b>10.43</b>	<b>14.19</b>	<b>15.97</b>	<b>18.17</b>	<b>14.57</b>	<b>12.93</b>	<b>14.19</b>
<b>Year Ahead Forecast (£/MWh)</b>	<b>12.28</b>	<b>12.42</b>	<b>11.15</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>14.48</b>	<b>12.67</b>	<b>12.77</b>	<b>14.52</b>	<b>17.96</b>	<b>16.59</b>	<b>14.49</b>	<b>12.34</b>
<b>Month Ahead Forecast (£/MWh)</b>	<b>13.90</b>	<b>13.61</b>	<b>11.15</b>	<b>12.46</b>	<b>13.52</b>	<b>12.51</b>	<b>12.67</b>	<b>13.40</b>	<b>16.45</b>	<b>15.49</b>	<b>13.85</b>	<b>11.91</b>

The blue line on the chart shows the estimated monthly average BSUoS charge for the past 12 months. The red line shows our forecast for each month, made at year ahead in the forecast produced in March. The green line shows our forecast for each month made at the month ahead stage.

The table shows a breakdown of the elements that make up the BSUoS charge (including volume). The total cost divided by the volume gives the estimated average charge.

January 2026 total balancing cost =£300m

Month-ahead forecast for January 2026 (published on 15 December) = £224m

January outturn costs were around the 85th percentile of the month-ahead forecast and were 28% (£66m) higher than December's outturn of £235m.

- Constraint costs outturned 41% (£62m) above the January forecast and were 33% (£53m) higher than the constraint costs outturn in December (£161m).
- Other cost components outturned 20% (£14m) above the January forecast and were 17% (£13m) higher than the December's outturn.

The proportion of demand met by renewables decreased from 46% in December to 45% in January, which is 8% higher than the month-ahead forecast published on 15 December.

Wholesale electricity market prices averaged £94/MWh in January, compared with a month-ahead forecast of £80/MWh, and were up from £75/MWh in December.

We are continuously working to improve our BSUoS forecasting methodology. Any major changes to methodology will be communicated to industry.

We welcome your feedback on what would be valuable to be included in this dataset as we develop the process. Please contact us [BSUoS\\_queries@neso.energy](mailto:BSUoS_queries@neso.energy)

As a result of the approval of CMP361/362, the BSUoS charge is a fixed tariff from 1 April 2023.

Fixed Tariff 6 for Oct 2025 – Mar 2026 was published on 20 December 2024.

[BSUoS Fixed Tariff 6 – December 2024](#)

Final Tariffs 7 and 8 (Apr–Sep 2026 and Oct 2026–Mar 2027) were published on 29 December 2025.

[BSUoS Final Tariffs 7 and 8 – December 25](#)

Historic BSUoS Fixed Tariff publications can be found on our website:

[neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges](https://neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges)

Revenue vs Cost Report showing BSUoS outturn against the fixed tariff can be found on our website:

[neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges](https://neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges)

Actual BSUoS half hourly cost data can be found on our data portal:

[neso.energy/data-portal/daily-balancing-costs-balancing-services-use-system](https://neso.energy/data-portal/daily-balancing-costs-balancing-services-use-system)

Monthly BSUoS forecasts can be found on our data portal:

[neso.energy/data-portal/bsuos-monthly-forecast](https://neso.energy/data-portal/bsuos-monthly-forecast)