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NESO Operational Transparency Forum

18 February 2026

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Key Points

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- **Ask Questions and give feedback:** Use **Sli.do event code #OTF**.
- **Submit early:** Ask questions early to give our experts time to answer.
- **No Edits:** Don't edit questions after submission; submit a new question, if needed.
- **Identify Yourself:** Provide your name or organization. Anonymous questions won't be answered live. If you have reasons to remain anonymous to the wider forum, please use the advance question or email options below.
- **Report Concerns:** Report concerns to the Market Monitoring team at marketreporting@neso.energy.
- **Question Order:** Questions are answered in upvoted order. Some may be taken away or answered later.
- **Sli.do Open:** Sli.do remains open **until 12:00** for maximum question opportunities. After that please use the advance questions or email options below.
- **Q&A:** All questions are recorded & published. Unanswered questions will be included in the next slide pack.
- **Ask questions anytime** whether for inclusion in the forum or individual response through our [Advance Questions form](#) or at: box.nc.customer@neso.energy.
- **Stay Updated:** Visit our webpage at: <https://www.neso.energy/what-we-do/systems-operations/operational-transparency-forum> for updates and previous OTF material.

Note: To access previous OTF webinars from Slido, click on the three lines to the left of forum title.

Deep dive sessions

Today

January Balancing Costs

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Future

25 February - Reformed National Pricing (RNP)



If you have questions/suggestions of areas to cover during above presentations or ideas for deep dives or focus topics you would like us to consider, please send them to us at: box.nc.customer@neso.energy

BSUoS Tariff Timetable Survey

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In December, we published our Final BSUoS Tariffs for 2026/27. To ensure we are providing the best customer experience, we are reviewing our planned publication timetable for the 2027/28 BSUoS tariffs and beyond.

Proposed Timetable:

- Draft Tariffs in September, and
- Final Tariffs in December

Before finalising this timetable, we're seeking customer feedback to better understand your needs.

Please take a moment to complete our short survey to share your views.

[Click here to take part in our survey](#)

Survey will be open until Friday 27 February.

If you have further feedback or any questions on this then please contact us at BSUoS.queries@neso.energy

BM Registration: change to March SORT Upload date

BM System Upload Dates (SORT Upload)

Remainder of 2026

Month	Cutoff date	Implementation	Back-up date
March	24/02/2026	17/03/2026	01/04/2026
May	28/04/2026	20/05/2026	27/05/2026
July	23/06/2026	15/07/2026	22/07/2026
September	01/09/2026	23/09/2026	30/09/2026
November	03/11/2026	25/11/2026	02/12/2026

The March SORT Upload will take place on 17 March 2026

To prevent scheduling clashes with maintenance activity required for the NESO Balancing Mechanism (BM) Systems and avoid delay to new units' access to the Balancing Mechanism, this upload will take place one day earlier than the originally published date.

The Cutoff date 24 February 2026, and Back-up date, 1 April 2026, are unchanged.

- Cutoff date: all the requirements for BM Registration must be met before this date.
- Back-up date: if network or operational conditions prevent us from carrying out the SORT Upload on 17 March 2026 we will ensure it is completed on 1 April 2026.

All affected customers have been informed. To discuss the potential impact of the date change on units you are preparing for inclusion in the March SORT Upload contact: bmu.registration@neso.energy

Slow Reserve update

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- **Mock Auctions:** Mock Auctions including the new Slow Reserve Service will take place daily from **23 Feb to 16 March at 2pm**. The Mock Auction environment has been open since **16 Feb** and all participants currently in the sandbox environment do now have access to the Mock Auction environment automatically. Contact commercial.operation@neso.energy if you wish to take part or have any questions.
- The **mock auction environment** once opened can be accessed via the following URL: <https://mock-auction.eac.neso.production.n-side.com/marketparticipant>
- **Results** for these Mock Auctions will be published [here](#).
- During the mock auctions and as we move towards go-live we will hold some **drop-in sessions**. The Slow Reserve team will be available during these sessions for questions around mock auctions, onboarding and the service in general:
 - [Drop-in session 1 – 10:30 – 26 February](#)
 - [Drop-in session 2 – 10:30 – 12 March](#)
- Between these sessions join us for our final [Slow Reserve webinar](#) prior to go-live of the service on **4 March at 2:00 pm**. The Slow Reserve team will cover NESO requirement setting, a brief overview of the technical requirements, onboarding and what to expect in the days prior to the first auction.

Future Event Summary

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Event	Date & Time	Link
Slow Reserve drop-in session 1	26 Feb (10:30-11:30)	Register here
BSUoS Tariff Timetable Survey	27 Feb (survey closes)	Survey link
Slow Reserve webinar	04 Mar (14:00-15:00)	Register here
Slow Reserve drop-in session 2	12 Mar (10:30-11:30)	Register here
SORT Upload	17 Mar	
Network Access Planning (NAP) OC2 Forum	24 Mar (09:00-17:00)	Register here
Balancing Programme March 2026 Webinar	26 Mar (11:00-12:30)	Register here
Slow Reserve service go-live and end of the STOR service	31 Mar	

Check out the [NESO Events Calendar](#) for more...

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Monthly Balancing Cost Update January 2026

Cost and Operational Insights Team
Joe Andrews

Monthly Cost Summary

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Balancing costs in January 2026 were £303m.

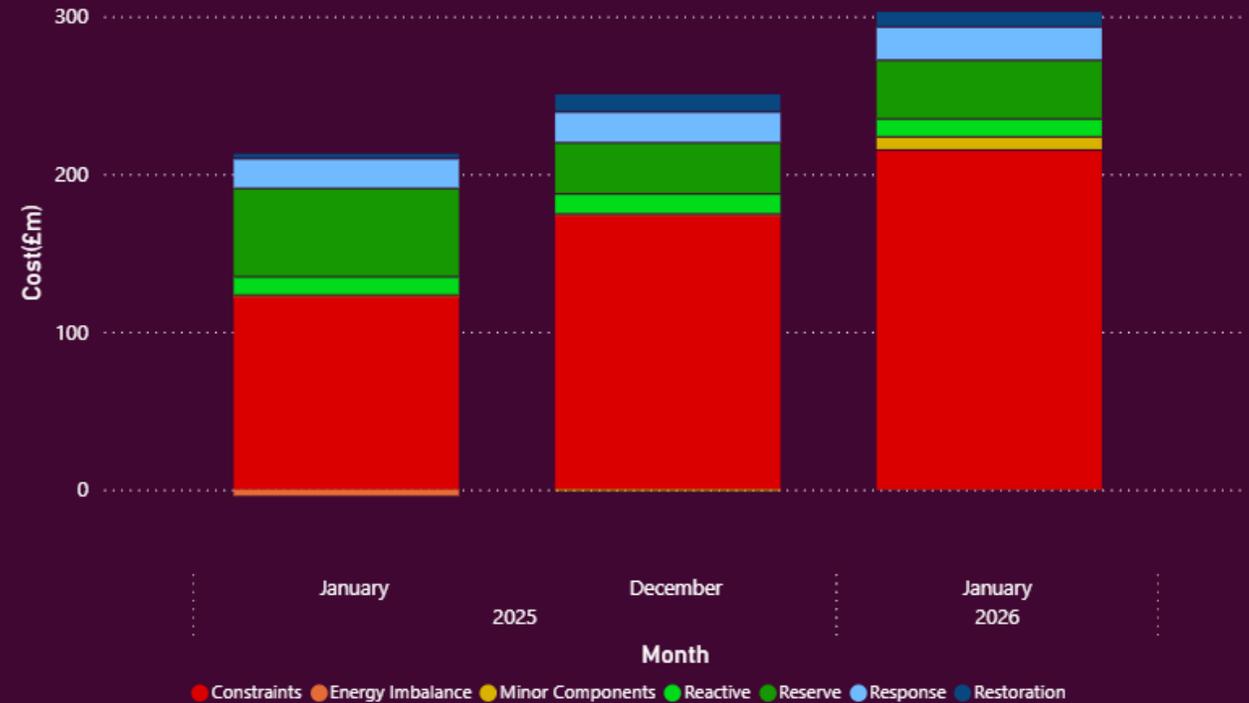
This was an increase of £61m on last month and an increase of £91m from January last year.

January 2026 experienced the highest-ever recorded wind outturn, with both Storm Goretti and Storm Chandra bringing strong wind gusts to the UK. High levels of wind curtailment coupled with a rise in average wholesale market prices drove higher thermal constraint costs.

Voltage costs decreased significantly in January, largely down to high winter demand and the wholesale market providing voltage support. There was a slight decrease in inertia costs due to a lower volume of procurement.

Non constraint costs have increased by £19m despite a decrease in the overall volume of actions.

Cost(£m) by Attribute



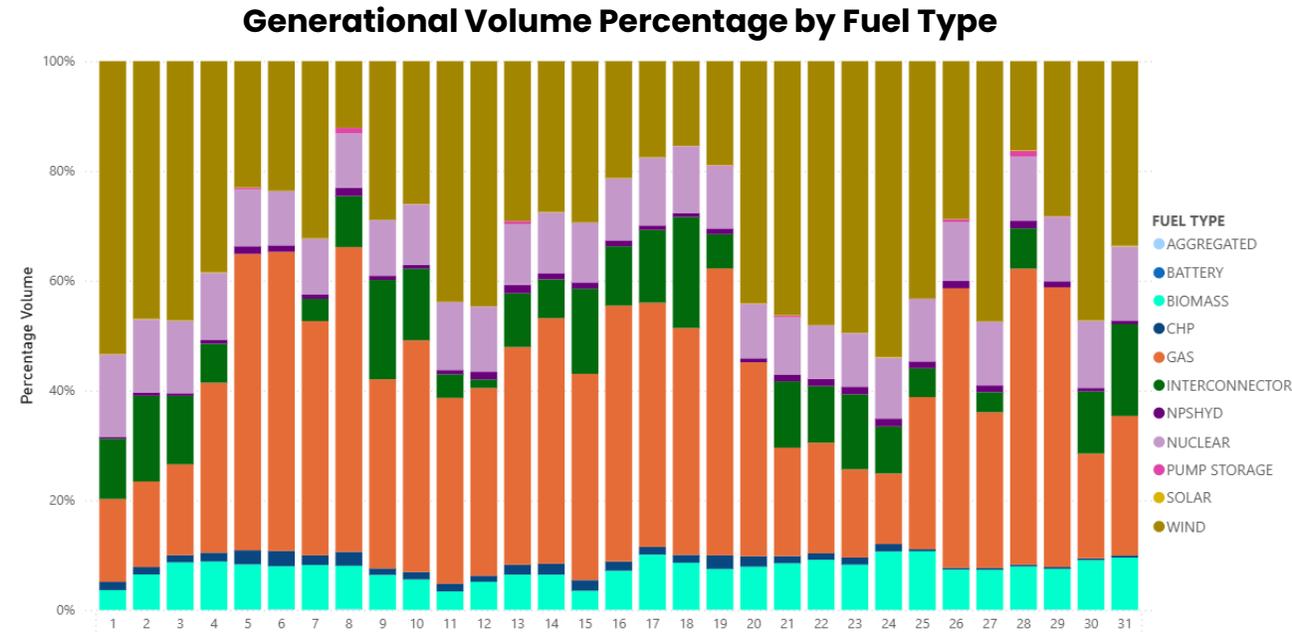
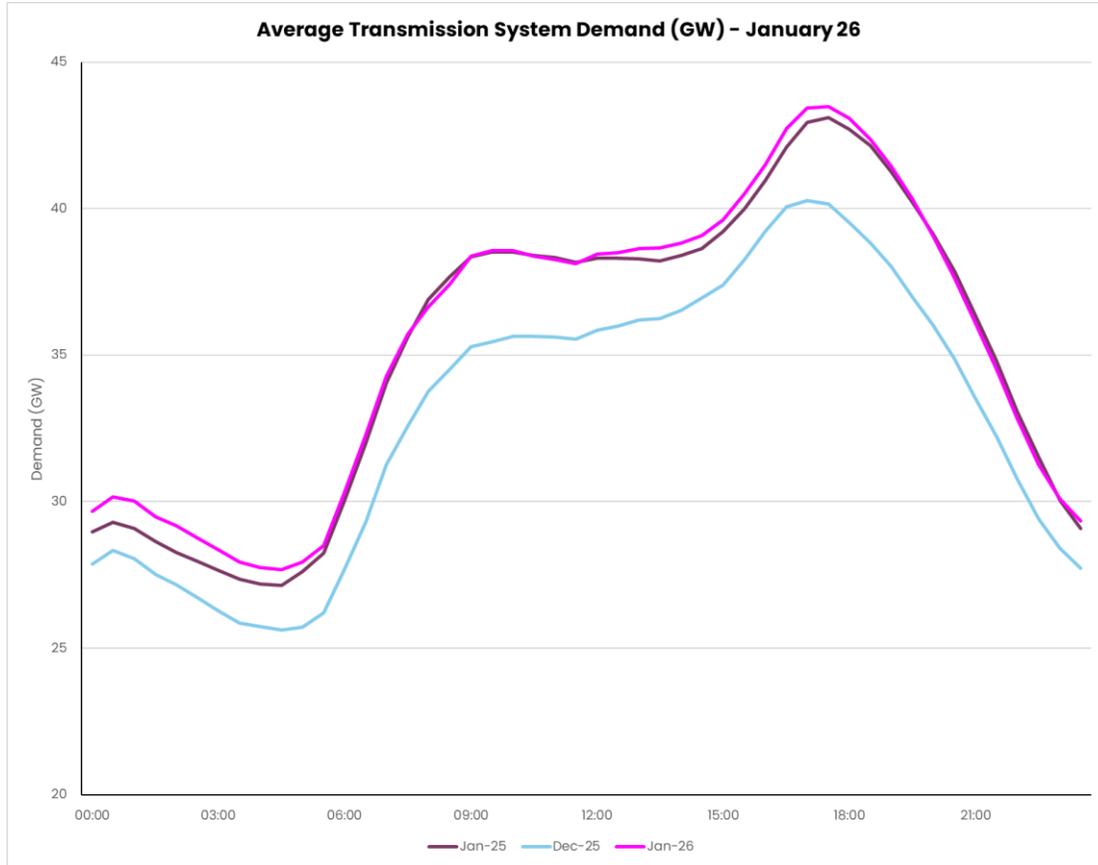
Voltage: £2.6m ↓

Thermal: £210.2m ↑

Inertia: £0.5m ↓

System Conditions

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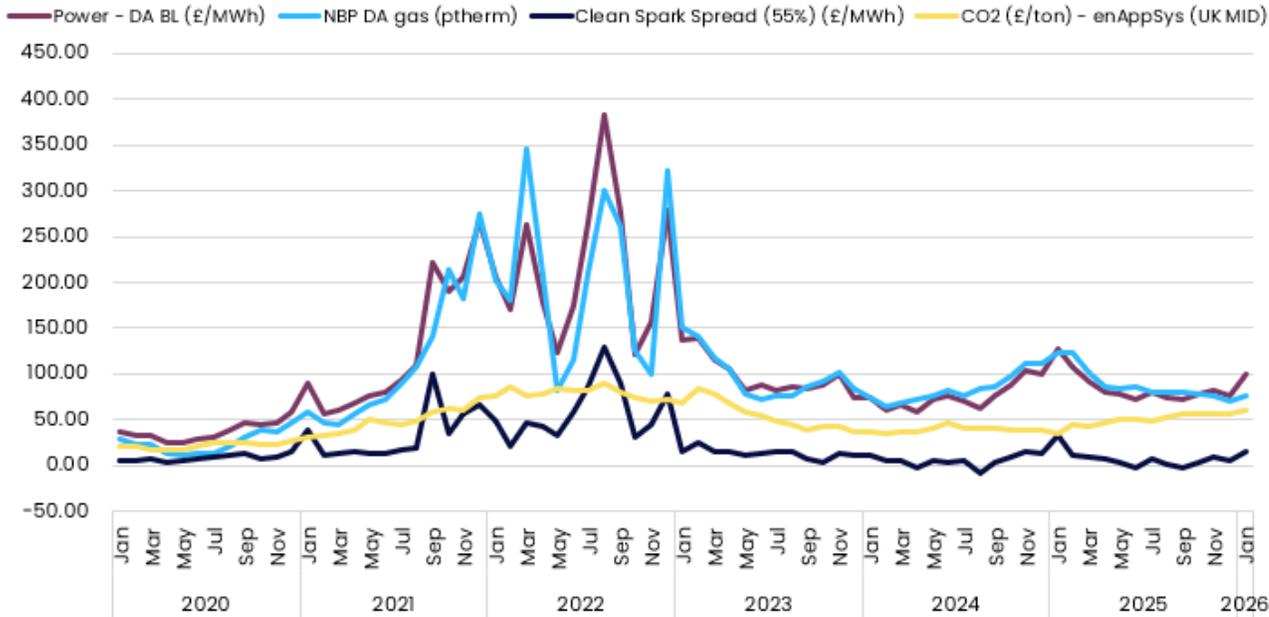


Market Conditions

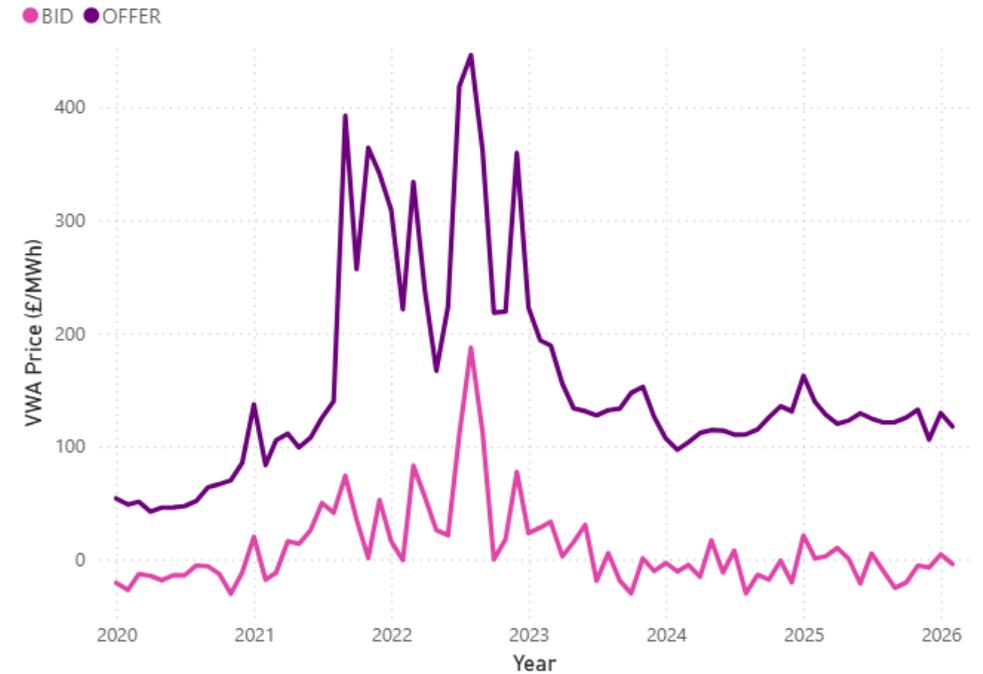
	DA Power Price	VWA offer price	VWA bid price
M-o-m change	↑ +£24/MWh	↑ +23/MWh	↑ +£11/MWh
Y-o-y	↓ -£27/MWh	↓ -£33/MWh	↓ -£17/MWh

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Day Ahead market trends (2020 - 2025)



VWA Prices for Bids and Offers



Daily Costs and Volumes

The highest cost day was 11th January at £21.7m.

The costs were driven by the highest level of wind curtailment seen during the month.

Highest spend allocation on the day was for Scottish constraints (£18.6m) linked to significantly high wind output.

Daily average cost was £9.8m, approximately a £2.0m increase on the previous month.

Key trends from previous month:

	Constraint	Non-constraint
Cost	↑ 24%	↑ 28%
Volume	↑ 14%	↓ 9%

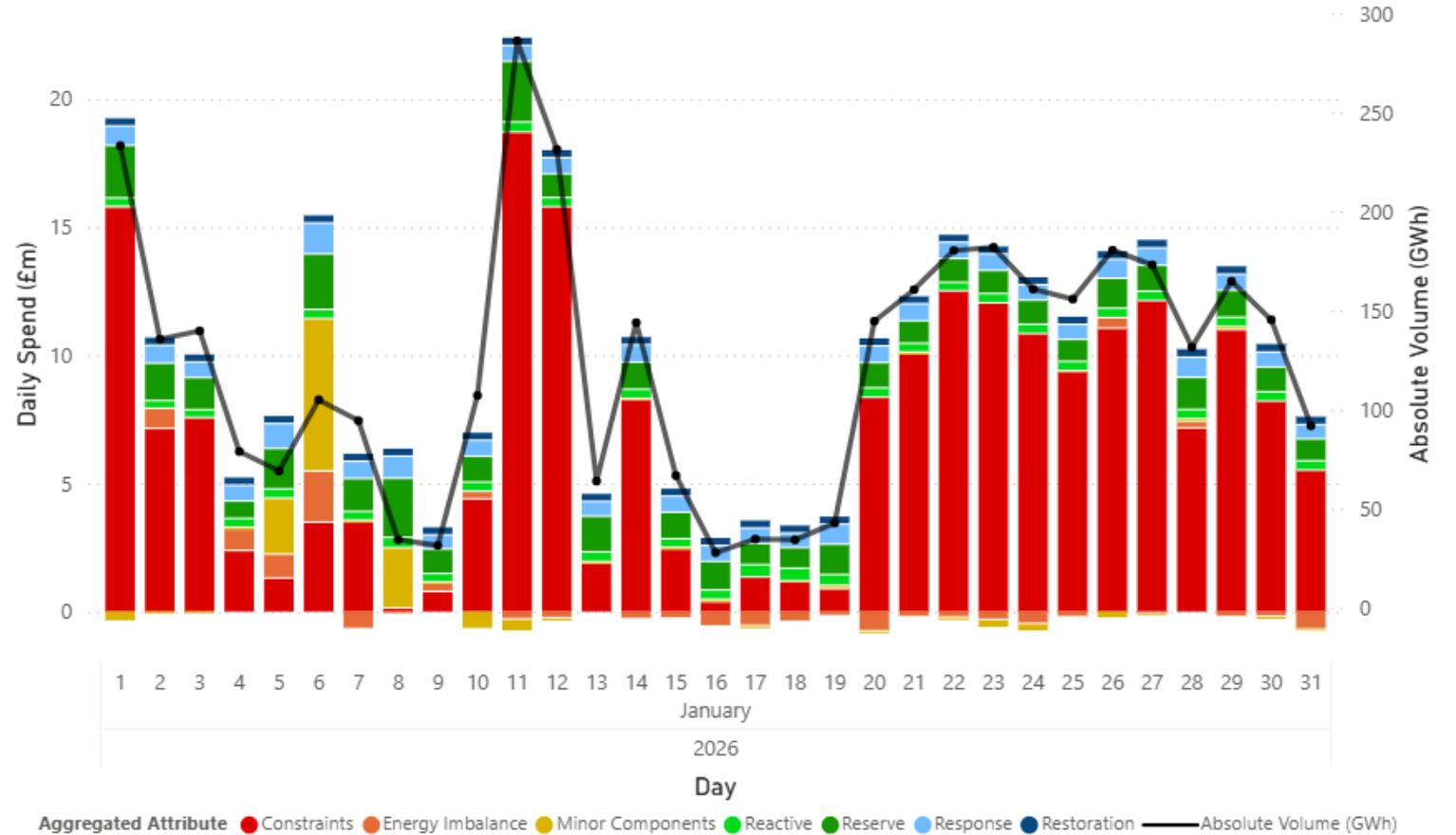


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Daily Cost and Volume by Action Type



Wind Outturn

Overall wind outturn rose from ~8.3TWh in December to ~8.6TWh in January, the highest-ever wind outturn recorded.

There was a 227GWh increase in the amount of wind curtailment compared to December 2025 and a 674GWh increase from January 2025.

With variable weather conditions, the highest volume wind curtailment days were seen during the beginning and middle of the month:

- 11th January (131GWh) - highest cost day
- 1st January (110GWh) - second highest cost day
- 12th January (99GWh) - third highest cost day

	Total*	England & Wales	Scotland
Wind Outturn (GWh)	8,554	5,366	3,188
Wind Curtailment (GWh)	1,228	13	1,215

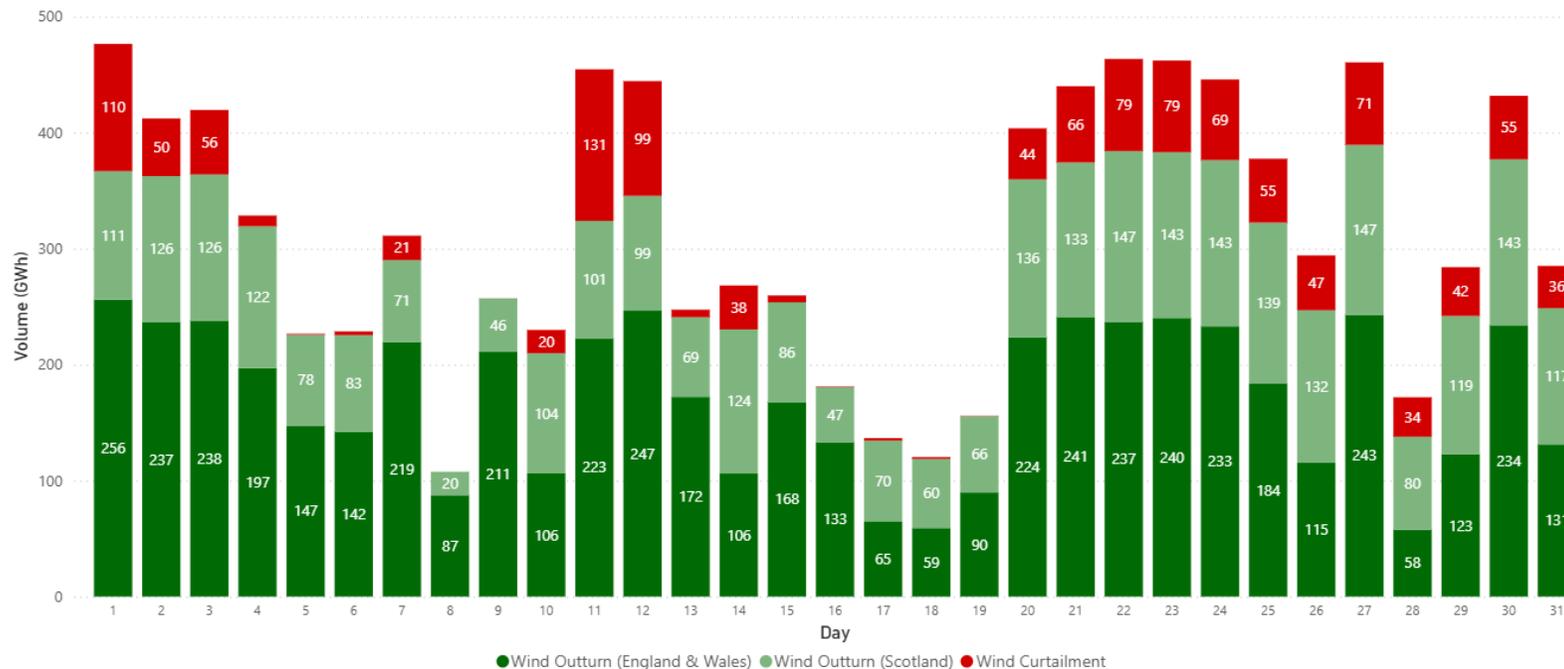


Monthly wind curtailment %:

22.6%

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Operational Wind Outturn and Wind Curtailment Volumes

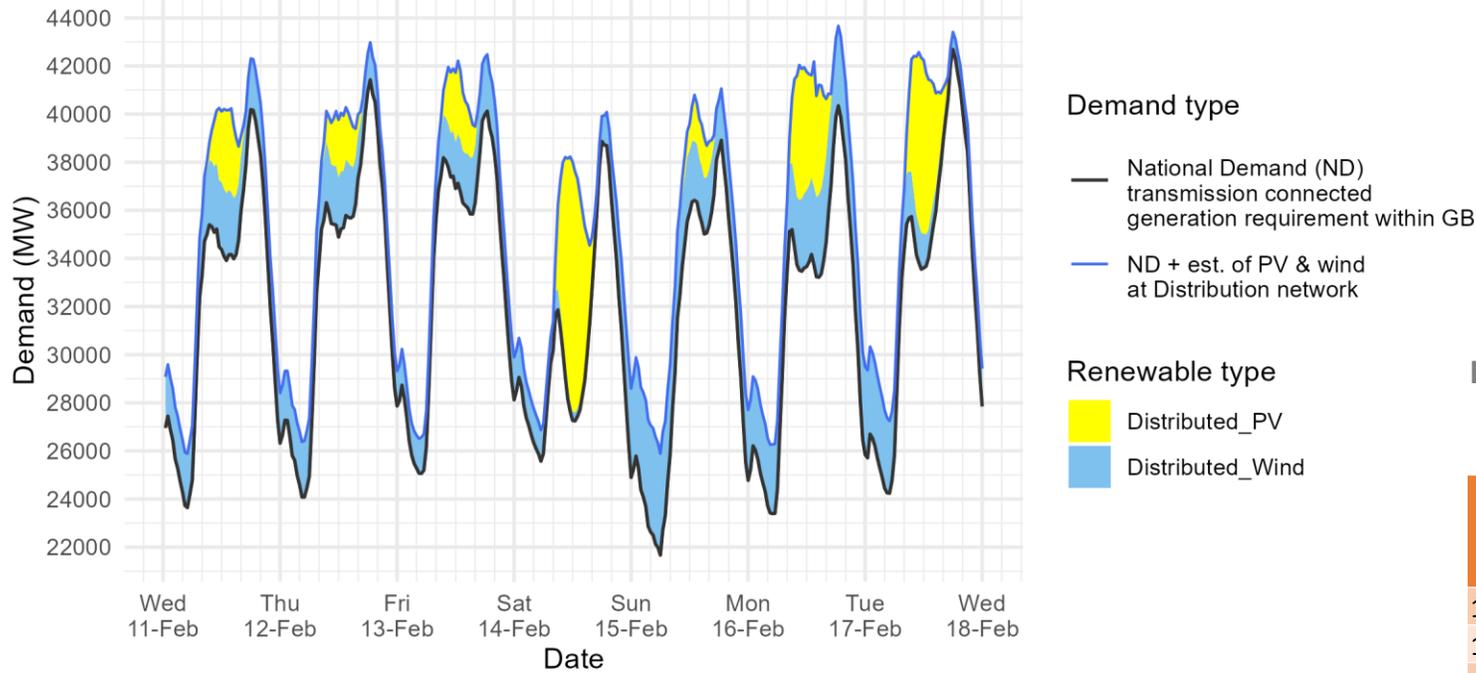


*These figures may not match exactly due to data categorisation.

Demand | Last week demand out-turn

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NESO National Demand outturn 11 - 17 February 2026



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Historic out-turn data can be found on the [NESO Data Portal](#) in the following data sets: [Historic Demand Data](#) & [Demand Data Update](#)

Distributed generation
Peak values by day

Date	OUTTURN	
	Daily Max Dist. PV (GW)	Daily Max Dist. Wind (GW)
11 Feb 2026	3.5	2.8
12 Feb 2026	2.4	2.6
13 Feb 2026	3.0	2.4
14 Feb 2026	10.4	3.7
15 Feb 2026	1.9	4.5
16 Feb 2026	5.6	3.7
17 Feb 2026	7.3	3.6

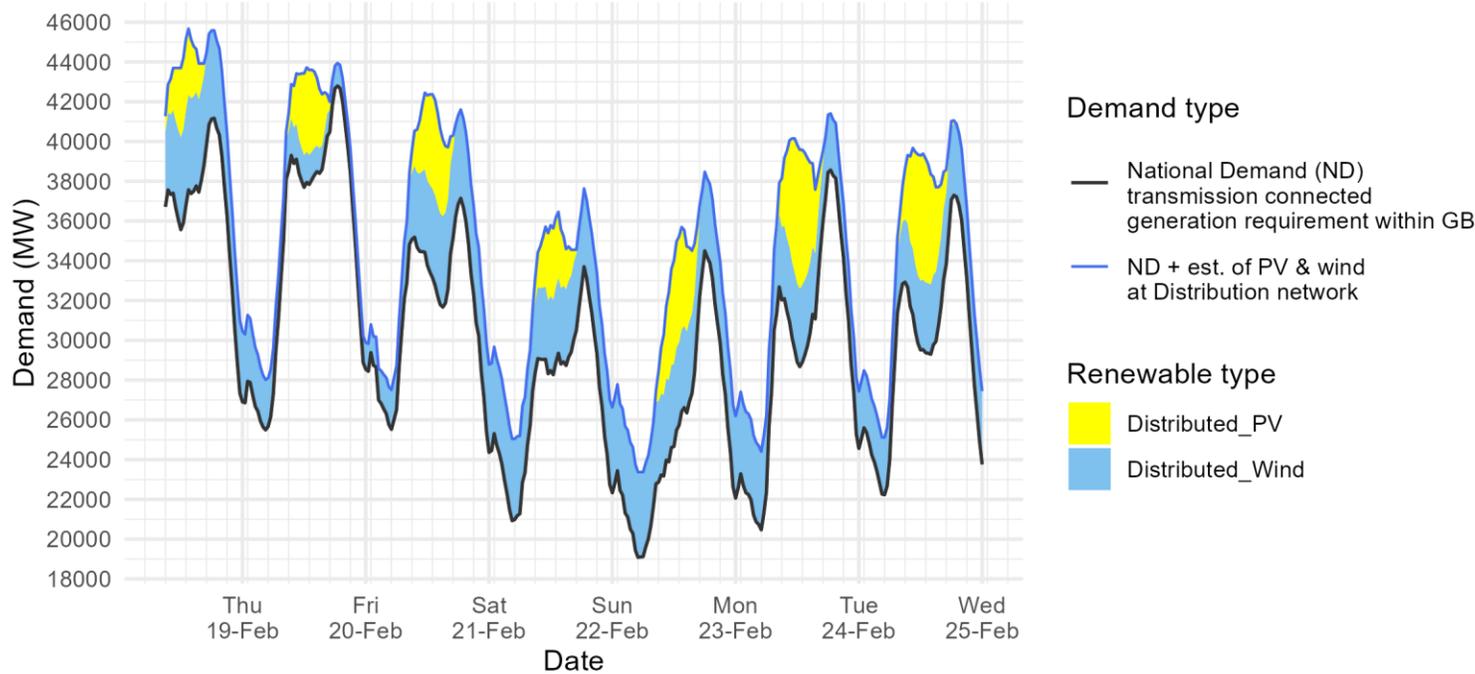
National Demand
Minimum & Peak Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 11 Feb)		OUTTURN	
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)
11 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	40.4	2.5	40.2	2.1
12 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	23.0	2.5	24.1	2.3
12 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	41.4	1.8	41.4	1.6
13 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	25.0	1.7	25.1	1.5
13 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	41.2	2.1	40.1	2.4
14 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	24.9	1.7	25.6	1.3
14 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	39.5	1.1	38.9	1.0
15 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	21.8	3.9	21.7	4.2
15 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	38.6	3.3	38.9	2.1
16 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	22.2	3.9	23.4	2.9
16 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	40.8	3.4	40.3	3.3
17 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	24.0	2.7	24.2	3.0
17 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	42.1	1.8	42.7	0.7

Demand | Week Ahead

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NESO Demand forecast for 18 - 24 February 2026



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National Demand Minimum Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 18 Feb)	
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)
18 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	41.2	4.4
19 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	25.5	2.5
19 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	42.8	1.1
20 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	25.5	2.0
20 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	37.1	4.5
21 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	20.9	4.1
21 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	33.7	3.9
22 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	19.1	4.3
22 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	34.5	3.9
23 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	20.5	3.9
23 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	38.6	2.8
24 Feb 2026	Overnight Min	22.2	2.9
24 Feb 2026	Evening Peak	37.3	3.6

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NESO Actions | Category Cost Breakdown

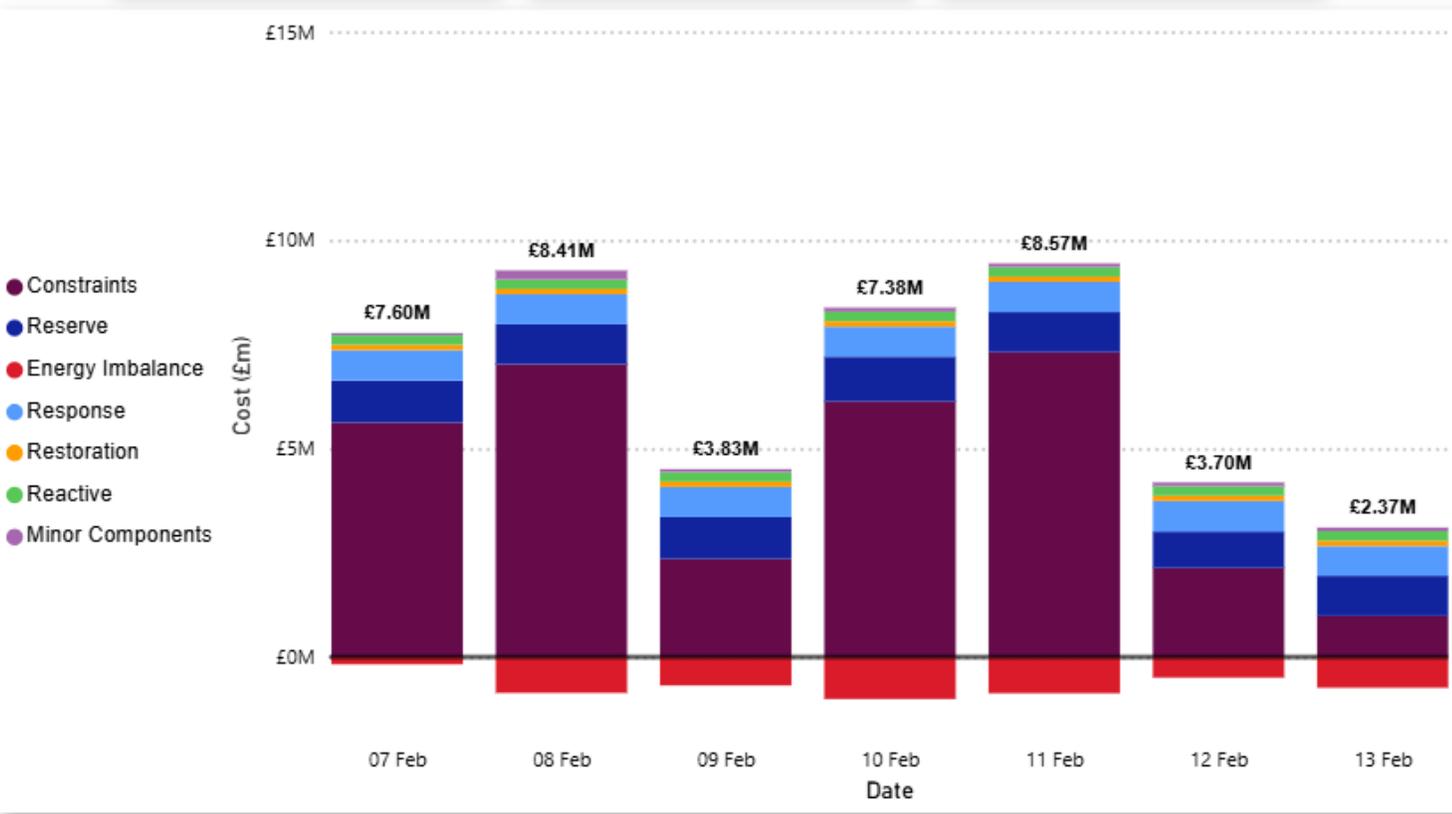
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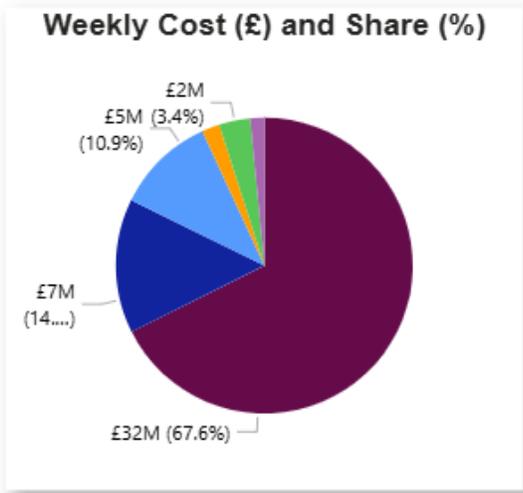
Weekly Total Costs (£)
41.9M

Last Week Total Costs (£)
68.9M

Past 30-Day Average Costs (£)
8.2M



Date	Total Costs
07 February 2026	£7,599,068
08 February 2026	£8,414,230
09 February 2026	£3,826,417
10 February 2026	£7,376,468
11 February 2026	£8,572,736
12 February 2026	£3,696,625
13 February 2026	£2,371,056
Total	£41,856,602



NESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown

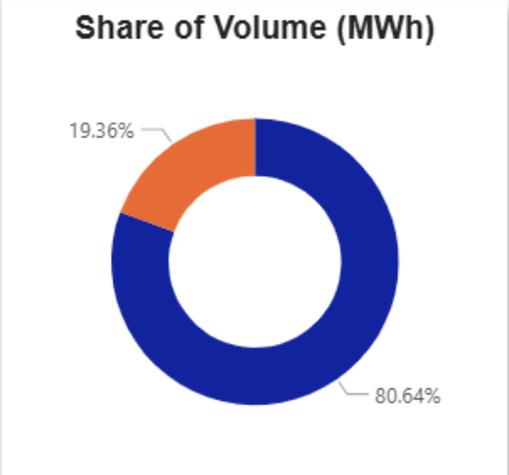
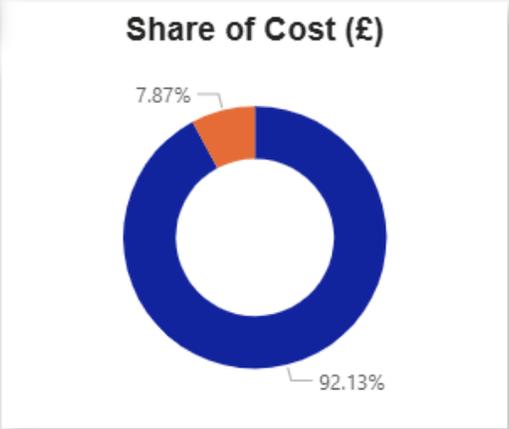
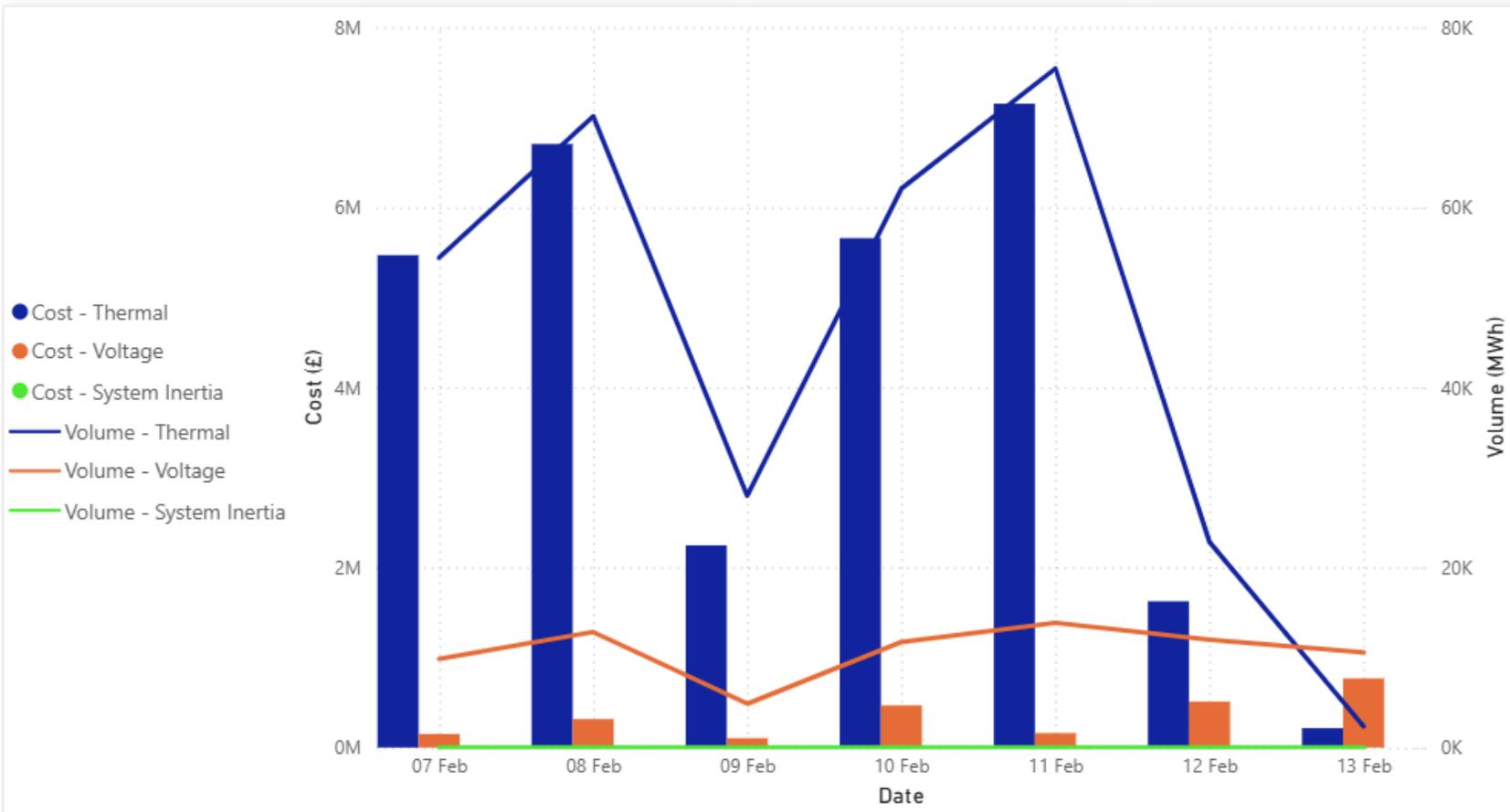
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Thermal Constraints	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
29.08M	315.29K

Voltage Constraints	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
2.48M	75.69K

System Inertia	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
0.00	0.00



Note: Thermal Constraint volume is reported as an absolute figure.

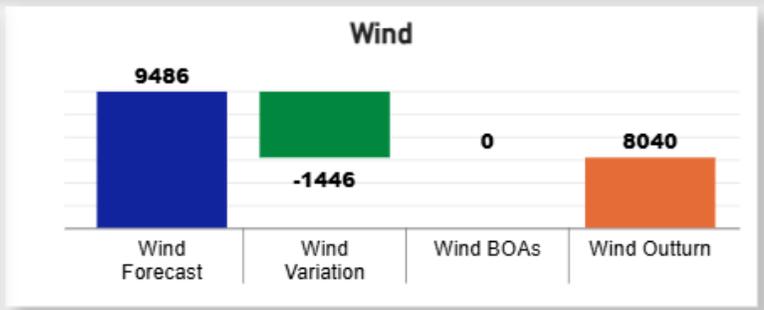
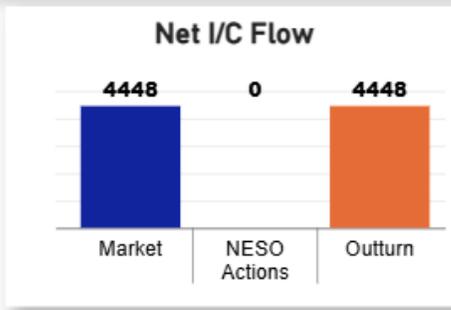
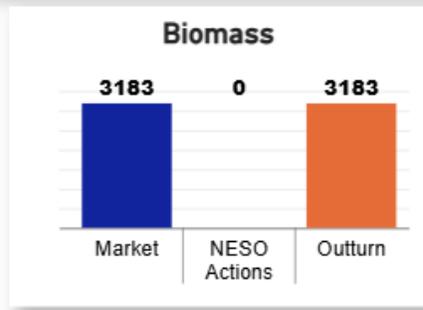
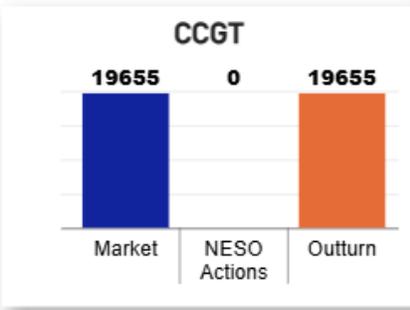
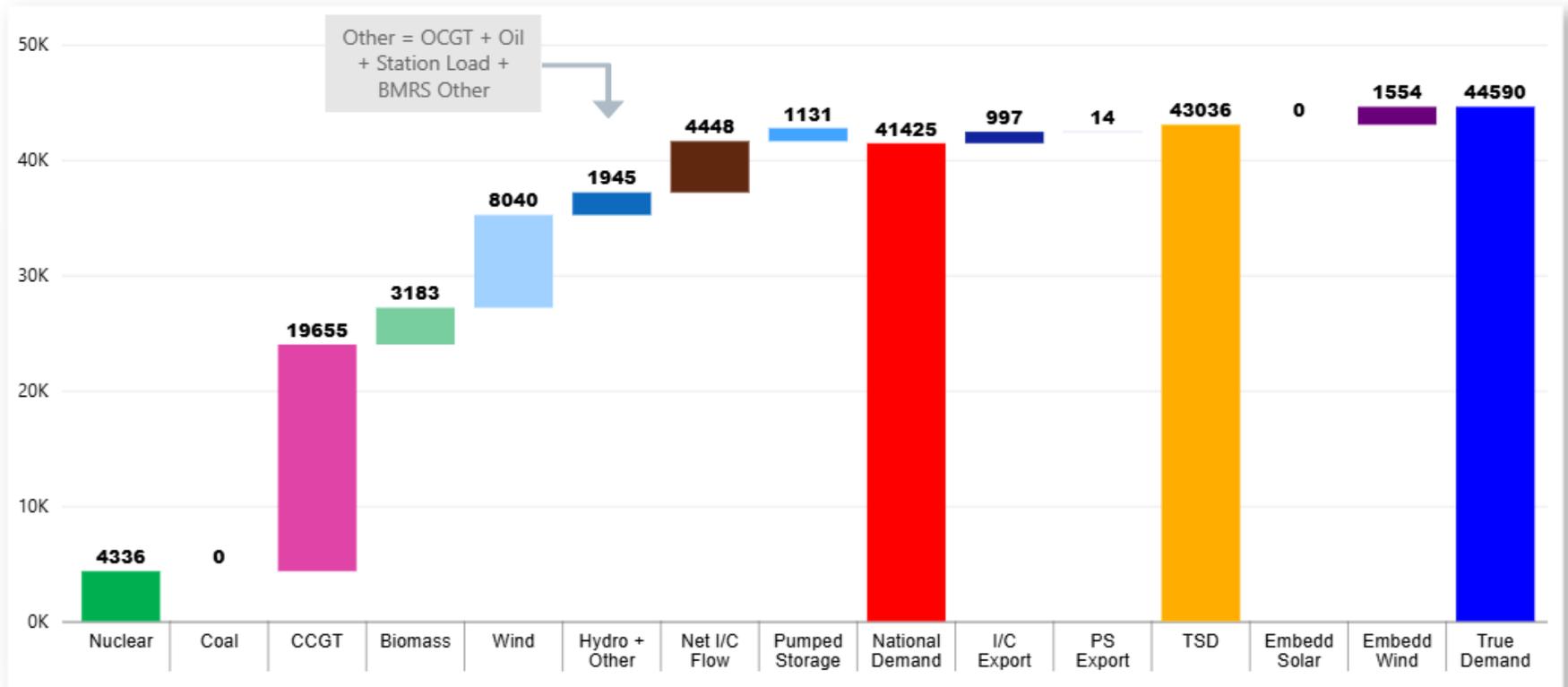
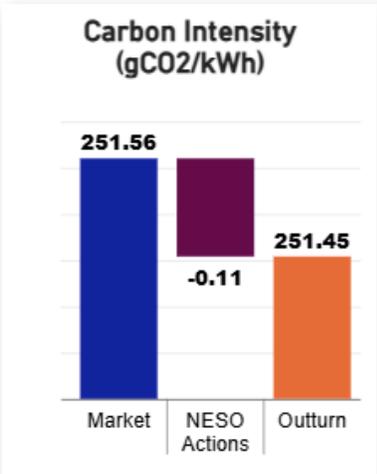


NESO Actions | Peak Demand – Settlement Period (SP) spend ~£2k Thursday 12th February

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Date SP

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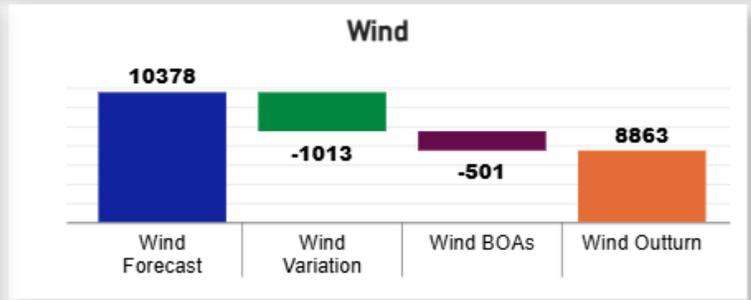
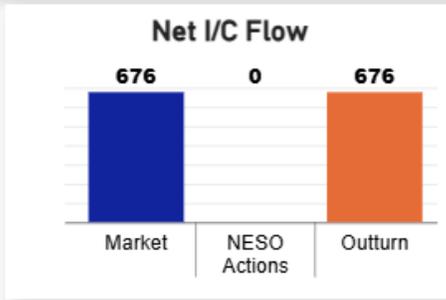
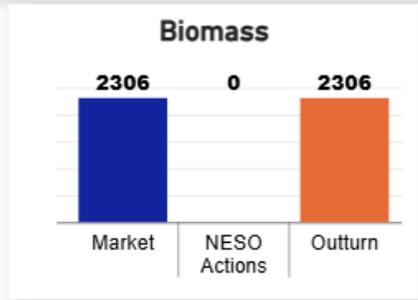
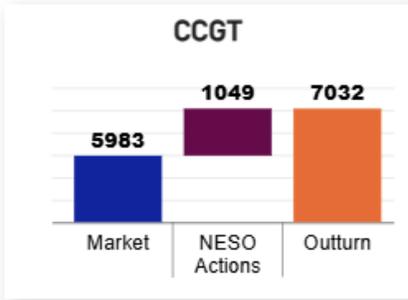
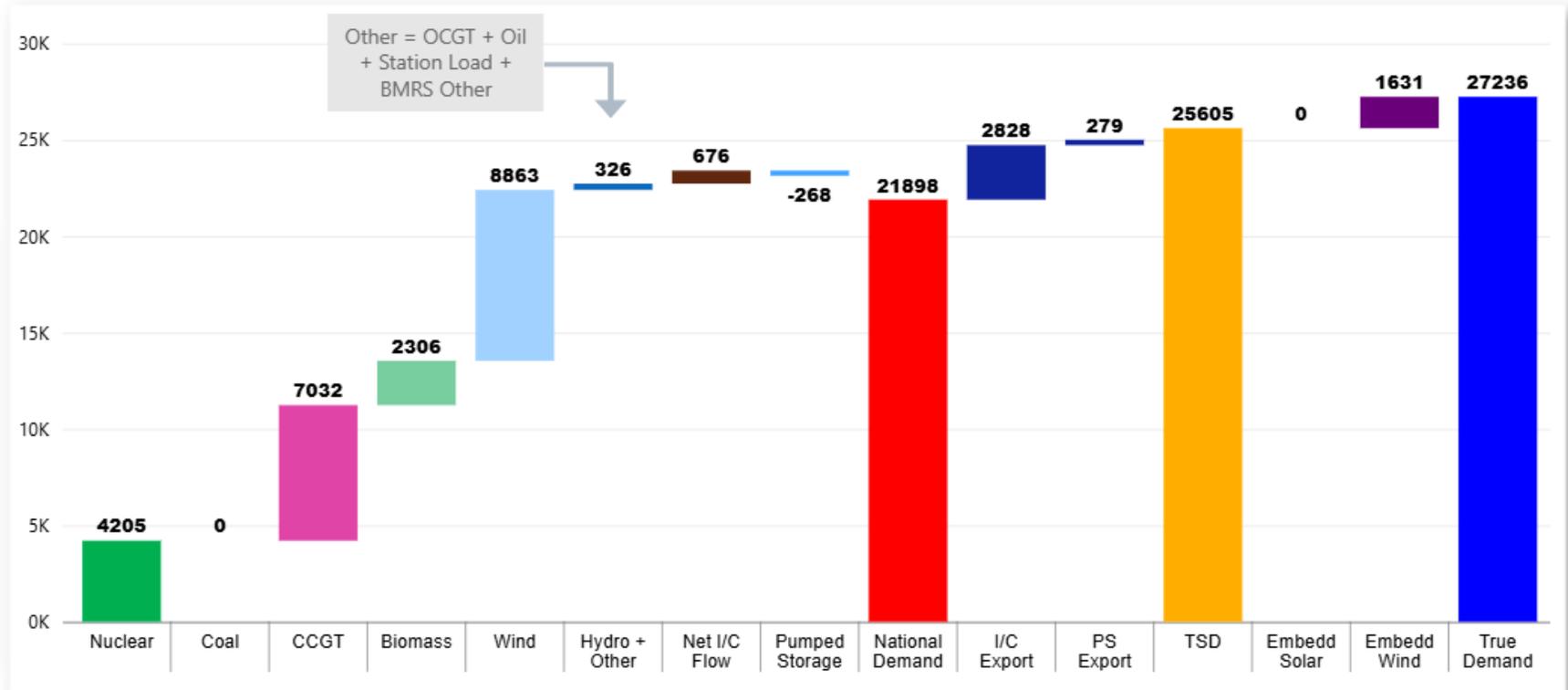


NESO Actions | Minimum Demand – SP spend ~£138k Sunday 8th February

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Date SP

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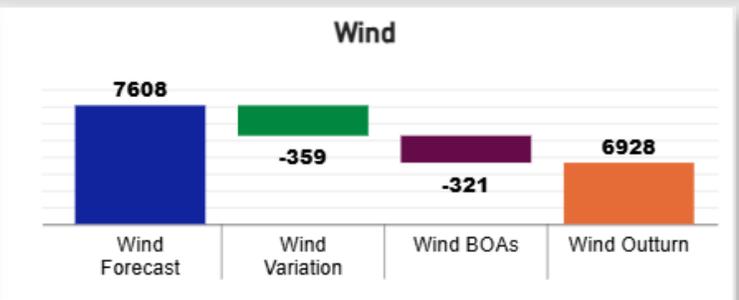
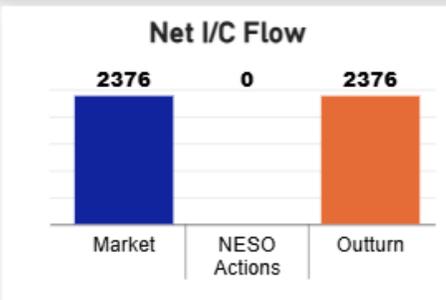
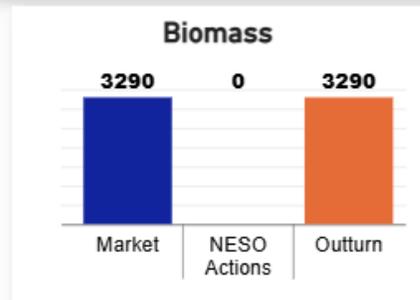
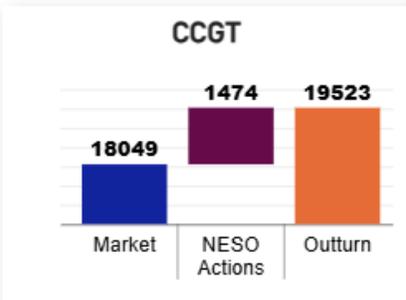
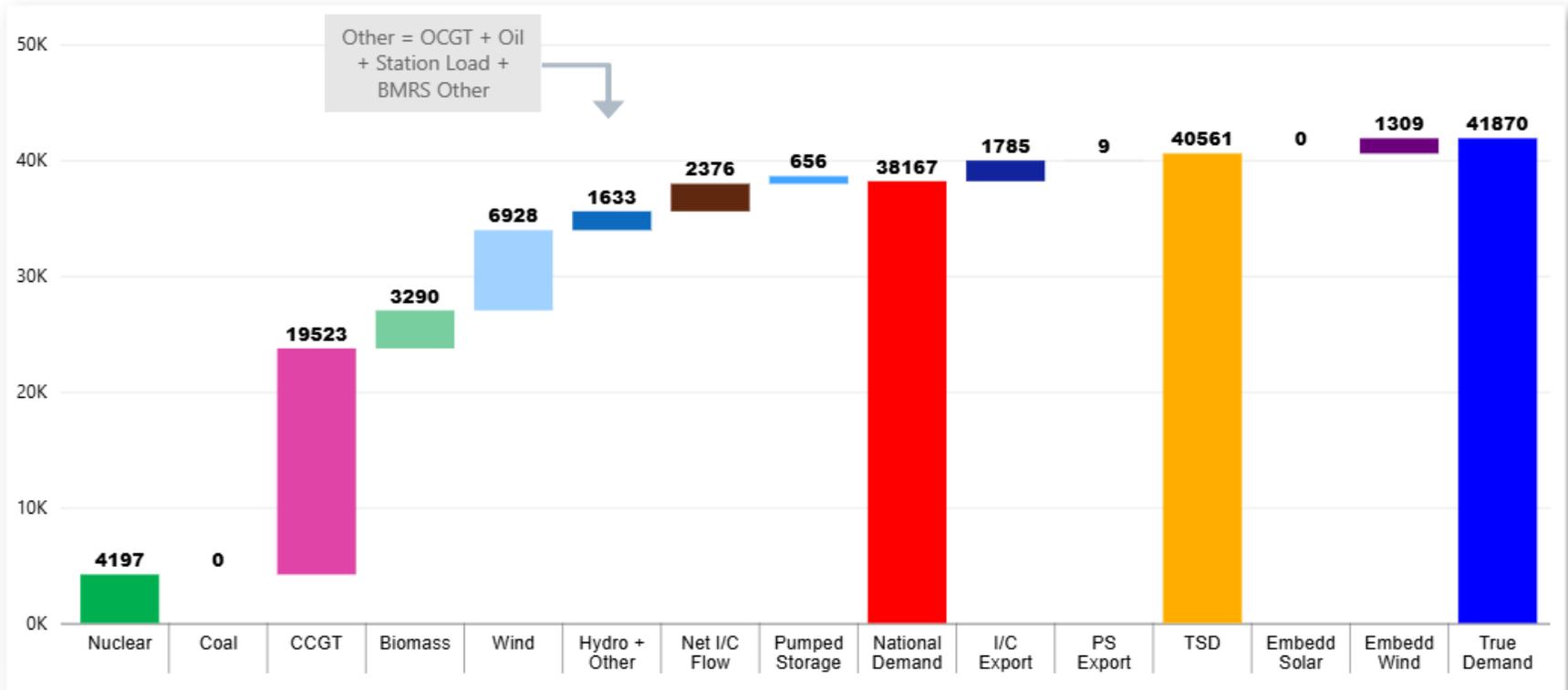
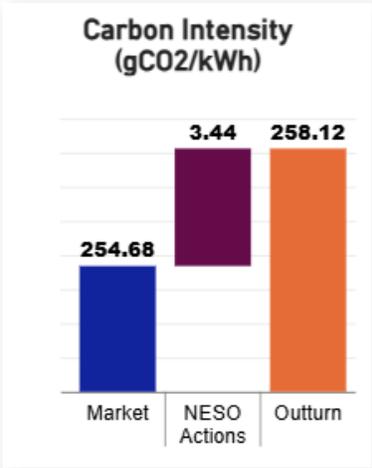


NESO Actions | Highest SP spend ~£241k Sunday 8th February

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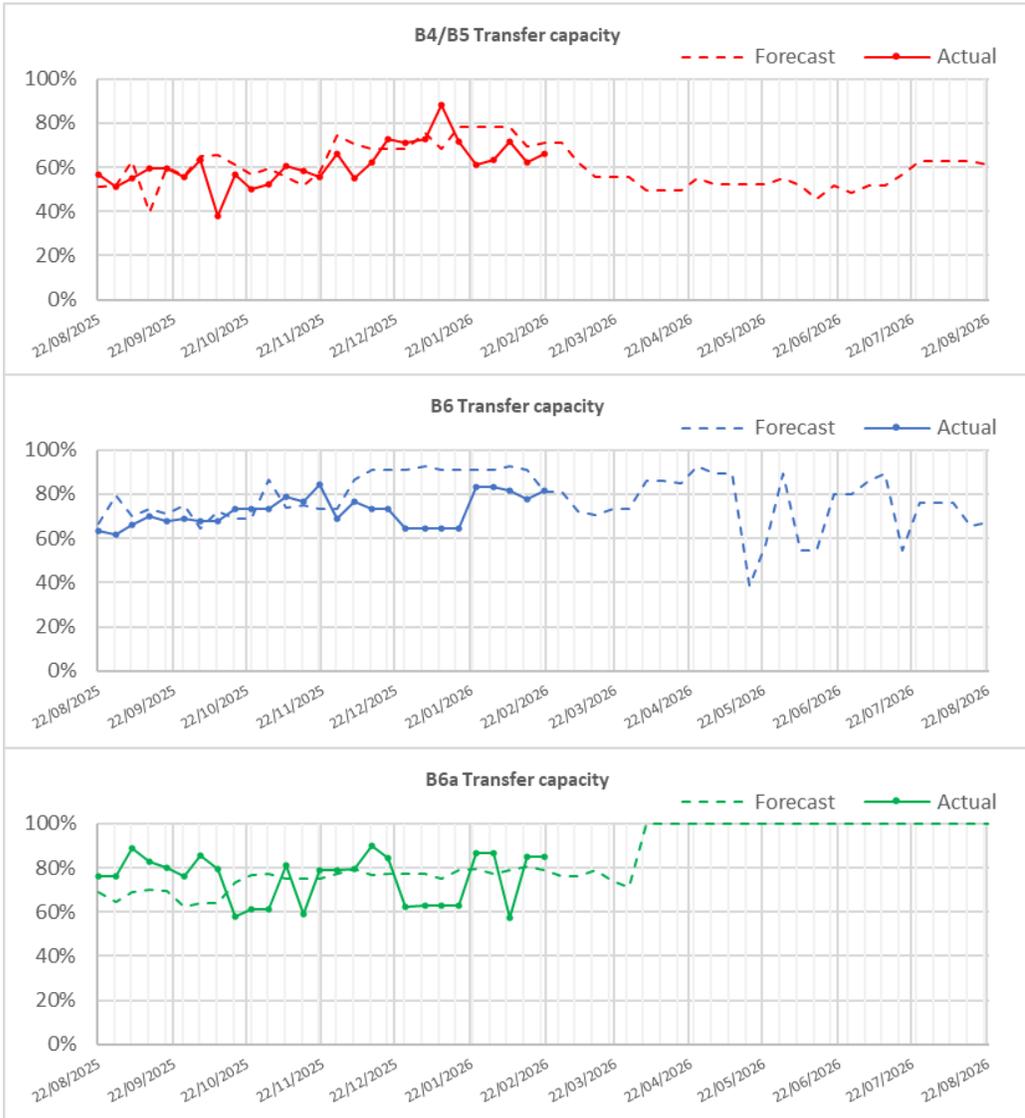
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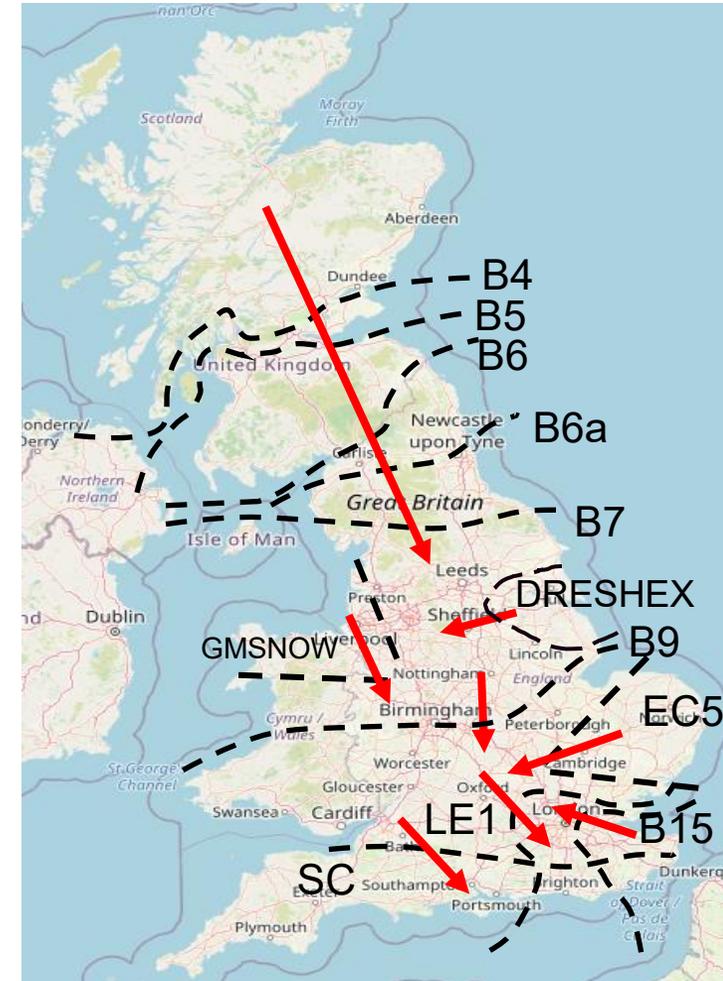


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B4/B5	3400	66
B6 (SCOTEX)	6800	82
B6a	8000	85
B7 (SSHARN)	9850	61
GMSNOW	5800	69
FLOWSTH (B9)	12700	92
DRESHEX	9675	93
EC5	5000	100
LE1 (SEIMP)	8750	59
B15 (ESTEX)	7500	83
SC1	7300	100

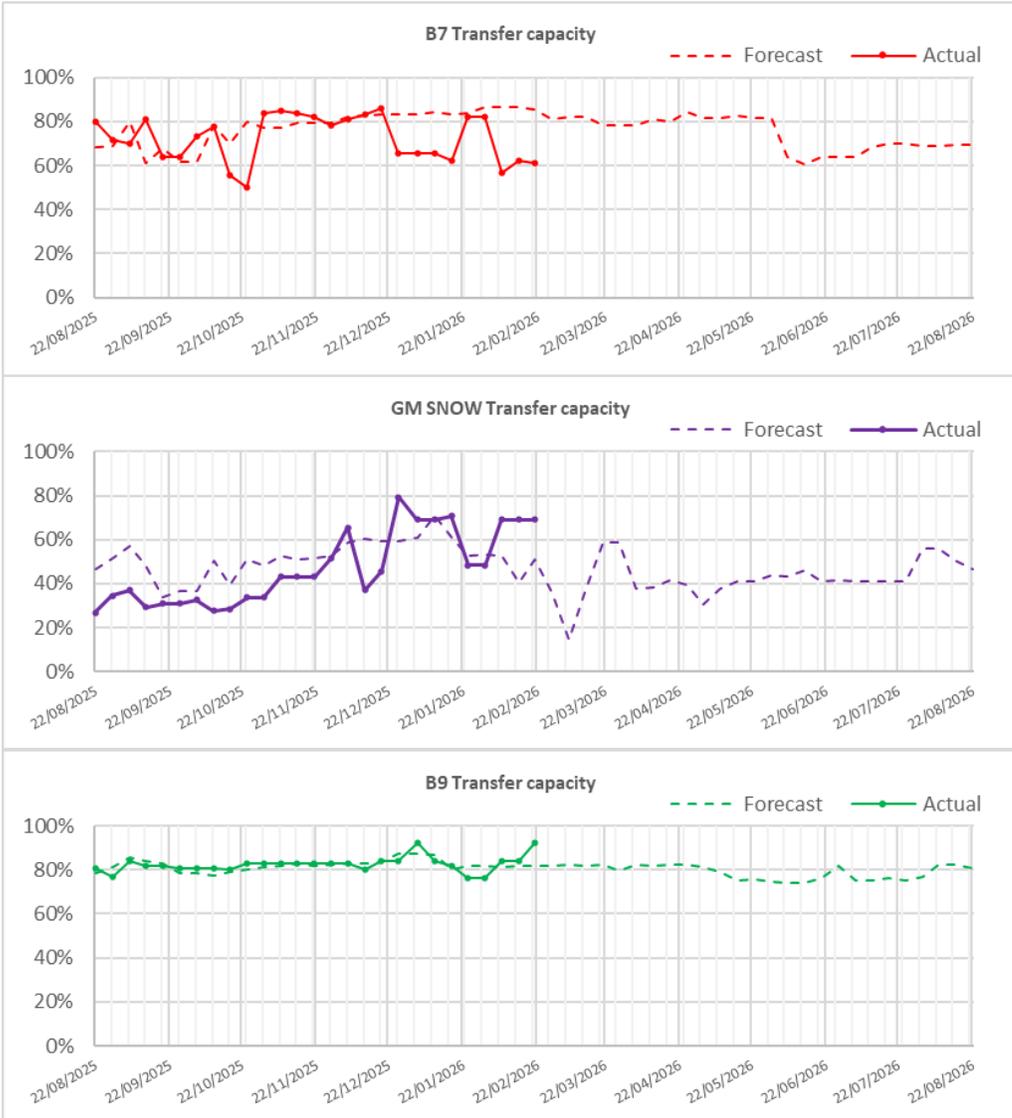


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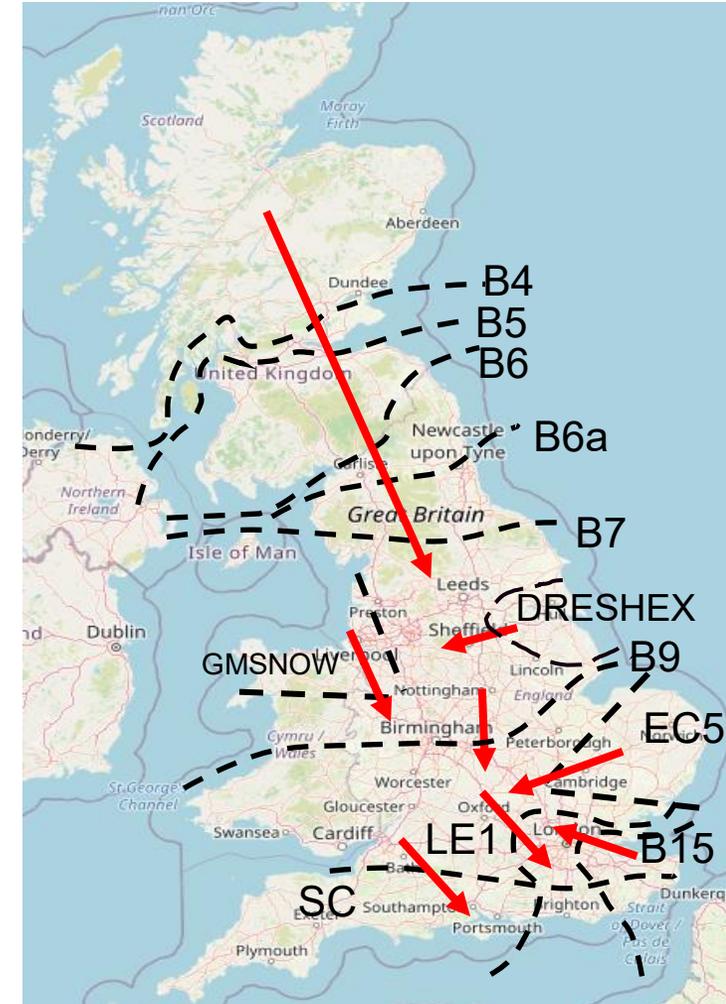


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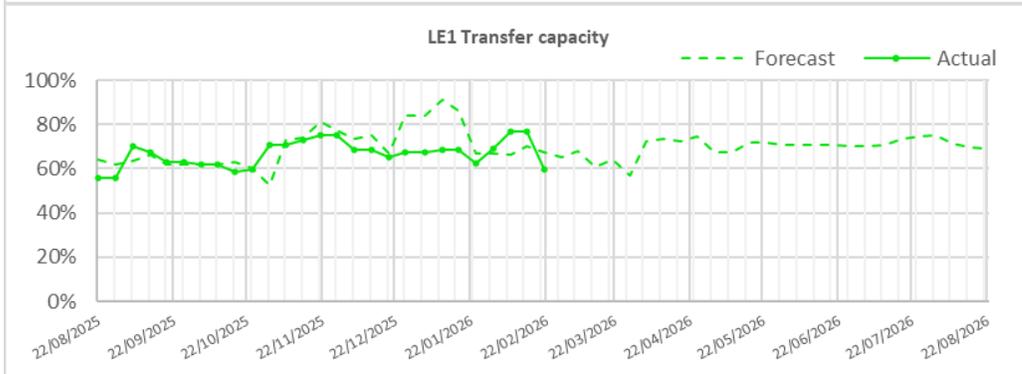
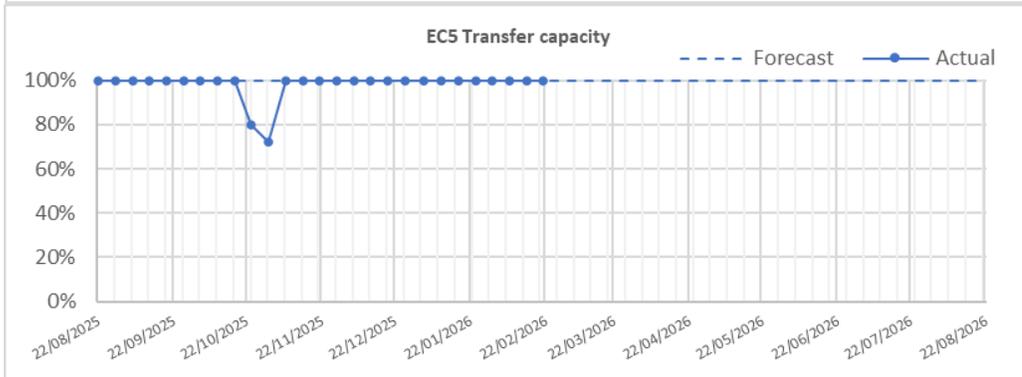


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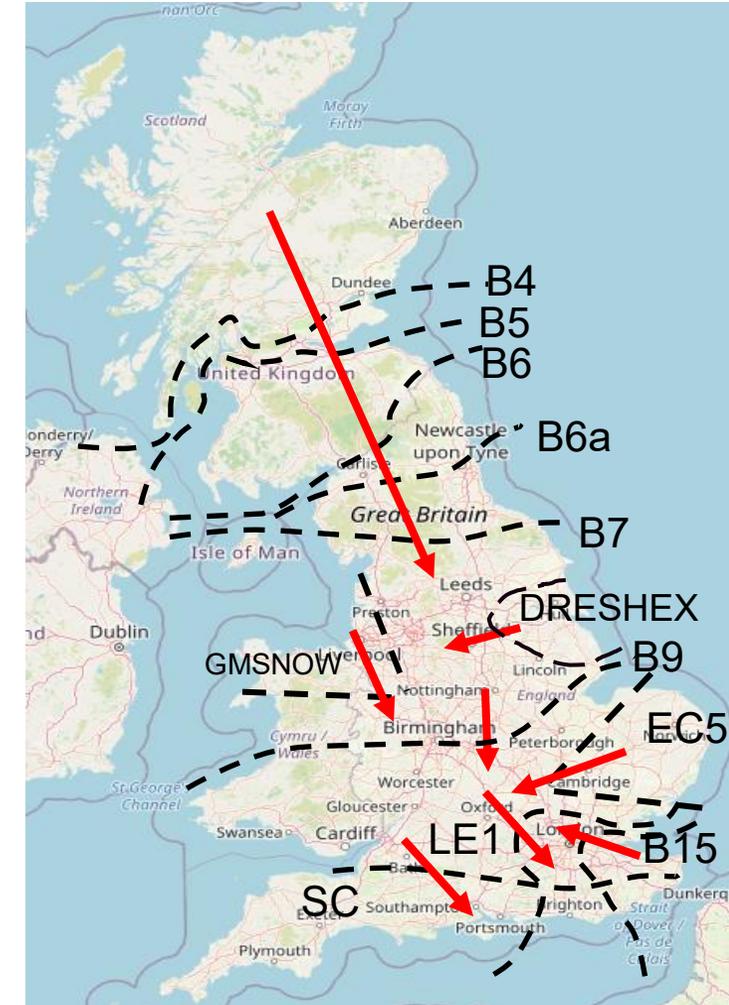


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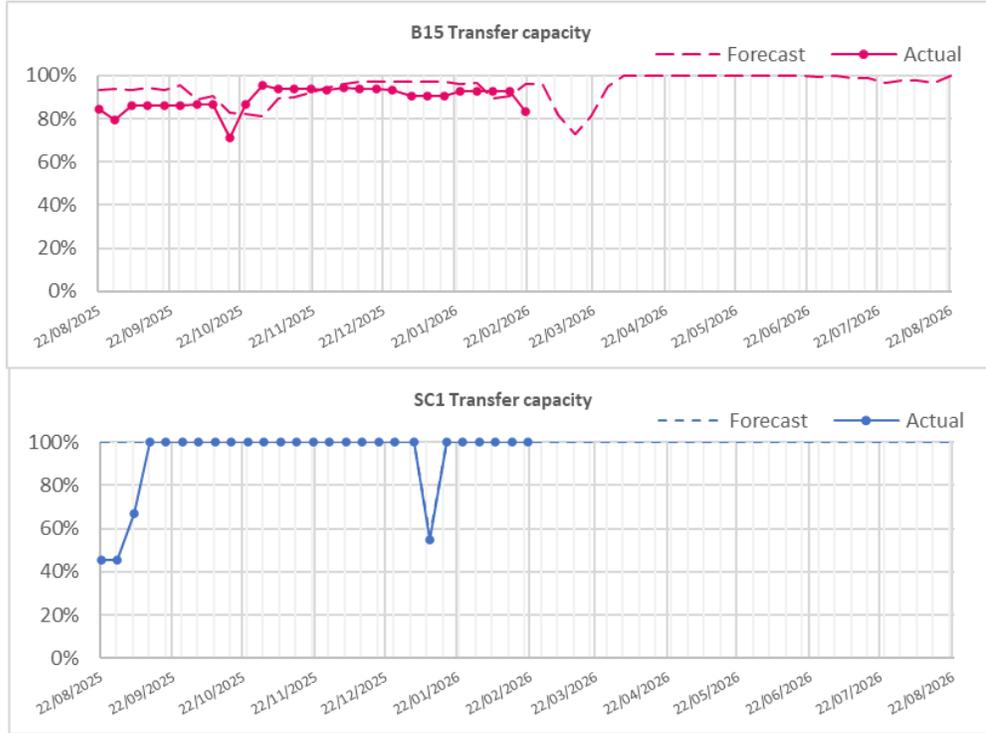
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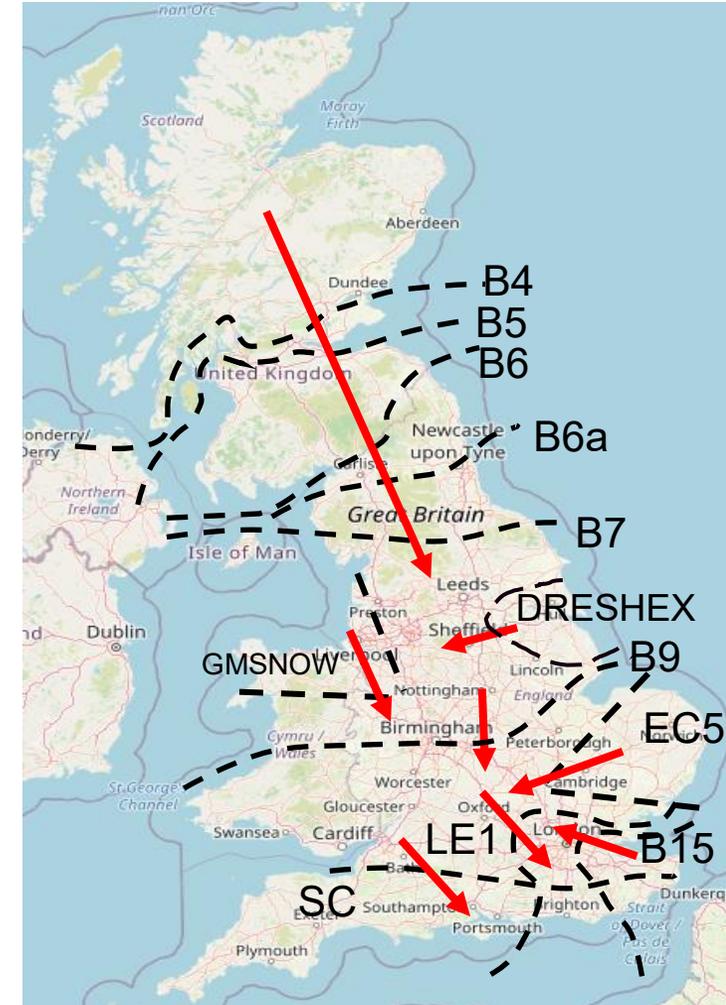
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Day ahead flows and limits, and the 24-month constraint limit forecast are published on the ESO Data Portal: [Constraints Management](#)

(The forecast and day ahead limits may vary due to changes in the outage plan. The plan is reviewed periodically throughout the year to ensure we are optimising system conditions, whilst managing any necessary outage plan changes.

Boundary	Max. Capacity (MW)	Current Capacity (%)
B4/B5	3400	66
B6 (SCOTEX)	6800	82
B6a	8000	85
B7 (SSHARN)	9850	61
GMSNOW	5800	69
FLOWSTH (B9)	12700	92
DRESHEX	9675	93
EC5	5000	100
LE1 (SEIMP)	8750	59
B15 (ESTEX)	7500	83
SC1	7300	100

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Skip Rates by Technology Type - Bids

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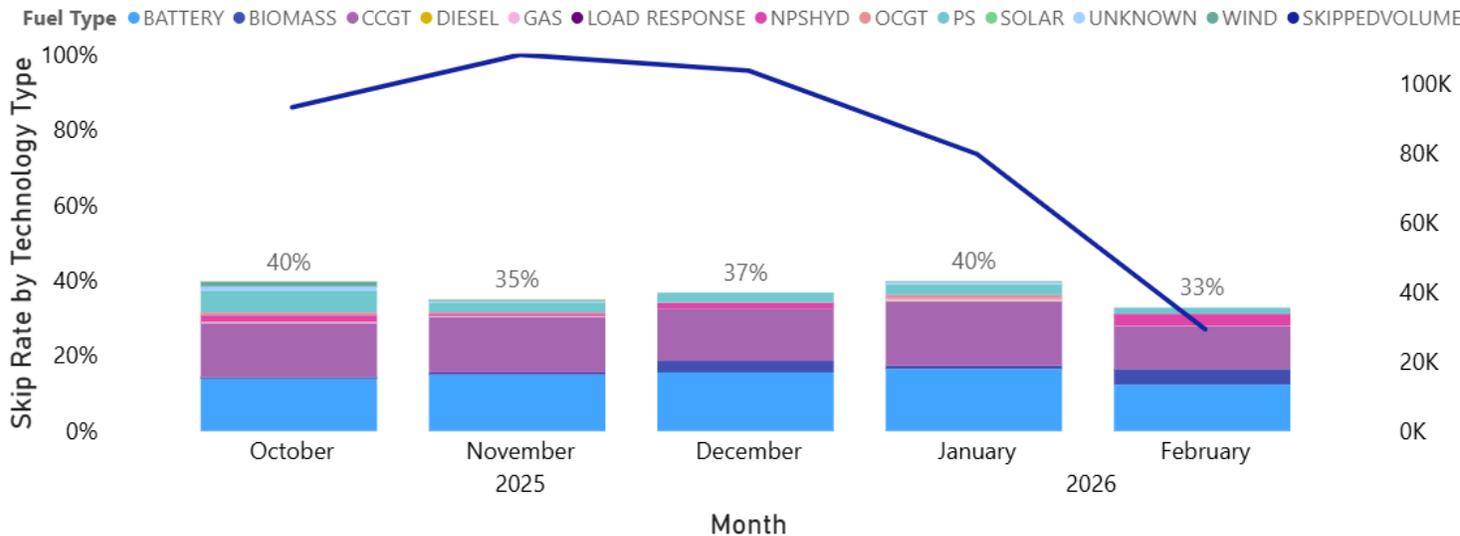
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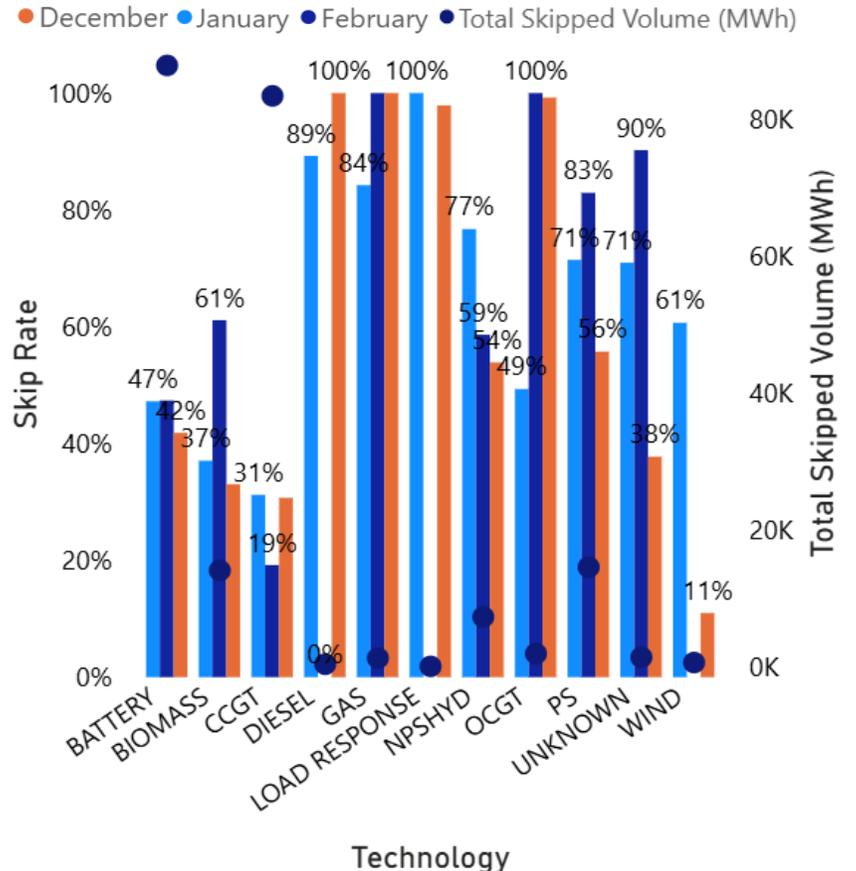
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Weekly Average w/e	Bids - All BM	Bids - PSA
25/01	1%	45%
01/02	3%	44%
08/02	1%	51%
15/02	7%	30%

Relative Technology Skip Rate



Technology Specific Skip Rate – last 3 months



Gas: Gas reciprocating units
 NPSHYD: Non-Pumped Storage Hydro
 PS: Pumped Storage

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Skip Rates by Technology Type - Offers

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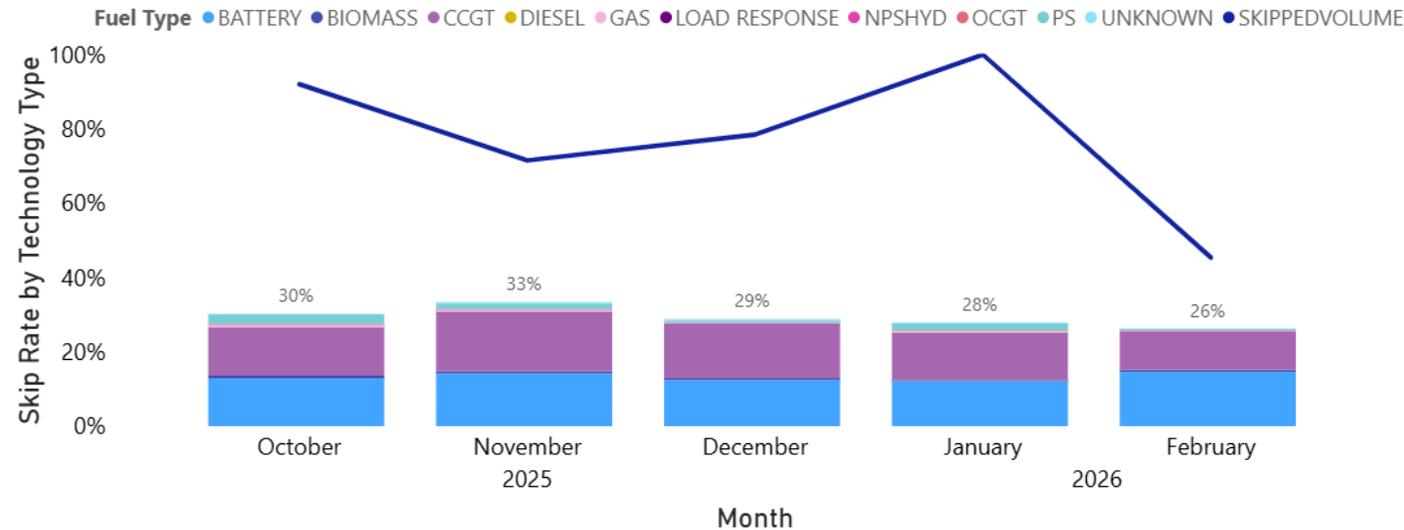
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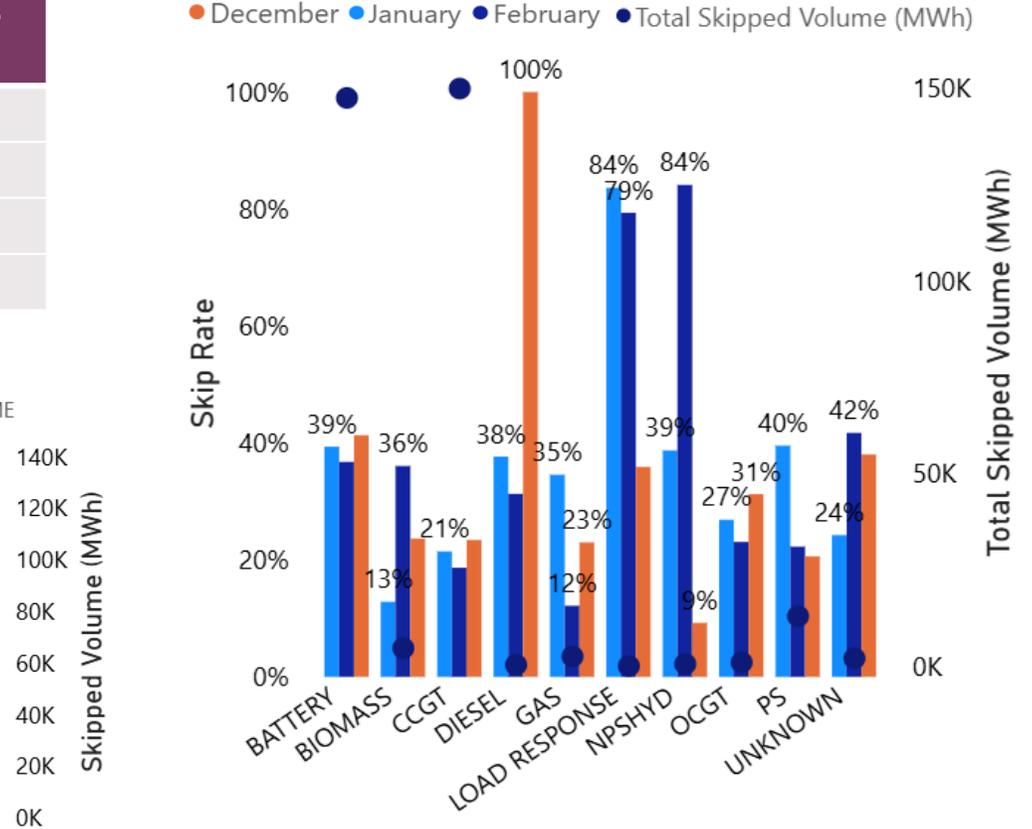
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Weekly Average w/e	Offers - All BM	Offers - PSA
25/01	16%	31%
01/02	15%	29%
08/02	15%	25%
15/02	14%	29%

Relative Technology Skip Rate



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Previously Asked Questions

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Q: (11/02/26) GC0166 BM behaviour: If we place a negative charging PN on a storage asset, will the control room be able to flip this PN (i.e. move to 0 or to a discharging state) if MDO is 0 ?

A: No, MDO (Maximum Delivery Offer) and MDB (Maximum Delivery Bid) tell the control room what they can instruct. And is always referenced from the PN. If the PN is negative and MDO is zero then the control room will not send a BOA (Bid Offer Acceptance) to zero. The reason being a unit must be able to create a state of charge to be able to deliver ancillary services.

Q: (11/02/26) To help us pre-ask questions for the Reformed National Pricing deep dive, what is the high-level agenda? As in, are we expecting a consultation launch, or a mid-project update, or a bunch of detailed analysis (if so, of what)?

A: The RNP deep dive will focus on the recently published Call for Input on Balancing, Settlement and Dispatch reforms. This was published on the [NESO RNP webpage](#) on the 11th February. The deep dive will give a brief summary of the CFI content and will provide an opportunity to ask questions.

Previously Asked Questions

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Q: (11/02/26) It was reported a couple of weeks ago that only 1 NBM STOR unit (/agent?) was in a position to register for Slow Reserve (SR). Can NESO provide an update of the current state of SR qualification to build confidence in March 31st go-live? (No. of MW qualified/no. of units, something like that?)

A: Further to our update to OTF on 28 January 2026, we are currently engaging with over 25 providers at various stages of completing their Slow Reserve prequalification.

From the BM market we have a large volume of potential capacity indicated as interested in participation in the positive and negative services. Indication from the non-BM STOR market participants is lower than BM for various reasons, but from our ongoing engagement with these providers we are expecting participation in the positive and negative services from go-live.

We are therefore confident that we will see sufficient volume ready for the service go-live on 31 March 2026, with this likely to be predominantly from the BM market. This aligns with the current STOR market where we typically contract over 80% from the BM market.

As communicated through our [Slow Reserve Transition Plan](#), should there be insufficient volume qualified for Slow Reserve go-live, then we will procure volume first through the Slow Reserve auction and any remaining volume in the BM market, and will not delay the go-live of Slow Reserve.

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Q: (11/02/26) NESO forward calendar shows 'Markets Forum' for 28th April 2026 here: <https://www.neso.energy/calendar/markets-forum-april-2026> - it says that Registration is open but I can't find the link for that?

A: Please register using this link: [Markets Forum - April 2026 | National Energy System Operator](#)

Q: (11/02/26) Can you please remind me of the specific .box email address to ask a specific operational question to regarding BM actions?

A: Please send your questions to: box.nc.customer@neso.energy

Advance Questions

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Q: (20/01/26) In answer to Q3110, NESO said “We are currently reviewing.....”. Please can NESO give a deadline for completing this review.

Original Q3110:

“Why is the DRESHEX boundary not included in the day ahead constraints data <https://www.neso.energy/data-portal/day-ahead-constraint-flows-and-limits?>”

A: Unfortunately, we are unable to give a deadline at this stage. We are assessing how to provide further market transparency on these and will provide an update as soon as is possible.

Q: (05/02/26) With reference to question 2786 from June 2025, can you give us an update on your discussions with Elexon to make batteries available as a fuel type?

A: We have completed the implementation of the changes required to separate the BESS fuel type in our test environment. We are currently carrying out end-to-end testing and internal UAT, which we aim to complete by the end of February.

Once this phase is finished, we will engage with Elexon to extend our testing to ensure everything functions as expected. Following successful validation, we will coordinate with Elexon to implement the changes in production after BM Release 8 in April.

Advance Questions

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Q: (16/02/26) Following the result of AR7 it shows that significant gaps exist between current gate 2 offered capacity, projects with CfD and Clean Power 2030/35 targets. How will the RNP team look to shape locational signals to ensure that those targets are met?

A: Meeting decarbonisation targets will primarily be determined by government policy, and future rounds of policy support (e.g. CfDs). Ensuring these assets can get connected in time will of course be a critical enabler. The DESNZ RNP team are considering how the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan can be implemented through a package of siting and investment levers (e.g. connections reform, network charging, government policy support etc), and the NESO and Ofgem RNP teams are supporting this work. DESNZ plan to say more about their thinking on this in their upcoming RNP Delivery Plan.

Q: (16/02/26) Can you give a view on how RNP will affect TNUoS and network charges?

A: Reforms to network charging are part of the Siting and Investment Levers scope within RNP. This is being led by DESNZ, and they plan to say more about this in their upcoming RNP Delivery Plan.

Q: (16/02/26) A key element of RNP is a focus on constraint reduction. Can you give an update on the constraint reduction impacts of network construction expected by 2030 and 2035 on the relevant network boundaries?

A: Thank you for your suggestion. We will try to include an update in the deep dive on 25 February.

Outstanding Questions

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Q: (11/02/26) On boundary capacity and constraints. Can NESO look to provide greater clarity on the ground truth regards maximum boundary transfer capacity. In many cases you can get 3 different answers depending if you look at OTF tables, ETYS chart data and ETYS stated boundary limit in the text.

Outstanding Advance Questions

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Q: (06/02/26) We have had a number of issues with incorrectly issued BOAs on plants in last few weeks, e.g. MZT breach on a small plant (possibly despatched by OBP) and a very large error on a hold point on a larger plant (we are aware 1 or 2 min errors can occur due to rounding, gate closure, etc but this was well over 30 mins out). On both occasions we asked for it to be corrected in real time and ENCC staff were unwilling or unable to (in the latter case, it was part corrected).

Is there a wider, systemic issue?

Also, we were issued with an "Emergency Instruction" due to an EDL failure at NESO's end causing reliance on telephone BOAs. Telephone BOAs are not uncommon for a variety of reasons and I fear using an "Emergency Instruction" in this scenario devalues the use of this term. Is it now standard practice to issue "Emergency Instructions" when EDL fails?

Outstanding Advance Questions

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Q: (11/02/2026) We would like to raise a concern regarding the emergency instruction on 20 November and emergency actions more broadly.

The prices and volumes have now been resubmitted and are drastically different from the original submission. In some cases, cash-out values have moved by around £200, and it has taken nearly 2.5 months for the corrected information to feed through.

The original volumes were submitted in the wrong direction and at the incorrect size, and the associated prices were also wrong. This has a significant impact on company cash flows and raises broader transparency concerns for what is intended to be a fully functional, competitive market.

Can National Grid and Elexon please confirm how such material errors occurred and what steps will be taken to prevent this happening again?

Additionally, can this be prioritised so that emergency actions are accounted for correctly and in a more timely manner? At a minimum, is it possible to provide an indicative price at the point the emergency action is called in real time? Even a price range would be preferable to the market being left without clarity for 2.5 months

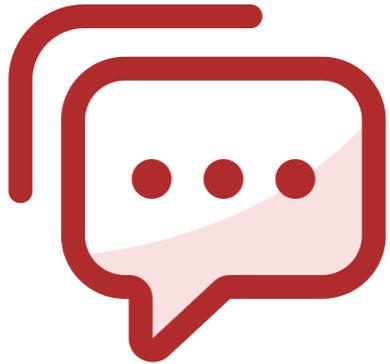
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- **Anonymous Questions:** We won't answer questions from unidentified parties live. If you need to stay anonymous, use the advance question or email options.
- **Challenge Concerns:** The OTF isn't the place to challenge actions of individual parties (except NESO). Report such concerns to the Market Monitoring team at: <mailto:box.nc.customer@neso.energy>.
- **Question Order:** We'll answer questions in the order they are upvoted. If we can't answer a question right away, we'll take it away or address it later.
- **Slido Availability:** Slido will stay open until 12:00, even if the call ends earlier, to give you more time to ask questions.
- **Q&A:** All questions asked through Slido will be recorded and published with answers in the Operational Transparency Forum Q&A on our webpage: <https://www.neso.energy/what-we-do/systems-operations/operational-transparency-forum>
- **Takeaway Questions:** These will be included in the next OTF pack. We might ask you to email us to clarify details
- **Out of Scope Questions:** These will be forwarded to the right NESO expert or team for a direct response. We might ask you to email us to ensure we have the correct contact details. For more information about the OTF's purpose and scope, check the appendix of this slide pack.

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Appendix

Purpose and scope of the NESO Operational Transparency Forum

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Purpose: The Operational Transparency Forum runs once a week to provide updated information on and insight into the operational challenges faced by the control room in the recent past (1-2 weeks) and short-term future (1-2 weeks). The OTF will also signpost other NESO events, provide deep dives into focus topics, and allow industry to ask questions.

Scope

The OTF covers:

- Regular updates, deep dives, and focus topics
- NESO's operational strategies and challenges
- Data published by NESO
- Data and processes from other parties (e.g., BMRS by Elexon, consultations by Elexon, Ofgem, DESNZ)
- Industry questions (answers live or taken away for answering later)

Out of Scope

The OTF does not cover:

- Data owned by other parties
- Specific actions and decisions of the NESO Control Room
- Activities and operations of individual market participants
- NESO's policy and strategic decisions
- Formal consultations (e.g., Code Changes, Business Planning, Market Development)

Skip Rates – ‘In Merit’ datasets

We recognise that these datasets aren't as intuitive as they could be – specifically the column headings. Please be reassured that we are looking at ways to improve this – we will update the documentation to include this information and will also discuss the datasets in more detail at the webinar on 27th February.

We will use ‘accepted’ and ‘instructed’ differently in this context, even though they are normally the same.

These datasets show the units that should have been instructed if decisions were solely based on price, rather than all units that were instructed. Therefore this dataset does not match the total accepted volume datasets in Elexon.

In Merit Volume = Accepted Volume + Skipped Volume

In Merit Volume

- This is the recreated in merit stack showing the lowest cost units that were available to meet the requirement, where the requirement is based on the volume of units that were actually instructed
- Therefore this is the volume that should have been accepted if decisions were solely based on price
- The sum of this column is the total instructed volume in the 5 minute period (subject to the relevant exclusions)

Accepted Volume

- This is the volume that was accepted in merit, as a subset of the ‘In Merit Volume’ column – i.e. how much volume was accepted in merit
- The sum of this column will be less than the sum of the ‘In Merit Volume’ column, unless there is no skipped volume
- Note: this column does not list all instructed units

Skipped Volume

- This is the volume that was skipped, as a subset of the ‘In Merit Volume’ column – i.e. of the volume that we should have instructed, how much was skipped

It's possible that the list of units increases, decreases, or stays the same between stages, but the total ‘In Merit Volume’ will always remain the same (or no volume is excluded) or decrease (due to exclusions).