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Dear All,

### **Skip Rate Reduction Target**

Over recent months, the Dispatch Transparency Programme, via targeted engagement and at the NESO Dispatch Transparency Forum held on 28 January 2026 in London, have sought the insights of our key stakeholders on the rate of skips and a target for reduction of skip rates. We're grateful to all of those who have taken the time to feedback their views.

We're aware that lost opportunities from skips and consumer costs associated with skips are important issues for our stakeholders. Owners and operators also want to better understand and be able to predict when skips occur.

Many stakeholders would like to see parity for skip rates across technology types and have an aspiration to see skip rates for batteries aligned with that of fossil fuels. Stakeholders have also queried whether the target rate should include a carbon measure.

Having carefully reviewed this feedback, we can now confirm our decision to set an **average skip rate target of 30% (Stage 5 PSA)** from January 2026 to June 2026 inclusively.

This is a short-term target, put in place ahead of the implementation of GC0166, when the current methodology for skip rates will be revisited to account for the impact of this Grid Code change.

With regards to skip rate parity across technology types, whilst we won't be setting a target for each technology type, we recognise the importance of transparency in this area. We're committed to continuing to publish technology specific skip rates and investigating outliers.

We've taken the decision not to include a carbon target. In line with our licence obligation to operate economically and efficiently, we dispatch units based on capability and economic factors where carbon should already be considered. We also have separate measures with regards to operating a carbon free electricity system which accounts for this.

For further information on skip rates and to watch sessions from the Dispatch Transparency Forum January 2026 event, please visit the dedicated webpages on [skips](#). For any questions you have on any of the above, please contact [box.skiprates@neso.energy](mailto:box.skiprates@neso.energy).

Yours sincerely,

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