

LINKING NOTICE

Issued under the Slow Reserve Procurement Rules v1.0

24 February 2026

This Linking Notice is issued by National Energy System Operator (NESO) under paragraph 7 of the prevailing Slow Reserve Procurement Rules (PRs).

It shall apply with immediate effect and for a transitional period which shall end at the date and time as NESO shall notify in writing.

For so long as this Linking Notice is in force:

1. For Positive Slow Reserve only, SR Windows in each Service Day shall be Linked as follows so as to comprise three separate blocks of Linked SR Windows:

Morning: 0600 to 1030 hours (Local Time)

Midday: 1030 to 1500 hours (Local Time)

Evening: 1500 to 2100 hours (Local Time)

Local time	04:00	04:30	05:00	05:30	06:00	06:30	07:00	07:30	08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30	20:00	20:30	21:00	21:30	22:00	22:30		
Linked window					Morning (6:00-10:30)				Midday (10:30-15:00)				Evening (15:00-21:00)																											

2. Subject always to the conditions in paragraph 3 below, upon issue by NESO of a Bid-Offer Acceptance or Instruction, NESO will not require any SR Unit to provide Positive Slow Reserve during any Linked SR Window(s) for a continuous period in excess of that SR Unit's registered maximum utilisation period.
3. The conditions referred to in paragraph 2 above are that:
 - a. As part of the Registration and Pre-Qualification Procedure, the relevant Registered Auction Participant shall register each SR Unit with a maximum utilisation period of not less than two hours (to include all ramping periods).
 - b. Following receipt of each Bid-Offer Acceptance or Instruction with respect to any SR Unit, and where the SR Unit is approaching its maximum

utilisation period, the Registered Auction Participant shall contact the NESO control room OEM on the designated telephone number (provided at prequalification) no later than thirty (30) minutes before expiry of the SR Unit's registered maximum utilisation period, to agree a time for that service instruction to end. NESO will issue a BOA or Cease Instruction to align with this agreed time.

- c. Once that time has been agreed, the SR Unit shall ramp back to its baseline in accordance with the issued BOA or Cease Instruction, and the normal rules in the prevailing Slow Reserve Service Terms concerning Recovery Periods shall then apply.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, this Linking Notice shall not affect:
- a. SR Windows falling in the periods 21:00 to 23:00 hours and 23:00 to 06:00 hours in any Service Day,
 - b. Negative Slow Reserve, or
 - c. Optional Availability (for either Positive Slow Reserve or Negative Slow Reserve) offered under the Slow Reserve Service Terms.

Where applicable, terms used in this Linking Notice shall have the meanings (if any) given in Schedule 1 of the Procurement Rules.

For any questions, contact: box.futureofbalancingservices@neso.energy

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