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Slow Reserve Drop-in session

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Onboarding
- EAC Mock Auction update
- OBP requirements
- Q&A

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Introduction

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We welcome any SR questions, please use the chat function in Teams and we will endeavour to answer as many questions as possible.

If we are unable to answer on the day we will follow up after the session.

A recording of this session will be made available on the SR webpage

Slow Reserve

Updates
- Ahead of SR service go-live on 31 March 2026 we have published an updated [Slow Reserve transition plan](#) with further detail and guidance on the SR procurement volumes and go-live readiness plan and timings.

- We have also now published the formal [Linking Notice](#) which provides the full details of the linked windows applicable from service go-live and details of the final SR (+/-) procurement volumes [Slow Reserve Requirement Forecast | National Energy System Operator](#).

Onboarding

- Providers are encouraged to reach out to their Account Manager or commercial.operation@neso.energy .

Missed our previous Webinar?

- You can catch up on our Slow Reserve Technical Onboarding Webinar [here](#) & download the slide pack [here](#).

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BM and non-BM Slow Reserve Requirements

Onboarding Step	System	BM	Non-BM
Registration of Assets/Units	SMP	✔	✔
Performance Metering Testing	STAR	✔	✔
Balancing System Testing	OBP	✘	✔
Operational Metering Testing	iHost	✘	✔
EAC Access	EAC	✔	✔

SMP Onboarding

New Providers

- Set up your company on SMP

- Create your Assets and Units you wish to use for Slow Reserve

- Align your Units and Assets within SMP, for prequalification

- Submit new units for the service

- Ensure Non-BM assets have MPAN pairs populated for ABSVD validation

- Submitted Non-BM units can then be used to trigger OBP testing

- Enduring Auction Capability (EAC) credentials created along with STAR scope for Performance Metering

- Performance metering submission via API testing

- Operational metering submission for Non-BM via iHost (Data Concentrator)

SMP Guidance is available online, as a <u>user guide</u> and <u>demo videos</u> and if you have any issues with SMP, please contact commercial.operation@neso.energy

Existing providers

All existing providers who are participating in other balancing services, you will need to prepare your units for prequalification in the same way, ensuring all of the above requirements are already in place.

STOR providers will need to follow the New Provider steps if they are not already participating in other balancing services

Enduring Auction Platform

- Mock auctions started 23rd February, these will run up to 16th March.

- Mock auction results can be found here: [EAC mock auction results | National Energy System Operator](#)

- The Linked Service Windows will be effective in the auctions from 28th Feb in the mock auction environment

- If anyone has any issues, please contact commercial.operation@neso.energy

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NBM Migration to OBP Recap - Web Services & SIG

ASDP will be retired in the near future.

NBM providers integrating with OBP, will do so via the new **NESO Secure Internet Gateway** (SIG)

> IP whitelisting
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> Setup on gateway and network controls
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> One time set up for NBM unless details change
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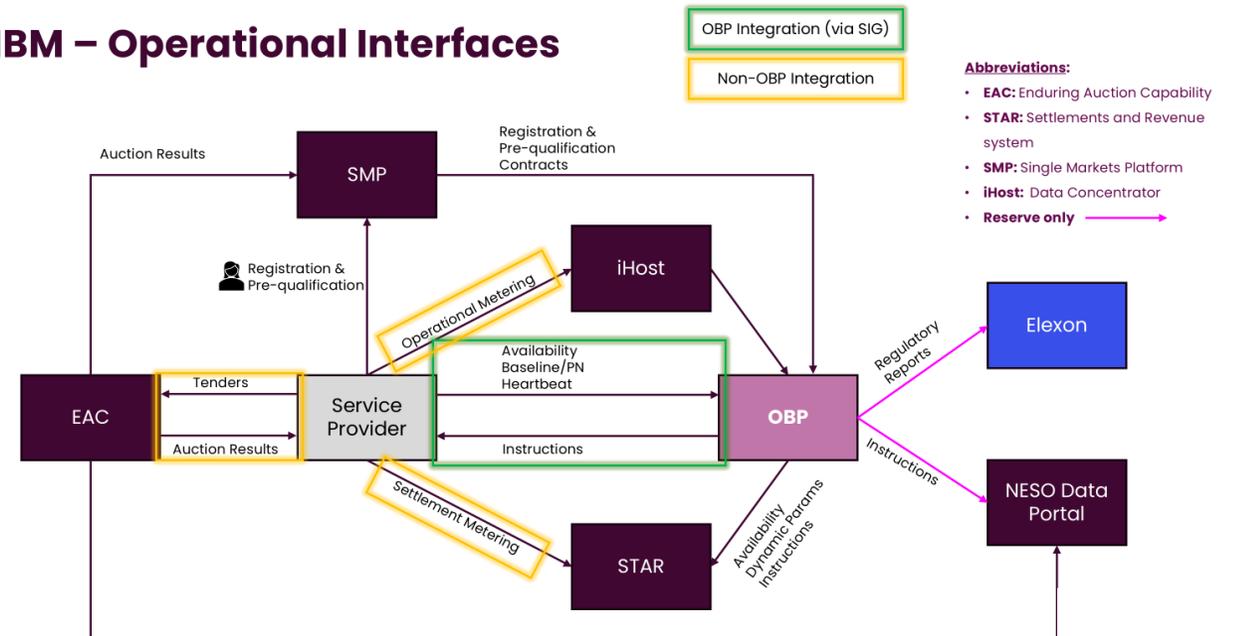> Set up in advance of actual data flow testing

The existing ASDP NBM API has been updated (v4) with NESO branding for OBP, otherwise the API is **structurally unchanged** to minimise impact to market participants.

- Providers implementing the Slow Reserve service **will need to implement the new version** (as well as the new Reserve Service Terms and Business Logic) when they integrate with OBP.
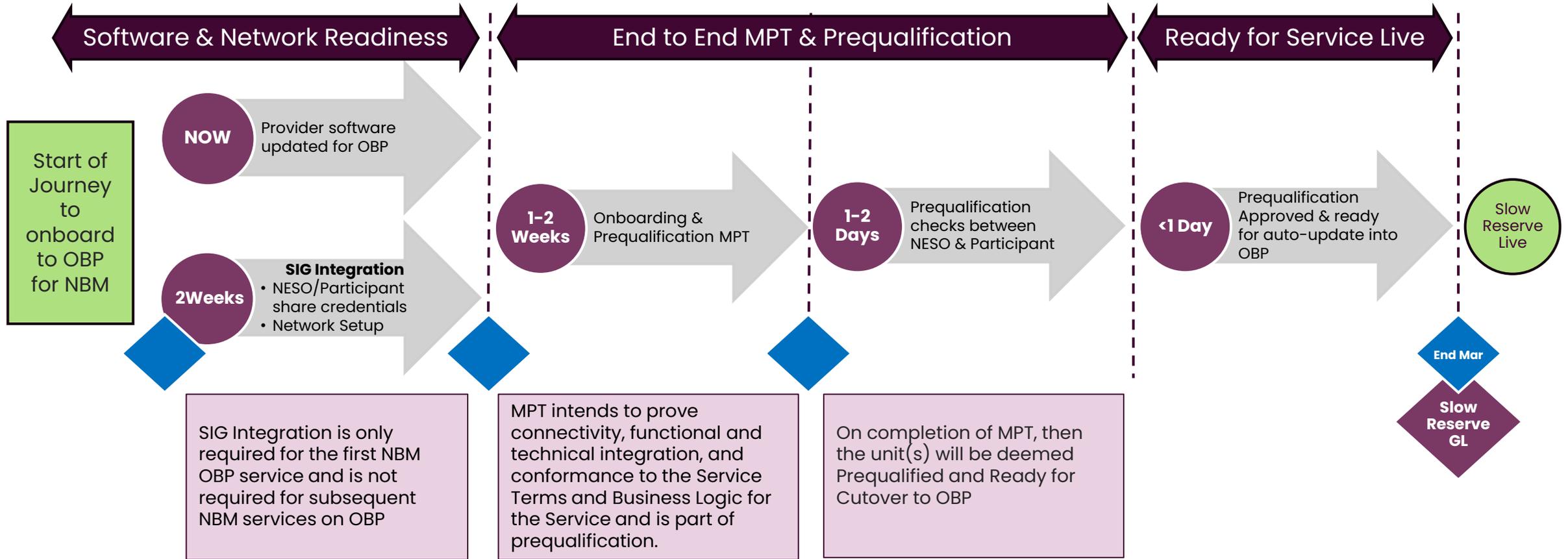
OBP Integration Documentation:

- [OBP non-BM Reserve Business Logic Document](#)
- [OBP WSDL (Web Services Description Language)](#)
- [OBP Web Services Specifications - v4](#)

NBM – Operational Interfaces

OBP NBM Slow Reserve Onboarding Timeline

Software & Network Readiness — **End to End MPT & Prequalification** — **Ready for Service Live**

Start of Journey to onboard to OBP for NBM

NOW — Provider software updated for OBP

2 Weeks — SIG Integration
• NESO/Participant share credentials
• Network Setup

1–2 Weeks — Onboarding & Prequalification MPT

1–2 Days — Prequalification checks between NESO & Participant

<1 Day — Prequalification Approved & ready for auto-update into OBP

Slow Reserve Live

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SIG Integration is only required for the first NBM OBP service and is not required for subsequent NBM services on OBP

MPT intends to prove connectivity, functional and technical integration, and conformance to the Service Terms and Business Logic for the Service and is part of prequalification.

On completion of MPT, then the unit(s) will be deemed Prequalified and Ready for Cutover to OBP

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Looking for further information on technical & service integration details with OBP for Slow Reserve?

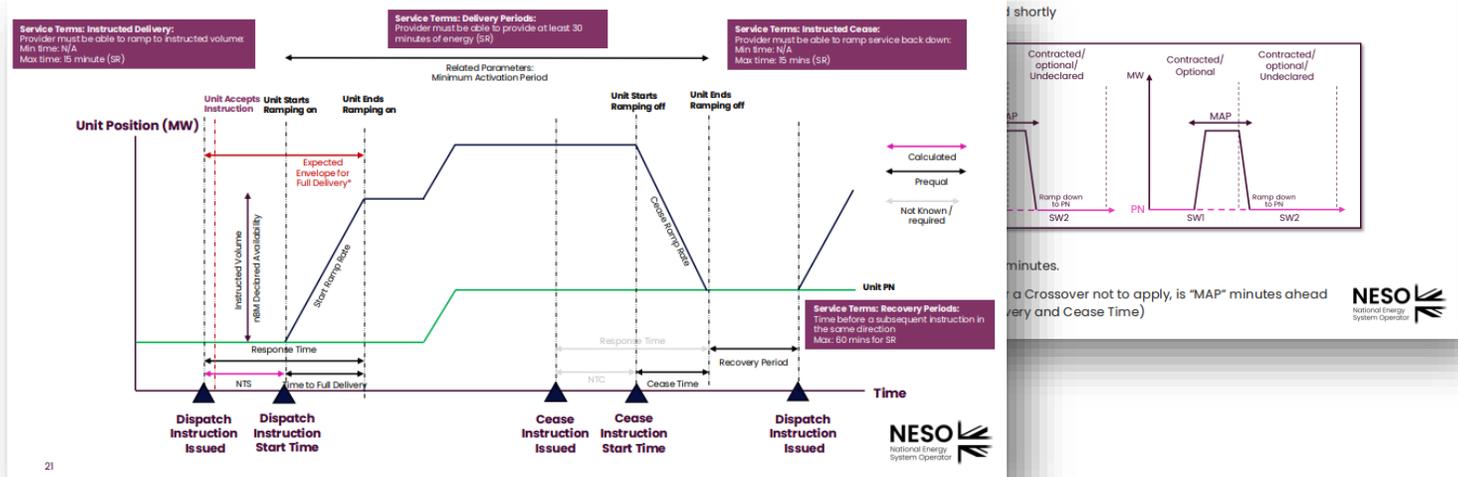Slow Reserve was covered in our **July 2025 Technology Focus Group** including:

- NBM Slow Reserve parameters & key data items

- Ramp rate calculation

- Availability declarations

- PN & Heartbeat requirements

- Dispatch & Cease instructions

- Instruction profiles

- Service Window crossovers

Watch the webinar *here* & download the slide pack *here* – slide 20 – 33.

Q&A

Thanks for attending.

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