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NESO Operational Transparency Forum

11 March 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

None

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Future

18th March:

Future of Registration for the Balancing Mechanism

25th March:

February Balancing Costs



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

NTC Commercial Compensation Methodology – Consultation published

NESO has published a consultation on the Commercial Compensation Methodology document relating to Net Transfer Capacity (NTC) limits NESO sets for interconnector flows.

We invite all interested parties to review and provide feedback on the proposed changes.

All consultation documentation is located on the [‘What is an NTC Page’](#) on the NESO website:

- [Consultation overview document](#)
- Draft Compensation Methodology (‘[Clean](#)’ and [tracked](#) pdf versions for proposed updates)
- [Response proforma](#) (in relation to the [tracked](#) version).

Responses should be submitted using the Response Proforma available on the neso.energy page (see right) and emailed to box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy by **5pm GMT on 17 April 2026**.

Please direct any questions to box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy

The screenshot shows the NESO website page for 'What is an NTC?'. The page includes a navigation menu with links for 'What we do', 'Energy 101', 'Industry Information', 'News and events', 'Publications', 'Careers', and 'About'. A sidebar on the left lists various topics such as 'FAQ Session', 'Joint European Stakeholder Group', 'Network Assessment Options for Interconnectors', 'Offshore Hybrid Assets', 'Publications and Resource Hub', and 'Revenue generation for interconnectors'. The main content area features a heading 'What is an NTC?' and a sub-heading 'What is an NTC?'. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that NTC or Net Transfer Capacity is a value used by System Operators (SOs) to set the maximum capacity for an interconnector. An image of a wind turbine is also present. A table below the text compares 'Current Compensation Methodology', 'Previous Commercial compensation Methodology Consultation', and 'Current Commercial Compensation Methodology Consultation'. The table lists several documents with their names and publication dates.

Name	Published
NTC Commercial Compensation Methodology Consultation Response Proforma 2026	6 Mar 2026
NTC Commercial Compensation Methodology Consultation Overview 2026 - Open until 17 April 2026	6 Mar 2026
NESO Commercial Compensation Methodology Draft for Consultation - Open until 17 April 2026_TRACKED	6 Mar 2026
NESO Commercial Compensation Methodology Draft for Consultation - Open until 17 April 2026_CLEAN	6 Mar 2026

Slow Reserve update

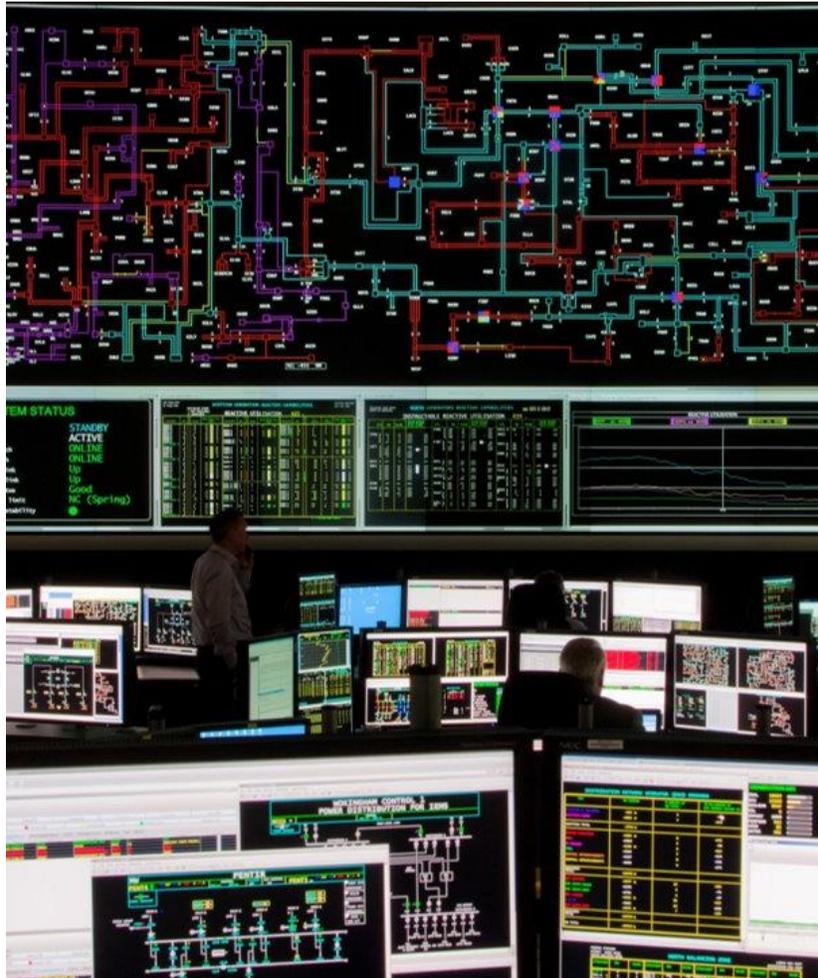
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- Ahead of SR service go-live on 31 March 2026 we held a webinar on **4 March** for our final [Slow Reserve webinar](#) prior to go-live of the service. The Slow Reserve team covered NESO requirement setting, a brief overview of the technical requirements, onboarding and what to expect in the days prior to the first auction.
- We have published an updated [Slow Reserve transition plan](#) with further detail and guidance on the SR procurement volumes, go-live readiness plan and timings.
- We have also published the formal [Linking Notice](#) which provides the full details of the linked windows applicable from service go-live and details of the positive and negative [Slow Reserve Requirement Forecast](#).
- Mock Auctions are ongoing until 16 March; access the auction environment here: <https://mock-auction.eac.neso.production.n-side.com/marketparticipant>
- Lastly, we will be holding our second drop-in session for questions around mock auctions, onboarding and the service in general on **12 March at 10:30 am:**
 - [Drop-in session 2 – 10:30 – 12 March](#)

Demand for Constraints (DfC) update

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- **On 5 March**, we ran a Demand for Constraints (DfC) technical design webinar which covered,
 - The update of high-level design of Demand for Constraints,
 - An overview of the Technical and Dispatch Design of the service, and
 - An update on upcoming external engagement with industry, including the Request for Information (RFI) process.
- You can find the webinar record, slides, RFI proforma and supporting information from our [Constraints Collaboration Project \(CCP\) website](#).
- RFI response deadline is **Wednesday, 1 April at 17:00**. We would like to see your feedback and comments. Please contact box.market.dev@neso.energy if you have any questions.



Fast Reserve update

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We can confirm that the Optional Fast Reserve (OFR) service will cease operation at 23:00 on **Friday 17 April 2026**. The OFR service has now been replaced by Quick Reserve (QR), and although OFR had originally been scheduled to end in December 2025, NESO chose to maintain the service for an extended period to support the full embedding of the QR service across both BM and non-BM providers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all providers who have contributed to this valued service since its inception over a decade ago.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us commercial.operation@neso.energy

Joint European Stakeholder Group Survey

- The Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG) covers the development and implementation of retained aspects of European Network Codes (ENCs), Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) activity, Cross border activity and other areas of relevant GB and EU energy policy.
- NESO has launched a JESG participation survey to ensure JESG continues to deliver value by maintaining NESO's customer focus.
- We would welcome responses from any stakeholders who have ever been to JESG whether that be for one meeting or as a regular attendee.
- We have extended the closing date of the survey from the 3rd of March to the **17th of March** to allow more time for Stakeholders to respond.
- The Survey can be found [here](#).

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JESG Participation Survey



Future Event Summary

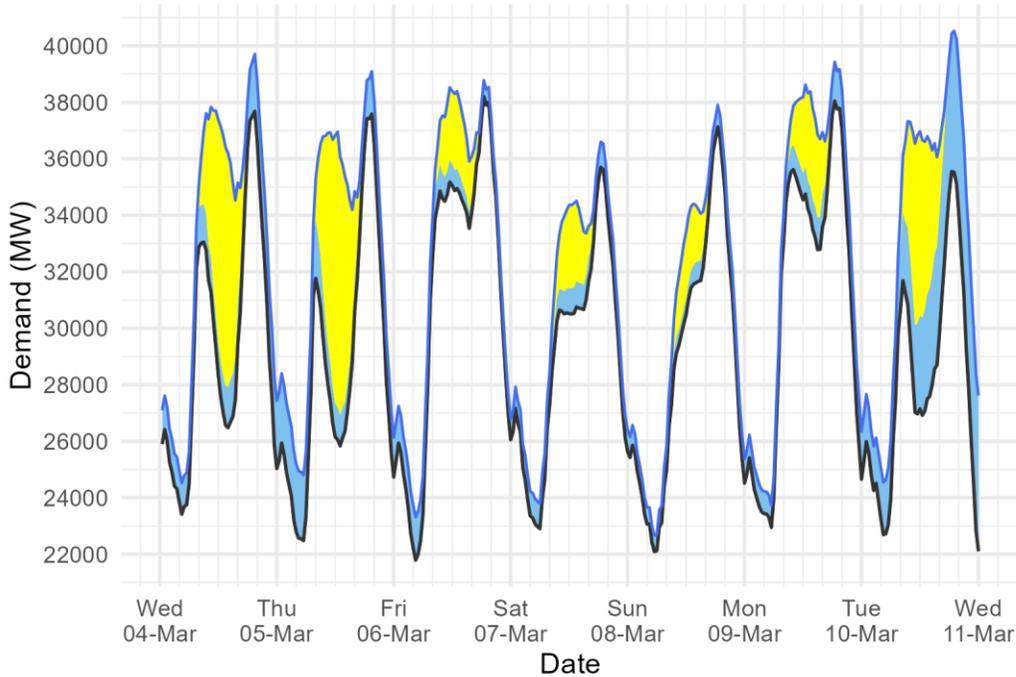
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Event	Date & Time	Link
Slow Reserve drop-in session 2	12 Mar (10:30-11:30)	Register here
SORT Upload	17 Mar	
RNP Balancing, Settlement and Dispatch Q&A webinar	17 Mar (11:00-12:30)	Register here
Network Access Planning (NAP) OC2 Forum	24 Mar (09:00-17:00)	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	
Demand for Constraints (DfC) Market Request for Information (RFI) response deadline	1 Apr (17:00)	Response Form
RNP - Call for Input on Balancing, Settlement and Dispatch closes	14 Apr (17:00)	Response Form
Operational Fast Reserve service ceases operation	17 Apr (23:00)	
NTC Commercial Compensation Methodology consultation closes	17 Apr (17:00)	Response Form

Demand | Last week demand out-turn

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NESO National Demand outturn 04 - 10 March 2026



Demand type

- National Demand (ND) transmission connected generation requirement within GB
- ND + est. of PV & wind at Distribution network

Renewable type

- Distributed_PV
- Distributed_Wind

Distributed generation

Peak values by day

Date	OUTTURN	
	Daily Max Dist. PV (GW)	Daily Max Dist. Wind (GW)
04 Mar 2026	8.5	2.5
05 Mar 2026	9.8	2.5
06 Mar 2026	2.7	1.5
07 Mar 2026	3.0	0.9
08 Mar 2026	2.4	0.9
09 Mar 2026	3.4	1.7
10 Mar 2026	6.7	5.5

National Demand
Minimum Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 04 Mar)			OUTTURN		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
04 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	25.6	1.5	7.3	26.5	1.5	8.3
05 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	21.8	2.6	0.0	22.5	2.3	0.0
05 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	25.1	1.3	8.1	25.8	1.1	9.1
06 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.8	1.6	0.0	21.8	1.5	0.0
06 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	30.6	0.8	5.3	32.6	1.1	0.3
07 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.6	1.1	0.0	22.9	0.9	0.0
07 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	25.1	1.0	6.0	27.3	0.9	0.3
08 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	21.5	1.4	0.0	22.1	0.6	0.0
08 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	24.5	1.2	7.0	25.0	0.7	0.2
09 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.8	0.8	0.0	22.9	0.8	0.0
09 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	30.3	0.8	5.0	32.8	1.1	2.9
10 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	23.6	0.9	0.0	22.7	1.9	0.0
10 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	28.8	1.4	6.4	26.9	3.5	6.3

The black line (National Demand ND) is the measure of portion of total GB customer demand that is supplied by the transmission network. ND values **do not include** export on interconnectors or pumping or station load

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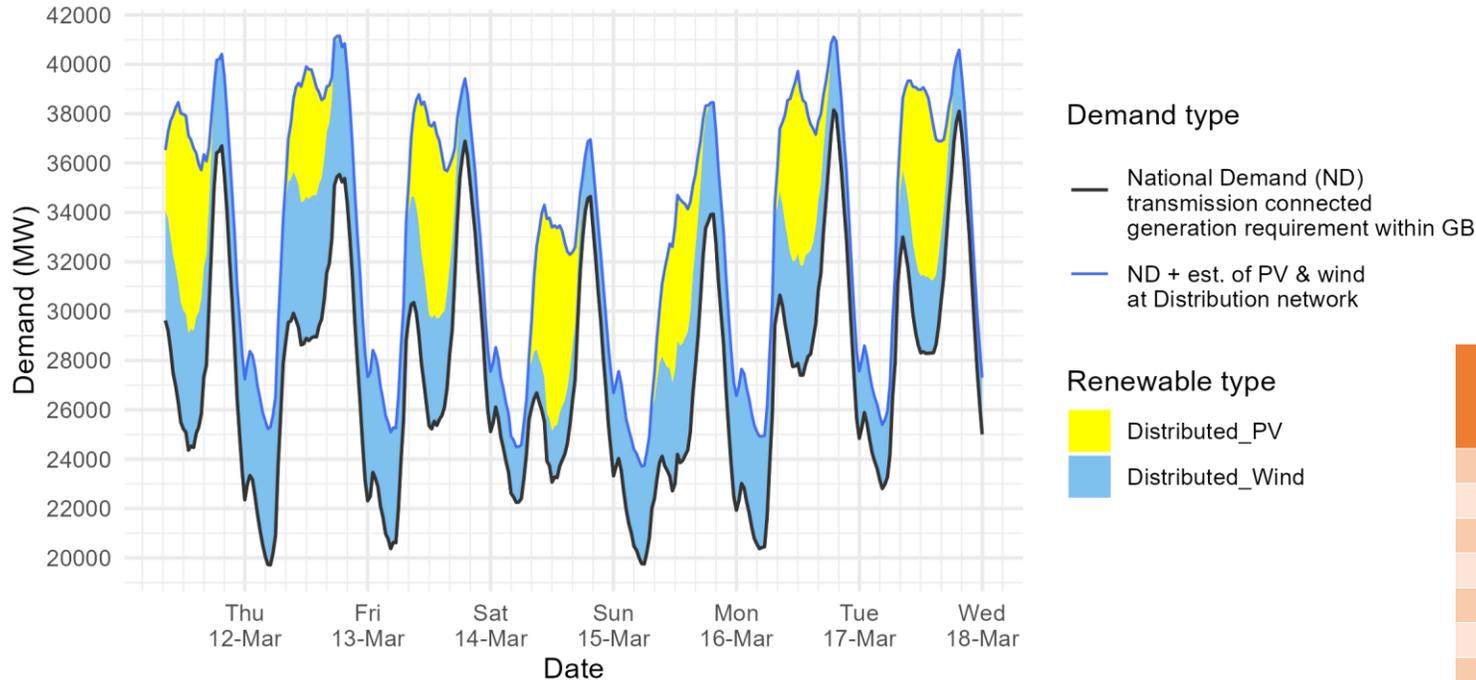
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Demand | Week Ahead

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NESO Demand forecast for 11 - 17 March 2026



National Demand Minimum Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 11 Mar)		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
11 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	24.4	4.8	8.0
12 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	19.7	5.6	0.0
12 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	28.6	5.8	4.7
13 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	20.4	4.7	0.0
13 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	25.2	4.5	7.8
14 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.3	2.2	0.0
14 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	23.1	2.1	8.3
15 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	19.7	4.0	0.0
15 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	22.4	4.0	1.1
16 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	20.4	4.6	0.0
16 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	27.4	4.5	7.1
17 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.8	2.6	0.0
17 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	28.3	3.1	7.5

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Demand | Speaker Notes

Apologies for the technical issues on the OTF today

We're therefore publishing some speaker notes for our regular content on Demand

- From March to October, the information displayed changes compared to colder months. We still show overnight minimum (minimum between 00:00 and 07:30), but instead of evening peak we now show daytime minimum (minimum between 07:30 and 16:30). There's also an additional column, showing PV forecasts and estimated outturns.
- Very bright few days last week, with PV outturn estimated just below 10 GW on Thursday 05/03.
- Not enough data to accurately quantify the impact of Saharan dust on solar PV output on Friday 06/03 but direct effect somewhat muted as it occurred during cloudy weather conditions. The ensuing rainfall would have generally washed the dust away from the panels, though in some drier areas it may have persisted and have reduced PV output.
- Friday 06/03 to Monday 09/03 being quite dull, in addition to low wind in the past week, meant minimums were relatively high. The weekly peak demand occurred on Friday 06/03, reaching 38.2 GW.
- Wind started picking up on Tuesday 10/03 and is forecast to stay high until Friday 13/03, picking up again on Sunday 15/03. This leads to overnight minimums expected to be as low as 20 GW on many days this week.
- Solar PV is expected to be at medium level this week, but in conjunction with high wind on some days, this means daytime minimums are expected to be somewhat low all week. On Saturday 14/03 in particular, the daytime minimum in the afternoon is forecast to be just 1GW above the overnight minimum.

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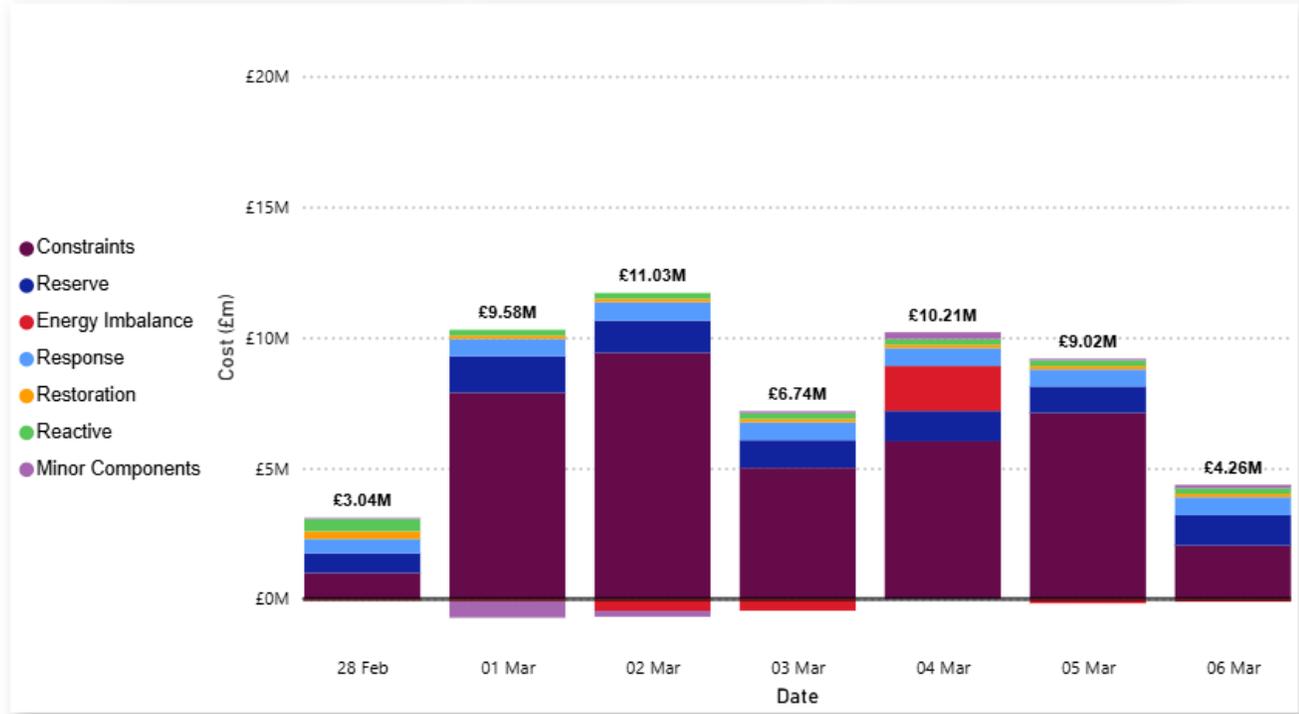
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Date
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Weekly Total Costs (£)
53.9M

Last Week Total Costs (£)
46.3M

Past 30-Day Average Costs (£)
7.3M

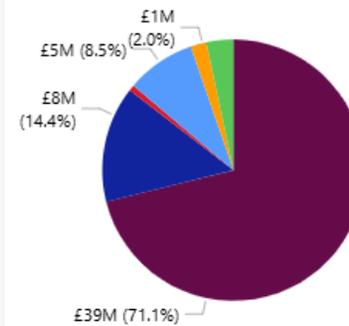


Date	Total Costs
28 February 2026	£3,040,003
01 March 2026	£9,577,975
02 March 2026	£11,025,212
03 March 2026	£6,735,135
04 March 2026	£10,206,065
05 March 2026	£9,019,445
06 March 2026	£4,259,343
Total	£53,863,177

For more info on constraint costs, and the steps NESO is taking with industry partners to address them, please see our Balancing Costs [website](#).

We will be providing an update on NESO's activities to manage constraints following publication of DESNZ' Reformed National Pricing Delivery Plan.

Weekly Cost (£) and Share (%)



NESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown

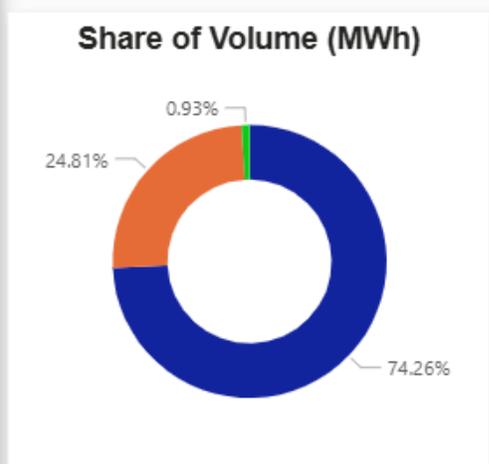
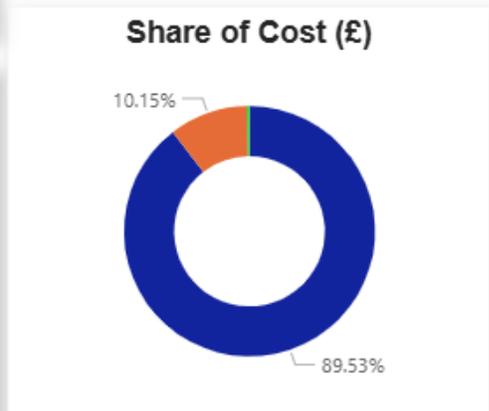
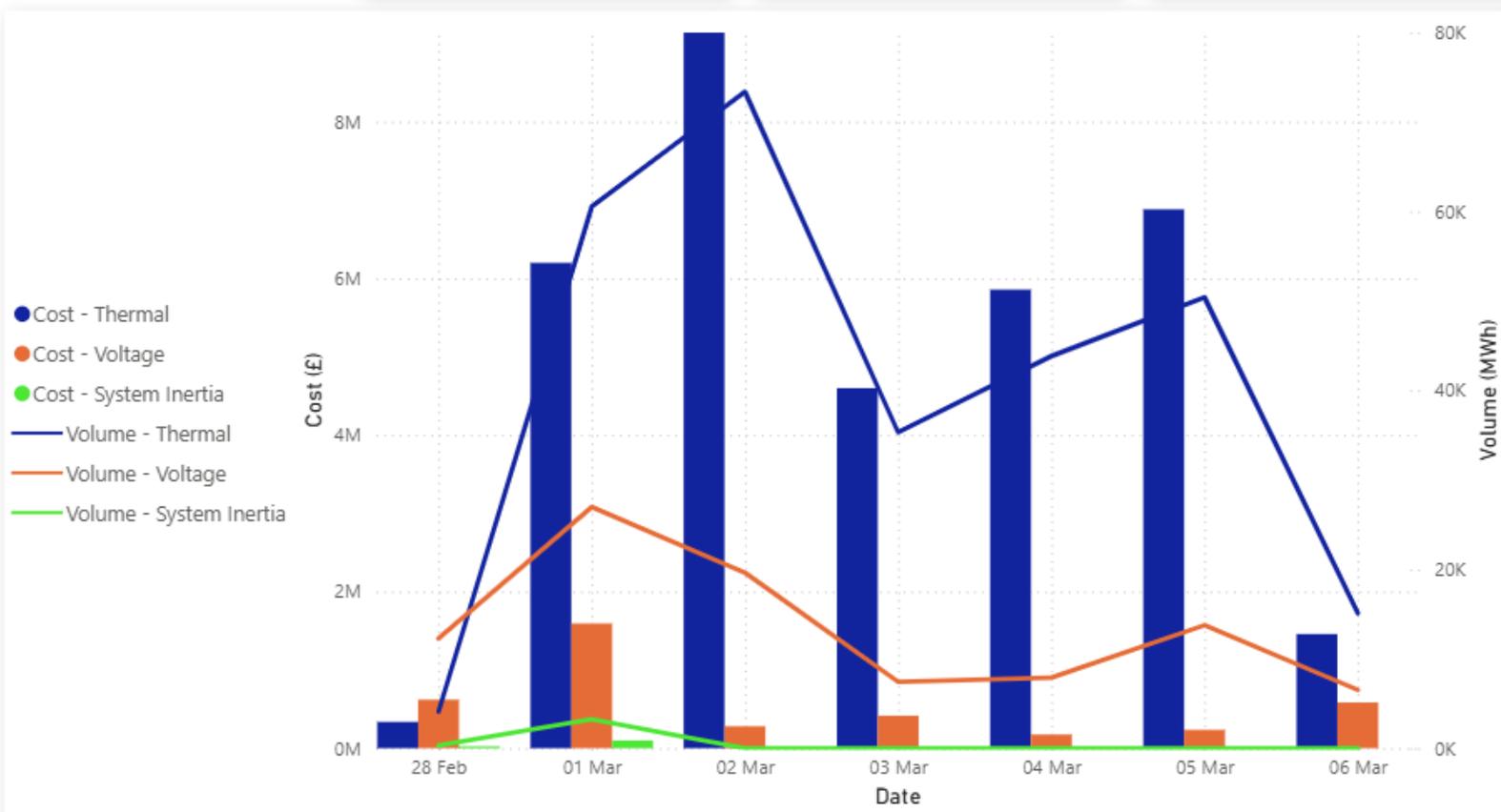
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Thermal Constraints	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
34.47M	282.70K

Voltage Constraints	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
3.91M	94.45K

System Inertia	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
122.48K	3.52K



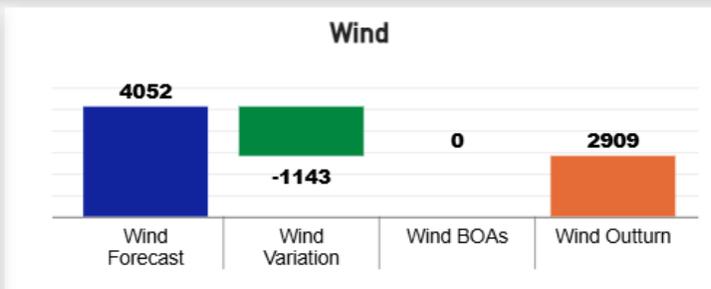
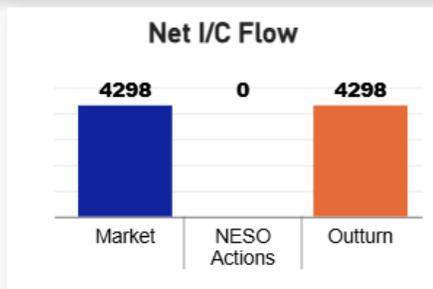
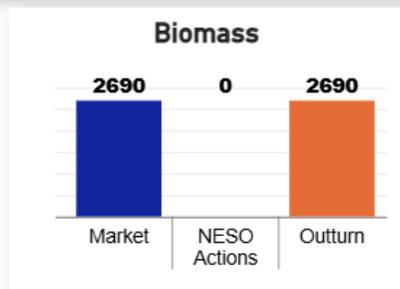
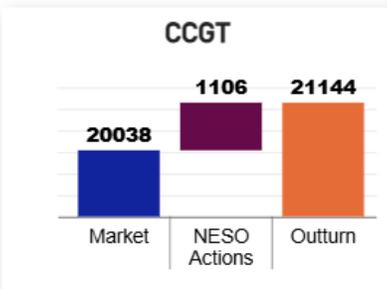
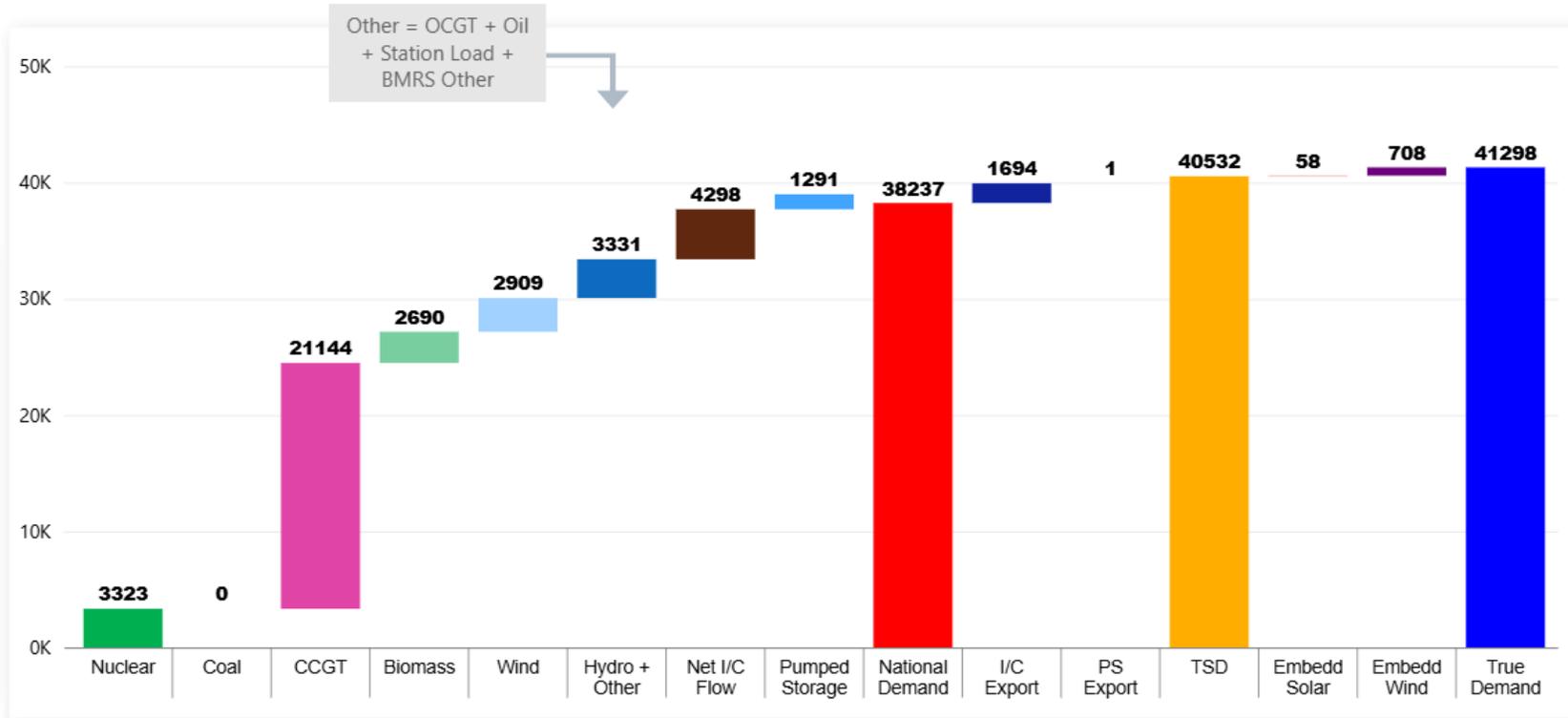
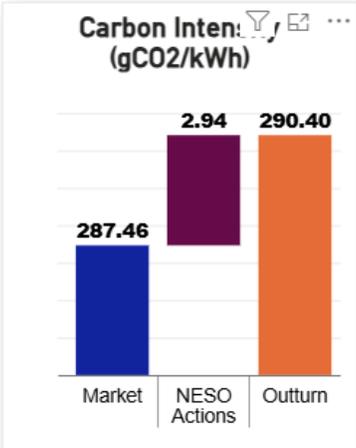
Note: Thermal Constraint volume is reported as an absolute figure.

NESO Actions | Peak Demand – Settlement Period (SP) spend ~£53k Tuesday 3rd March

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Date: 03 March 2026
SP: 37

Half-hour preceding
18:30



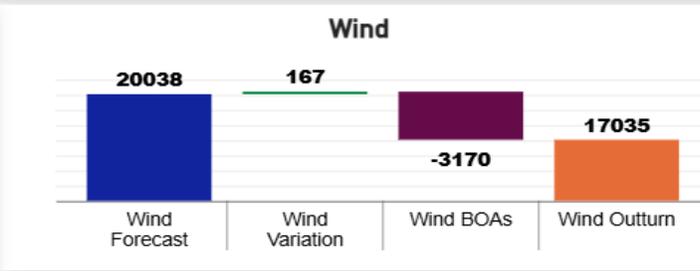
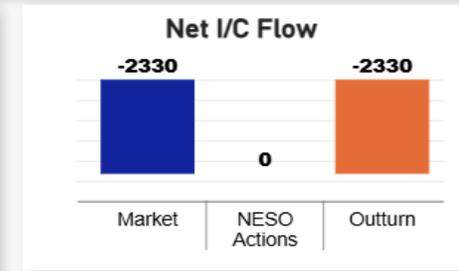
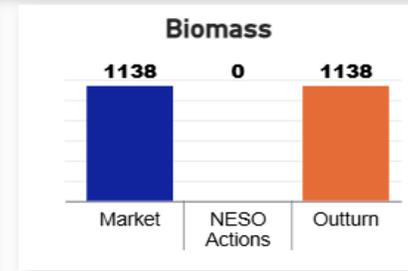
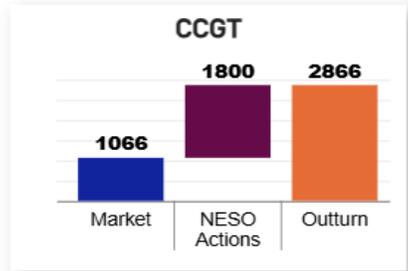
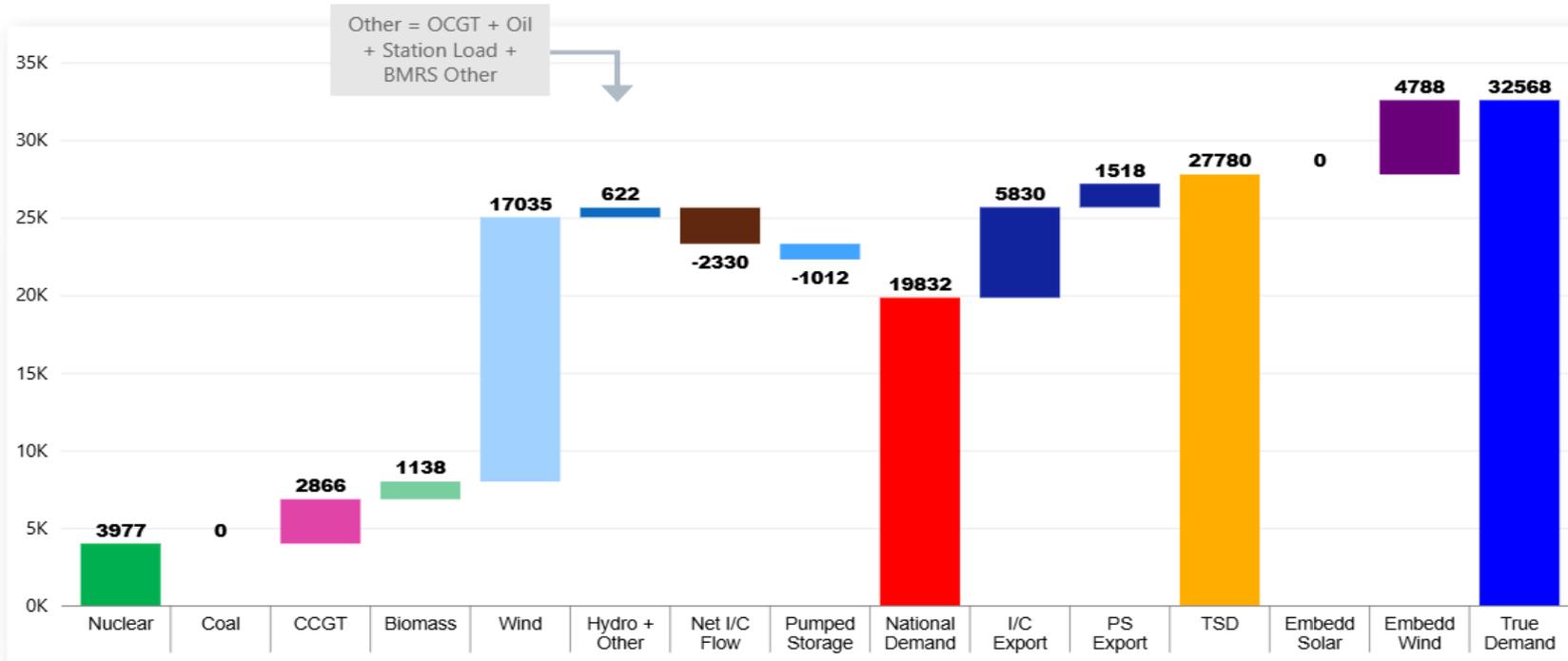
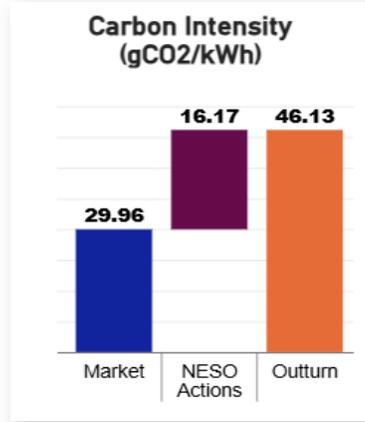
NESO Actions | Minimum Demand – SP spend ~£257k

Monday 2nd March

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Date SP

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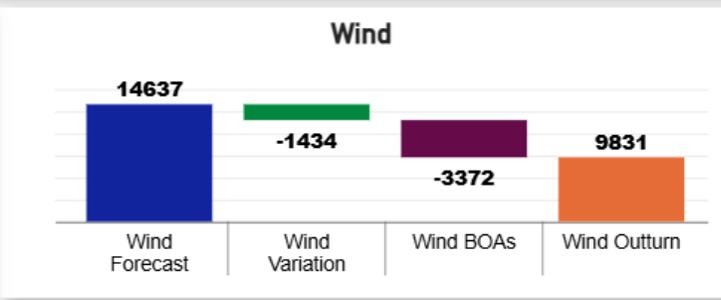
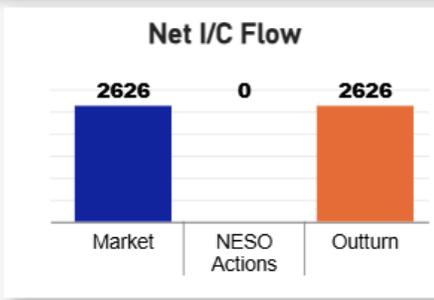
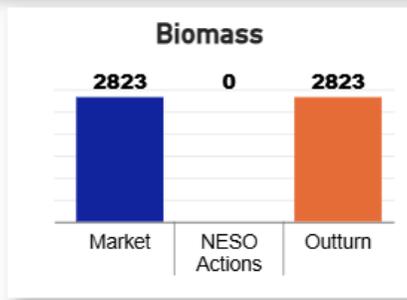
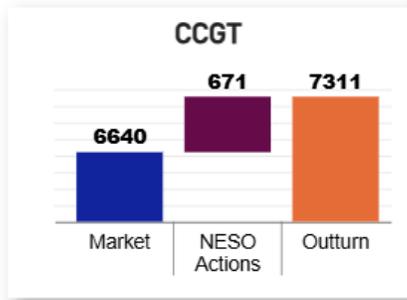
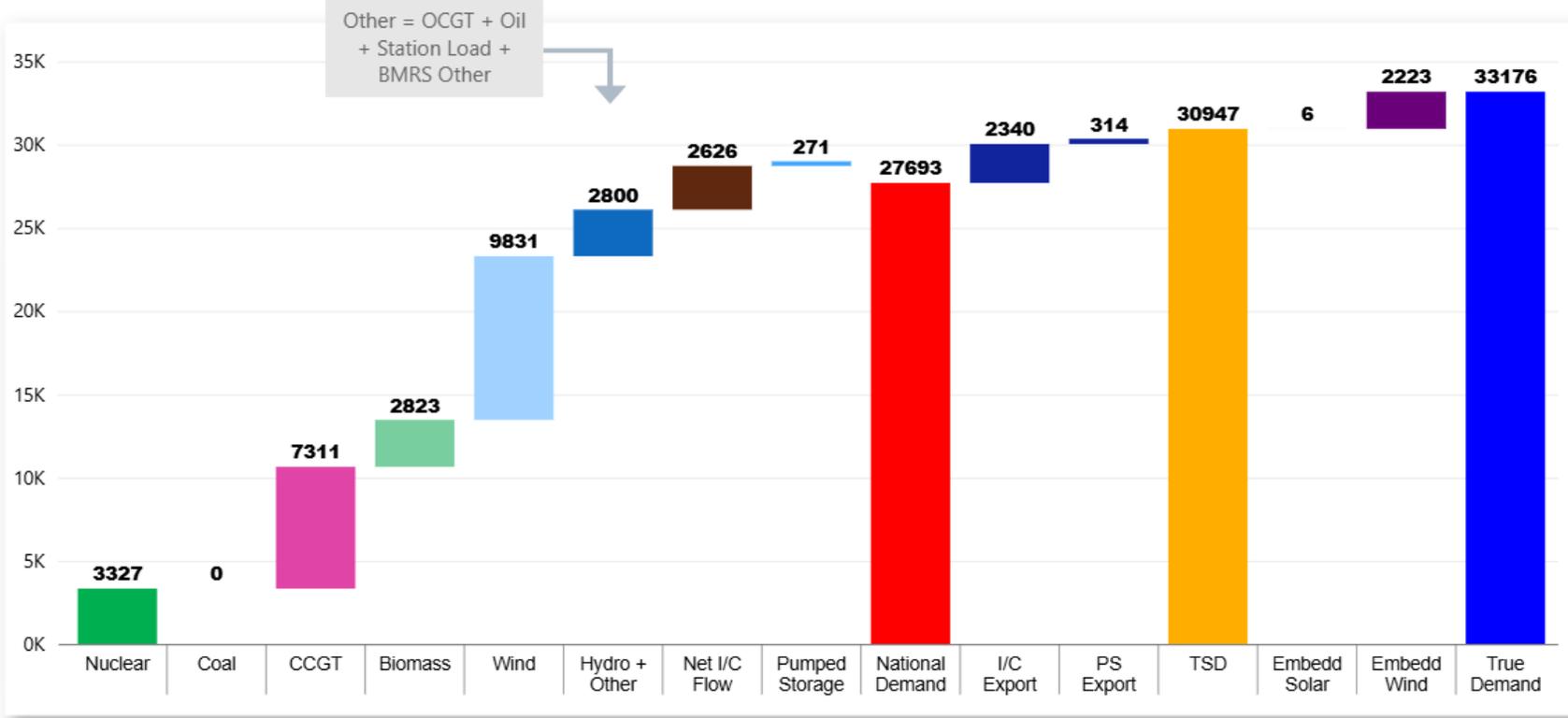
NESO Actions | Highest SP spend ~£350k

Thursday 5th March

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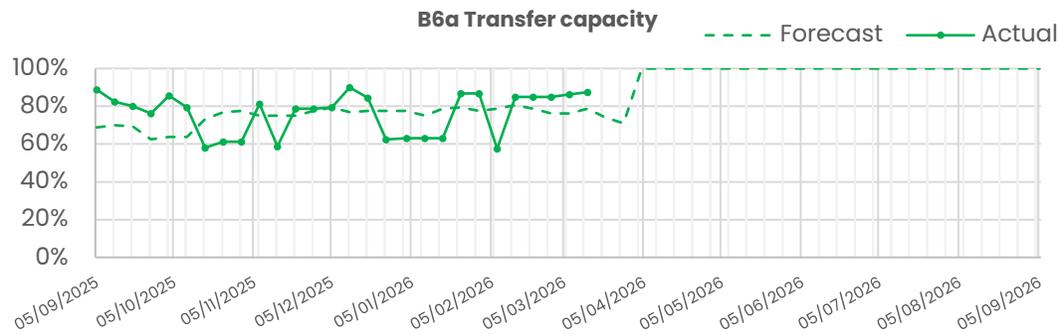
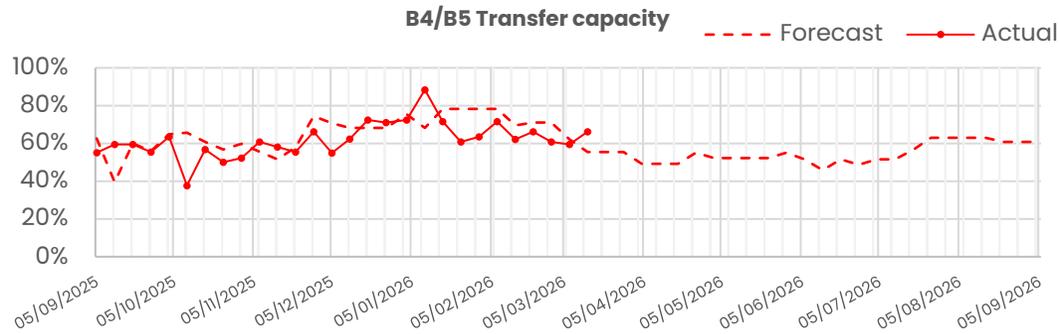
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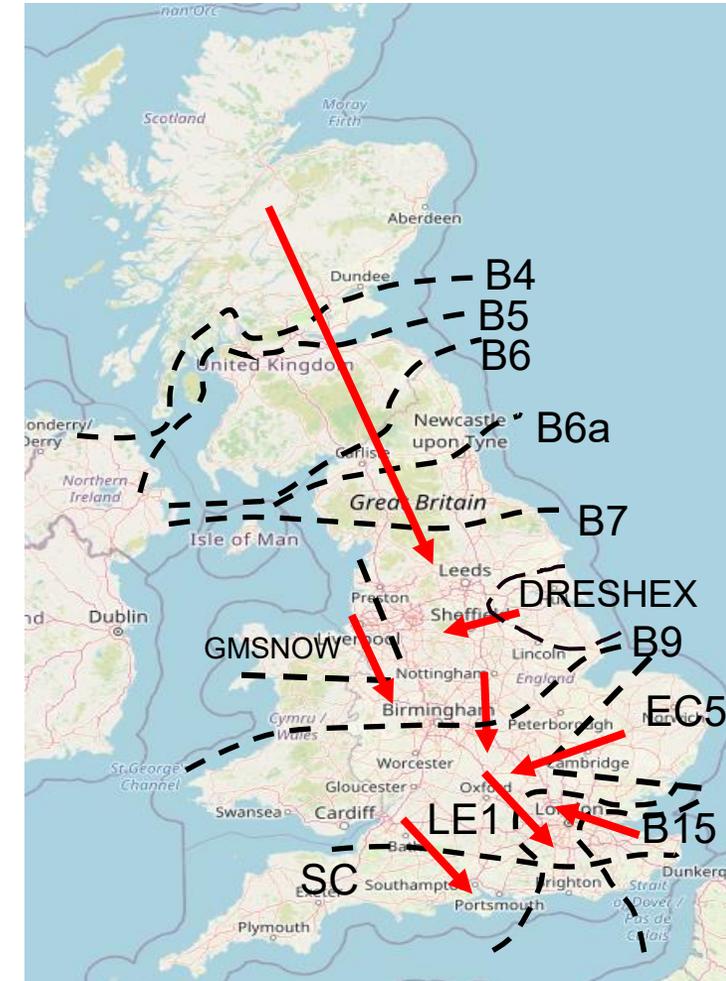


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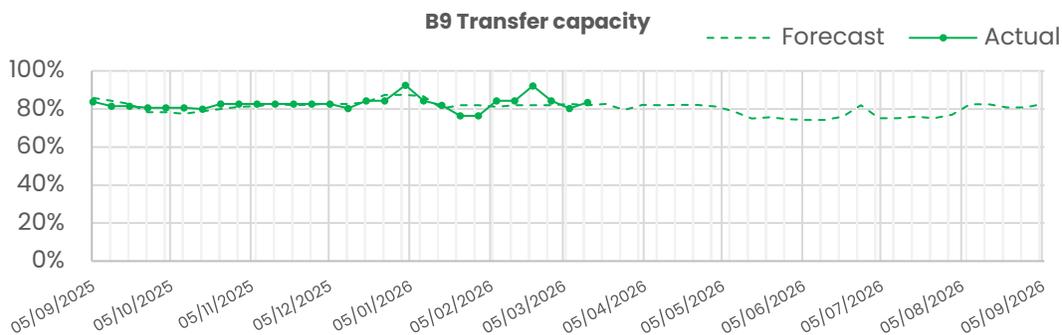
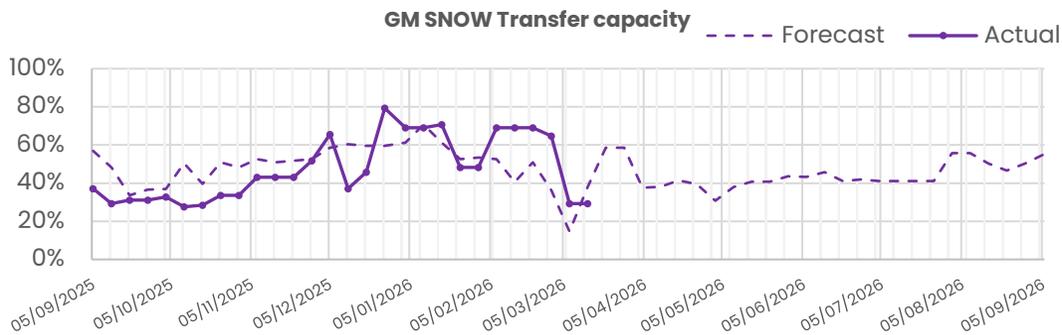
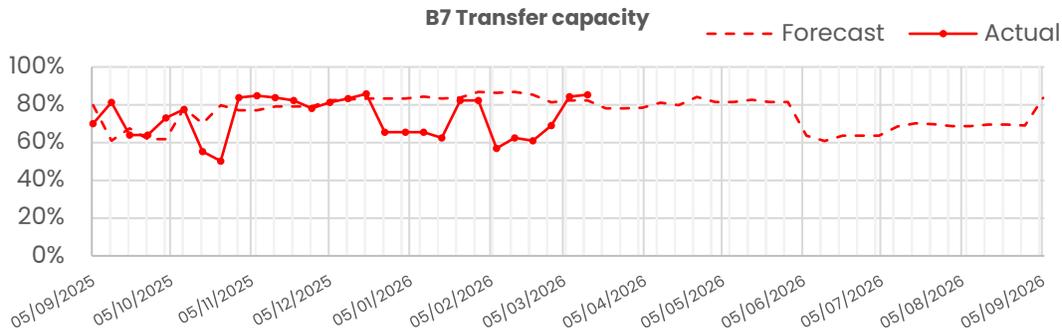
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B6a	8000	88
B7 (SSHARN)	9850	85
GMSNOW	5800	29
FLOWSTH (B9)	12700	83
DRESHEX	9675	53
EC5	5000	100
LE1 (SEIMP)	8750	68
B15 (ESTEX)	7500	75
SC1	7300	100



The forecast line is updated with the 10-week ahead view, and this happens each week. So, everything up to 10 weeks ahead is the forecast from 10-week ahead view, and everything after that is the fixed long-term forecast view.

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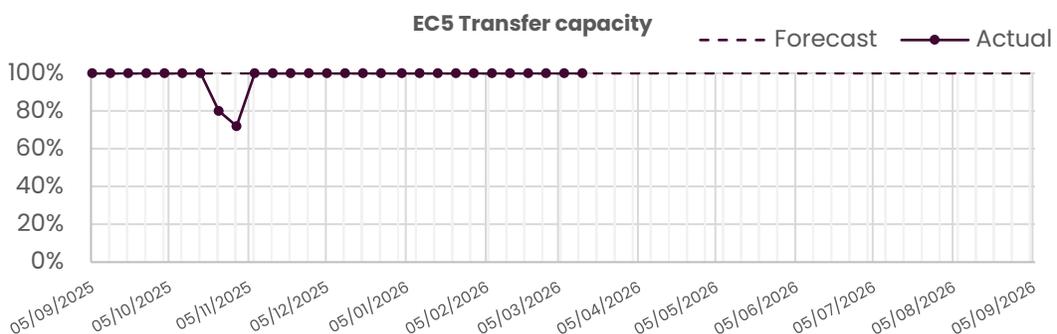
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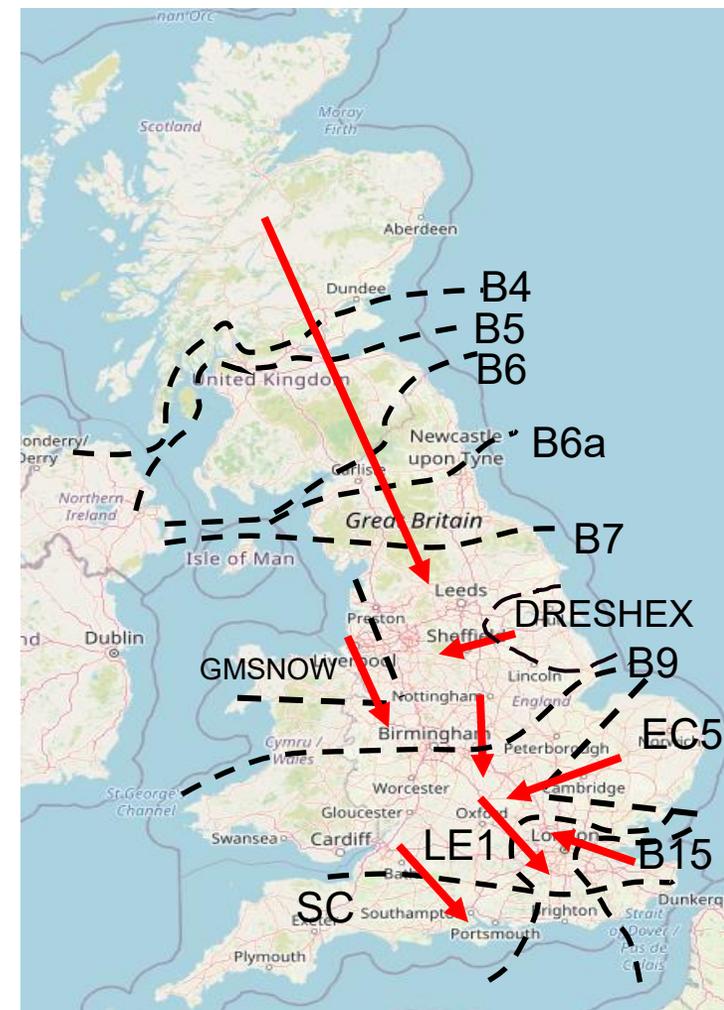
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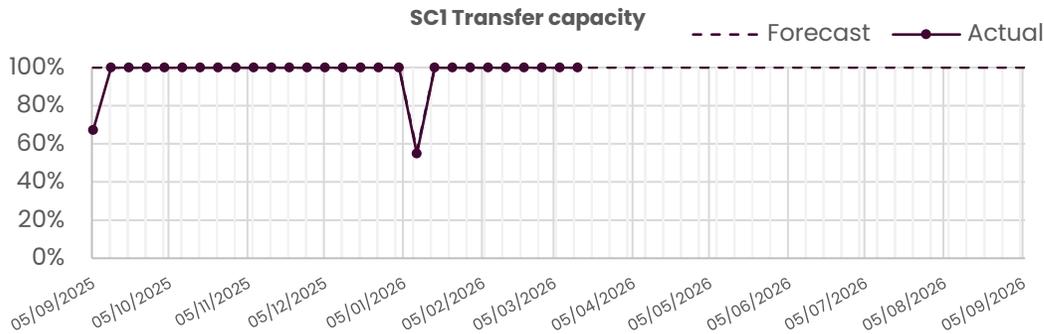
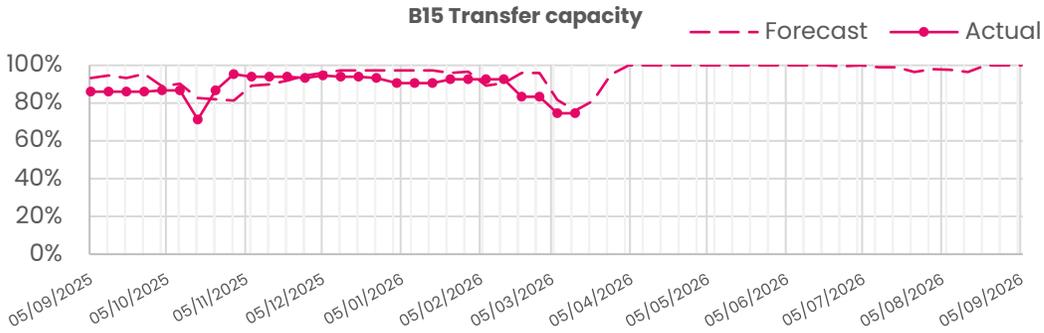


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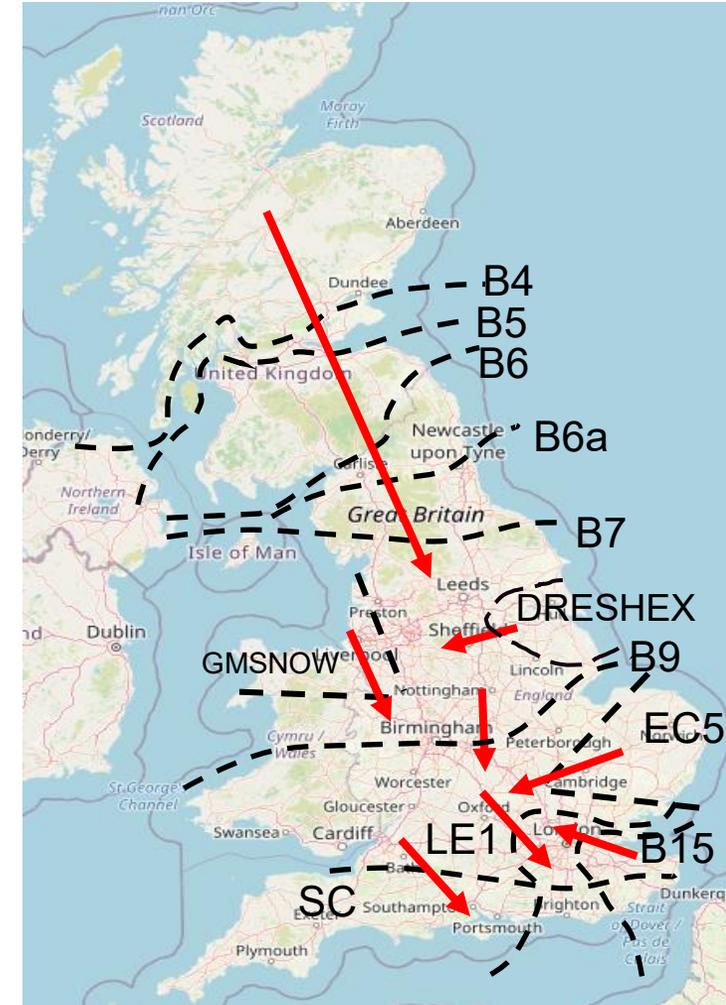
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(The forecast and day ahead limits may vary due to changes in the outage plan. The plan is reviewed periodically throughout the year to ensure we are optimising system conditions, whilst managing any necessary outage plan changes.

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Skip Rates by Technology Type - Bids

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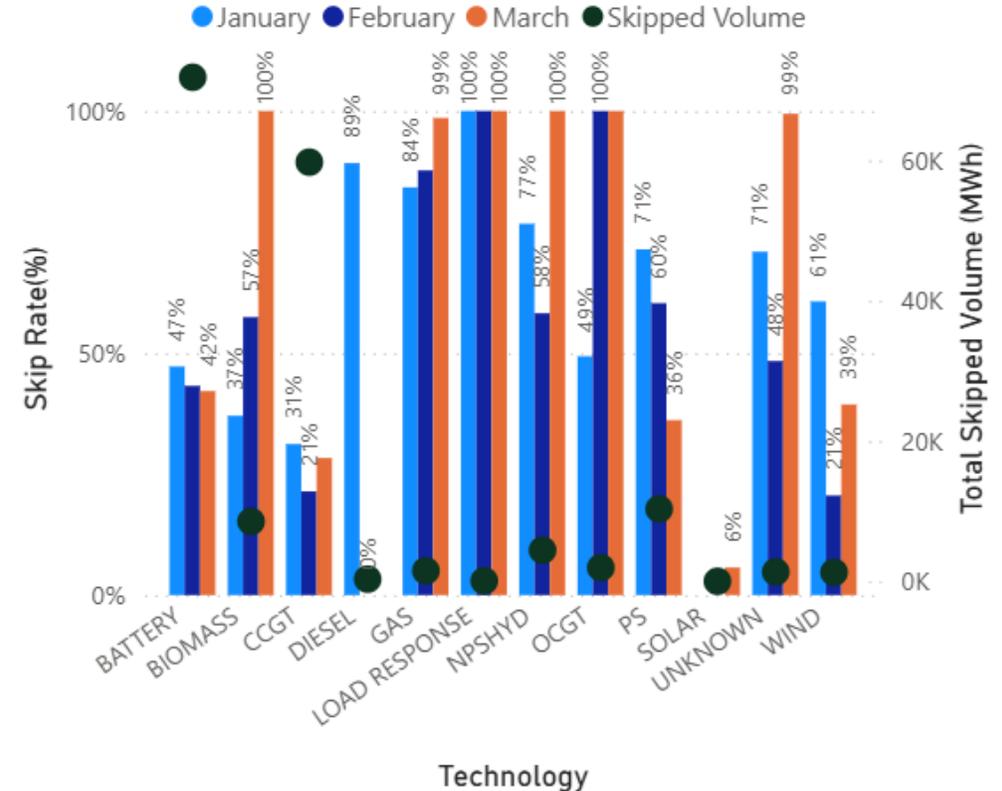
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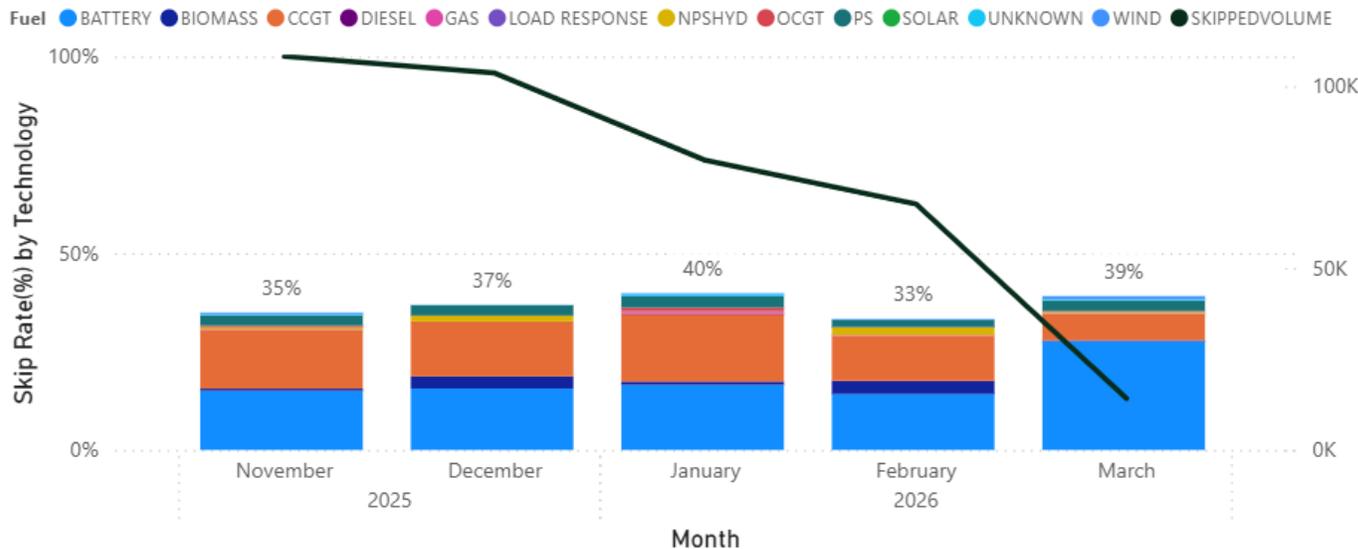
Weekly Average w/e	Bids - All BM	Bids - PSA
15/02	7%	30%
22/02	5%	37%
01/03	7%	31%
08/03	4%	44%

Technology Specific Skip Rate – last 3 months



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

Relative Technology Skip Rate



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Skip Rates by Technology Type - Offers

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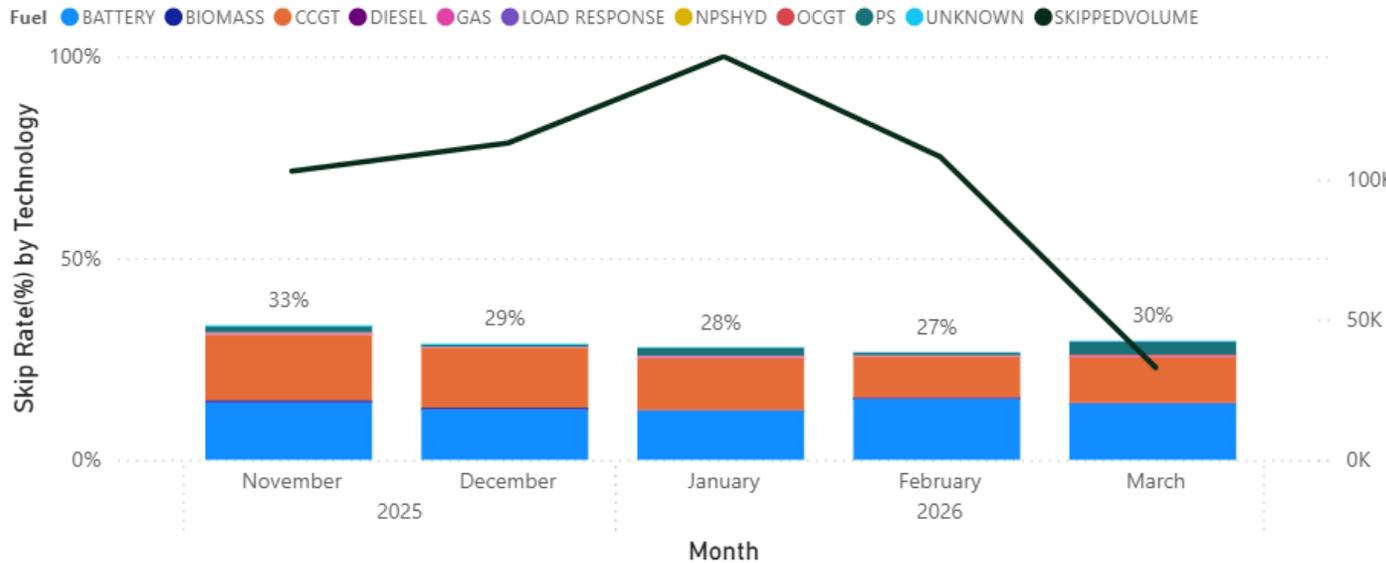
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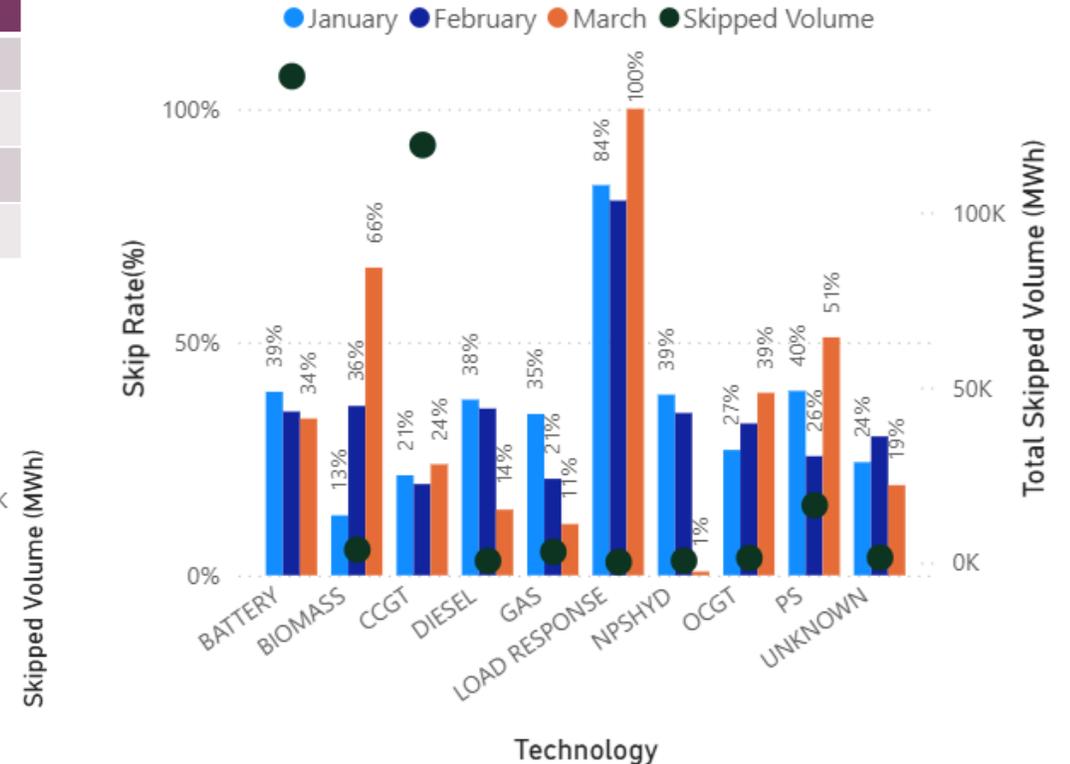
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Advanced Questions

Q: (10/03/2026) With regards to the following NESO answer "A: This is an error and needs to be corrected to Phase Jump Angle. We currently have in session an Expert Group looking at Grid Forming whose aim is to recommend updates to the Grid Code in advance of a formal Grid Code modification. The Expert Group is specifically looking at a number of definitions including Phase Jump Angle and through this work and the subsequent Grid Code change we can look to ensure consistent terms are applied". How will users of the document (<https://www.neso.energy/document/376661/download>) know that Phase Angle Jump has the same meaning as Phase Jump Angle?

A: Thank you for the feedback, we are aiming to update the document on Friday 13 March. We can say that the Phase Jump Angle and Phase Angle Jump are the same thing and should be read accordingly which hopefully should provide some clarity for any relevant parties.

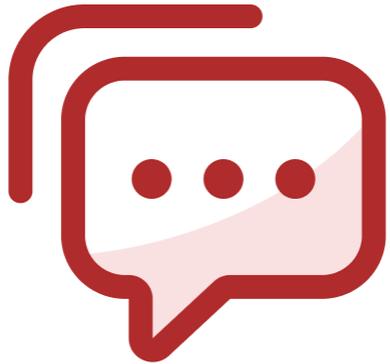
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- **Anonymous Questions:** We won't answer questions from unidentified parties live. If you need to stay anonymous, use the advance question or email options.
- **Challenge Concerns:** The OTF isn't the place to challenge actions of individual parties (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).