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NESO Operational Transparency Forum

18 March 2026

Welcome to the Operational Transparency Forum!

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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

Future of Registration for the Balancing Mechanism

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Future

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

Slow Reserve update

- We have published the formal [Go-Live Notice](#) for the Slow Reserve (SR) service. As a result, the EAC auction opened on Tuesday 17th March at 08:00, with the first auction set to run at **14:00 on 31st March**, as previously communicated.
- The SR auction will be co-optimised with [Balancing Reserve](#), [Quick Reserve](#), and the [Dynamic Response](#) services. As a result, the Procurement Rules for these services have also been updated with an effective date of 31st March to allow for co-optimisation with SR.
- Please note, the go-live of Slow Reserve will also trigger the end of the STOR service at 05:00 1st April 2026, as set out in the [Slow Reserve Transition Plan](#).

Online Markets Forum

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- **28th April 3pm–5pm. Register [here](#).**
- This session will provide updates from across the NESO Markets activities and will provide an opportunity for attendees to hear more about upcoming opportunities for involvement. There will be a dedicated presentation on the Markets Roadmap and a chance to ask questions. There will also be a presentation on the latest Operability Strategy Report.



NESO Event – Share your Views on Topics

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Bringing together topics from across the Dispatch Transparency Programme, Electricity Markets & Balancing Programme in response to customer feedback

Date: 22 June 2026

Time: 9:30 – 17:30

Location: London

Following feedback from our customers, we are exploring topics for a **one-day event on 22 June 2026**, bringing together updates and discussion across Electricity Markets, the Balancing Programme, and the Dispatch Transparency Programme – and **we'd really value your views on topics**.

The aim of this event is to reduce the number of NESO events customers are asked to attend, while still providing clear, comprehensive, and valuable updates in one place.

Where can I sign up? Registration will be promoted via the Energising Progress weekly NESO newsletter, the NESO website, and at the Operational Transparency Forum later this month.

Event Capacity: We have increased event capacity to ensure that everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

Questions? Please contact box.balancingprogramme@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 to 'What we do', 'Energy 101', 'Industry Information', 'News and events', 'Publications', 'Careers', and 'About'. A sidebar on the left contains links to '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 is an image of a wind turbine in a field. The text explains that NTC or Net Transfer Capacity is a value used by System Operators (SOs) to set the maximum capacity that an interconnector can import and/or export to that SO's grid for a given Market Time Unit (MTU). It also states that the NTC process is a method of calculating the resulting maximum import and export capacities that an interconnector can release to the market (Final NTC). A table below the text lists three documents: 'Current Compensation Methodology', 'Previous Commercial compensation Methodology Consultation', and 'Current Commercial Compensation Methodology Consultation'. The 'Current Commercial Compensation Methodology Consultation' document is highlighted with a dashed red box. Below the table is a list of documents with columns for 'Name' and 'Published'. The list includes '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), and 'NESO Commercial Compensation Methodology Draft for Consultation - Open until 17 April 2026_CLEAN' (6 Mar 2026). At the bottom of the page, there is a section for 'Other useful information'.

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NTC Commercial Compensation Methodology Consultation Response Proforma 2026	6 Mar 2026
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Future Event Summary

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Event	Date & Time	Link
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
Online Markets Forum	28 Apr (15:00-17:00)	Register here
NESO Event – Share your Views on Topics	22 Jun (09:30-17:30)	

Future of Registration for the Balancing Mechanism (BM)

Jillian Wells

17 March 2026

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What is the Balancing Mechanism?

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The Electricity National Control Centre (ENCC) has a suite of tools required to keep GB's system in balance. We do this minute by minute, second by second, to balance supply and demand in real time.

The Balancing Mechanism (BM) is the NESO's primary tool to [balance supply and demand](#) on GB's network. In the [Electricity National Control Centre \(ENCC\)](#), we use the BM to buy and procure the right amount of electricity required to balance the system.

Governance for the BM including Registration with both NESO and Elexon is provided by the [Balancing and Settlements Code](#). This includes the data registered units are required to provide and the ways the commercial returns are calculated and administered.



The present situation

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SORT – System Operation in Real Time. This system holds the details of the BMU for use by the BM Systems

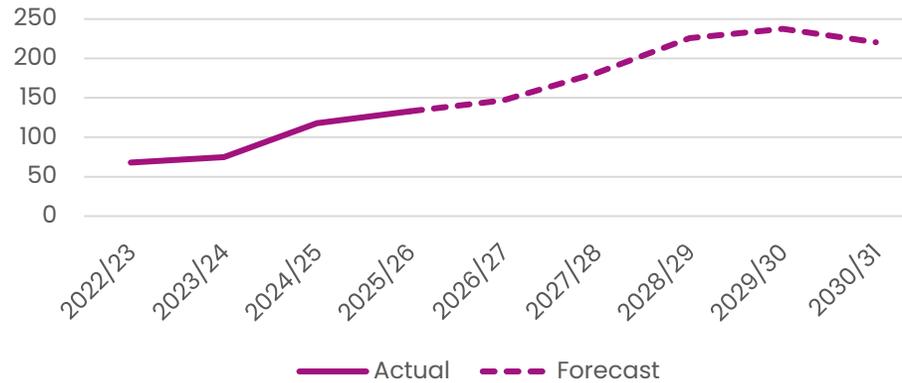


Chart shows number of units in the SORT Upload by year

— Actual
- - - Forecast based on Connections data and historic Wider Access trend

The number of units registering to become Balancing Mechanism Units (BMU) has doubled over the last four years.

This is due to increasing numbers of:

- New connections (expected to increase under the [Connections Reform](#))
- Embedded assets accessing [Balancing Mechanism Wider Access](#)

Things to note about the process:

- New BMUs are added to the BM systems during the SORT Upload.
- 2 monthly process to ensure all the technical processes including Energisation, HVSCC, visibility in the control room is complete
- This process will change to a higher frequency once OBP is our primary balancing tool

OBP – Open Balancing Platform
[Balancing programme | National Energy System Operator](#)

What is changing?

[Single Markets Platform](#) (SMP) is our primary tool to register with NESO.

Starting from the July SORT Upload, we ask market participants to:

Notification date: 4 weeks before Cutoff date

- Confirm which units they intend to submit for the SORT Upload
- Book the Operational Metering Signals testing slot for each unit

Submission date: 1 week before the Cutoff date

- Complete and submit the unit in SMP

Reminder: successful **Operational Metering Signals testing** is required for each unit before the SORT Cutoff date. Bookings are made in advance at OpsMetering@neso.energy to ensure we have the resources to support testing. Please allow for a minimum of 30 minutes per unit, but we may be advise you to allow longer depending on the complexity of the unit signals. This ensures there is sufficient time to identify and agree how to resolve any issues.

Impact of proposal on BM Systems Upload Dates (SORT Upload)

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Remainder of 2026

Month	new		published previously and unchanged		
	Notification by	Submission by	Cutoff date	Implementation	Back-up date
	Confirm which units intend to enter SORT and their Operational Metering Signals test have been booked	Complete and submit unit and asset registration in SMP	Complete any remaining requirements for BMU Registration NESO confirm the units are included in SORT	Planned date for NESO to add the new BMUs to the BM Systems	Reserve date in case operational system issues prevent implementation on the day
May	--	--	28/04/2026	20/05/2026	27/05/2026
July	26/05/2026	16/06/2026	23/06/2026	15/07/2026	22/07/2026
September	04/08/2026	25/08/2026	01/09/2026	23/09/2026	30/09/2026
November	06/10/2026	27/10/2026	03/11/2026	25/11/2026	02/12/2026

We are working to schedule dates for 2027 to publish as soon as they are confirmed

Next steps

SORT – System Operation in Real Time. This system holds the details of the BMU for use by the BM Systems

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The additional information and earlier SMP submission will ensure we have the resources available to process your new BMUs and allow time to resolve any issues which arise. This will increase the process capacity and improve efficiency enabling more units to be successfully registered.

We will contact affected market participants this week to explain the changes and update the [published guidance](#): by 1 April 2026.

Contact details for the NESO teams supporting this process are also provided at the end of this presentation.

Key points: project planning considerations for directly connected units

Operational Metering:

- Your Connection Agreement **Appendix F Section 5** has the requirements for Operational Metering
- Ops metering is delivered to NESO through the Transmission Owner (TO) or Distribution Network Operator (DNO) substation communication systems.
- The **TO or DNO needs to complete the Network Change** (making your unit part of the GB Network) before the Operational Metering Signals can be tested. The Network Change date is decided by the TO (or DNO) usually in relation to your Energisation date. For direct (TO) connections the Network Change date is the TO final HVSCC date.
- To clarify, your unit must become part of the GB network before the Operational Metering Signals test can take place. The successful **Operational Metering Signals test result is required before the Cutoff date** in order for the unit to be included in the SORT Upload. This ensures accurate unit visibility in ENCC.
- We advise the **HVSCC date should be at least a week before the Cutoff Date** to allow sufficient time to resolve any issues which may be identified by the Operational Metering Signals testing. If the HVSCC date is closer to the Cutoff date, there is a risk the unit will not qualify before the Cutoff date and will be excluded from the SORT Upload. For example: an HVSCC date after 21 April may put your unit entry to the May SORT Upload at risk.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your Compliance Officer and [BM Registration](#)

BCA – [Bilateral Connection Agreement](#)
BELLA – [Bilateral Embedded License Exemptible Large Power Station Agreement](#).
BEGA – [Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement](#)
HVSCC – High Voltage Safety Change Certificate

Please get in touch with the teams if you have questions about:

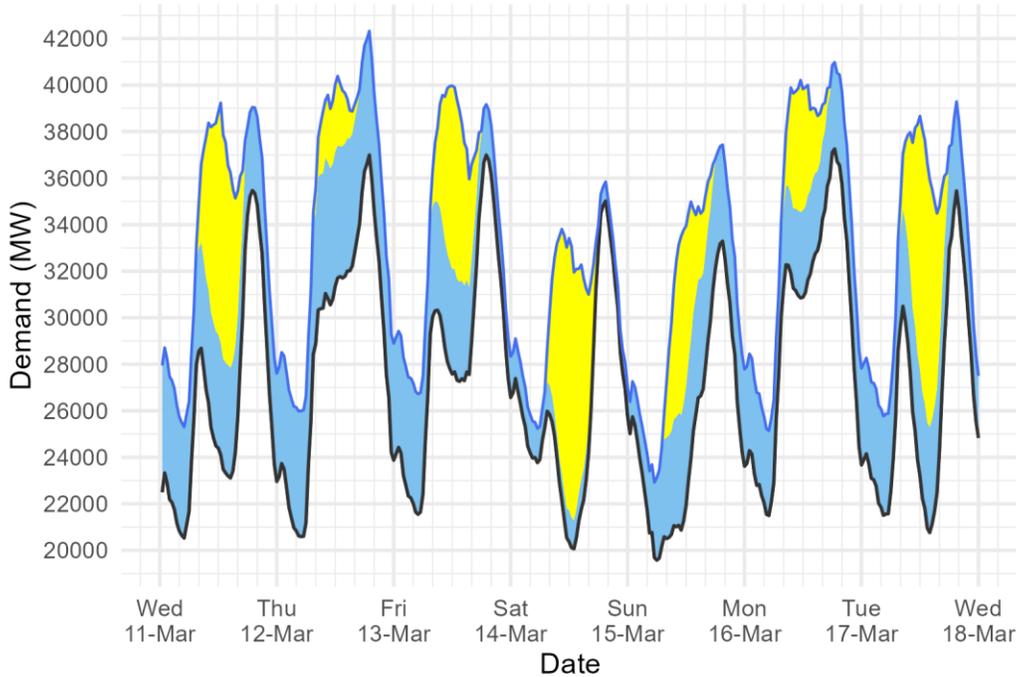
Useful contacts:

- BM Registration and BM Wider Access:
bmu.registration@neso.energy
[Balancing Mechanism Wider Access | National Energy System Operator](#)
- SBMU Virtual Lead Party Registrations:
commercial.operation@neso.energy
- Operational Metering:
OpsMetering@neso.energy
[Guidance on Operational Metering Testing](#)
- Single Markets Platform (SMP):
box.digitalhelp@neso.energy
[Single Markets Platform | National Energy System Operator](#)

Demand | Last week demand out-turn

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NESO National Demand outturn 11 - 17 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)
11 Mar 2026	10.3	5.4
12 Mar 2026	3.0	5.9
13 Mar 2026	7.9	5.2
14 Mar 2026	11.7	1.8
15 Mar 2026	7.7	5.1
16 Mar 2026	5.7	4.2
17 Mar 2026	11.3	4.6

National Demand Minimum Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 11 Mar)			OUTTURN		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
11 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	24.4	4.8	8.0	23.1	4.7	8.4
12 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	19.7	5.6	0.0	20.6	5.4	0.0
12 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	28.6	5.8	4.7	28.9	5.7	1.0
13 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	20.4	4.7	0.0	21.5	5.2	0.0
13 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	25.2	4.5	7.8	27.3	4.3	7.4
14 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.3	2.2	0.0	23.8	1.5	0.0
14 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	23.1	2.1	8.3	20.1	1.2	10.7
15 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	19.7	4.0	0.0	19.6	3.6	0.0
15 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	22.4	4.0	1.1	20.5	4.3	2.4
16 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	20.4	4.6	0.0	21.5	3.6	0.0
16 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	27.4	4.5	7.1	30.8	3.7	5.7
17 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.8	2.6	0.0	21.5	4.3	0.0
17 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	28.3	3.1	7.5	20.8	4.5	10.6

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

Blue line serves as a proxy for total GB customer demand. It includes demand supplied by the distributed wind and solar sources, but it **does not include** demand supplied by non-weather driven sources at the distributed network for which NESO has no real time data.

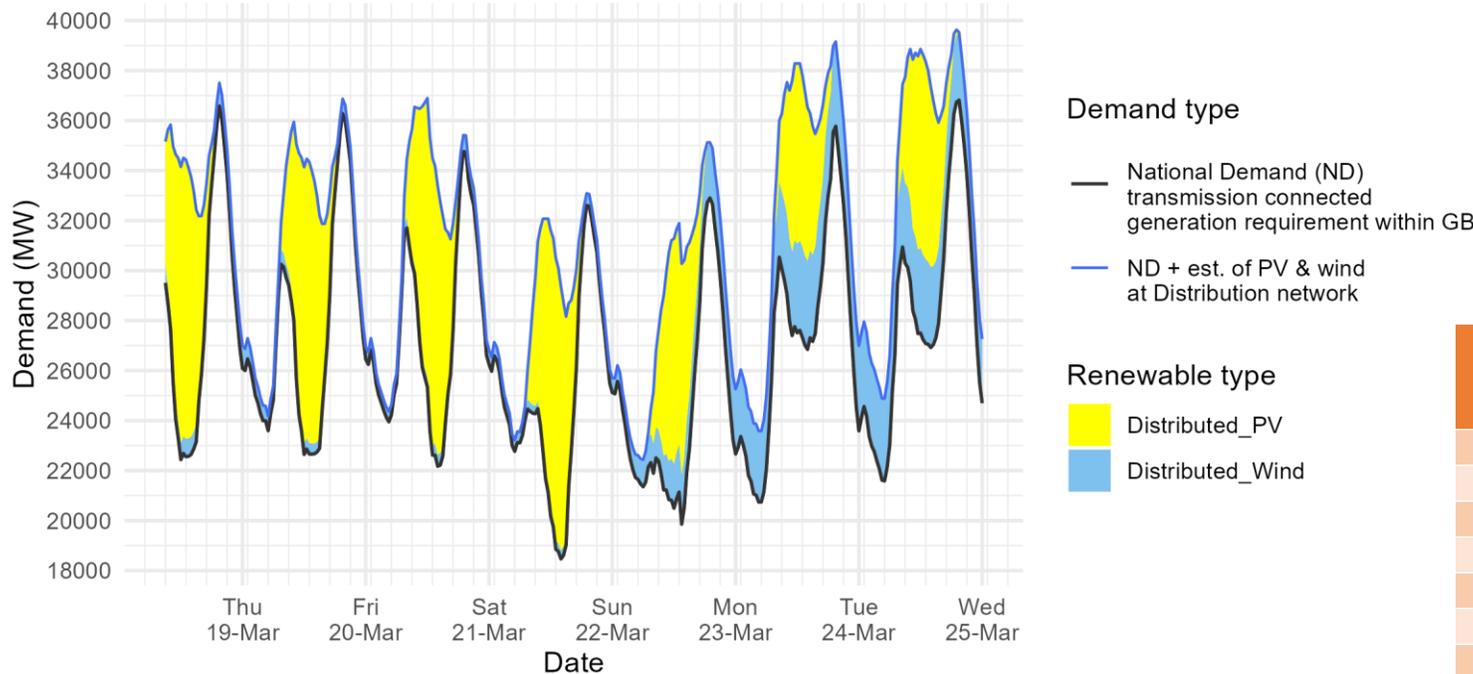
Historic out-turn data can be found on the [NESO Data Portal](#) in the following data sets: [Historic Demand Data & Demand Data Update](#)

From March to October, the table will display overnight minimum (between 00:00 and 07:30) and daytime minimum (between 07:30 and 16:30) as well as an additional column: distributed PV.

Demand | Week Ahead

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NESO Demand forecast for 18 - 24 March 2026



National Demand Minimum Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 18 Mar)		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
18 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	22.4	0.7	11.0
19 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	23.6	0.6	0.0
19 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	22.6	0.5	11.0
20 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	23.9	0.4	0.0
20 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	22.2	0.5	10.8
21 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	22.8	0.5	0.0
21 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	18.5	0.4	10.5
22 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	21.4	1.1	0.0
22 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	19.9	2.0	8.4
23 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	20.7	2.8	0.0
23 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	26.8	3.5	6.1
24 Mar 2026	Overnight Min	21.6	3.3	0.0
24 Mar 2026	Daytime Min	26.9	3.2	7.2

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NESO Actions | Category Cost Breakdown

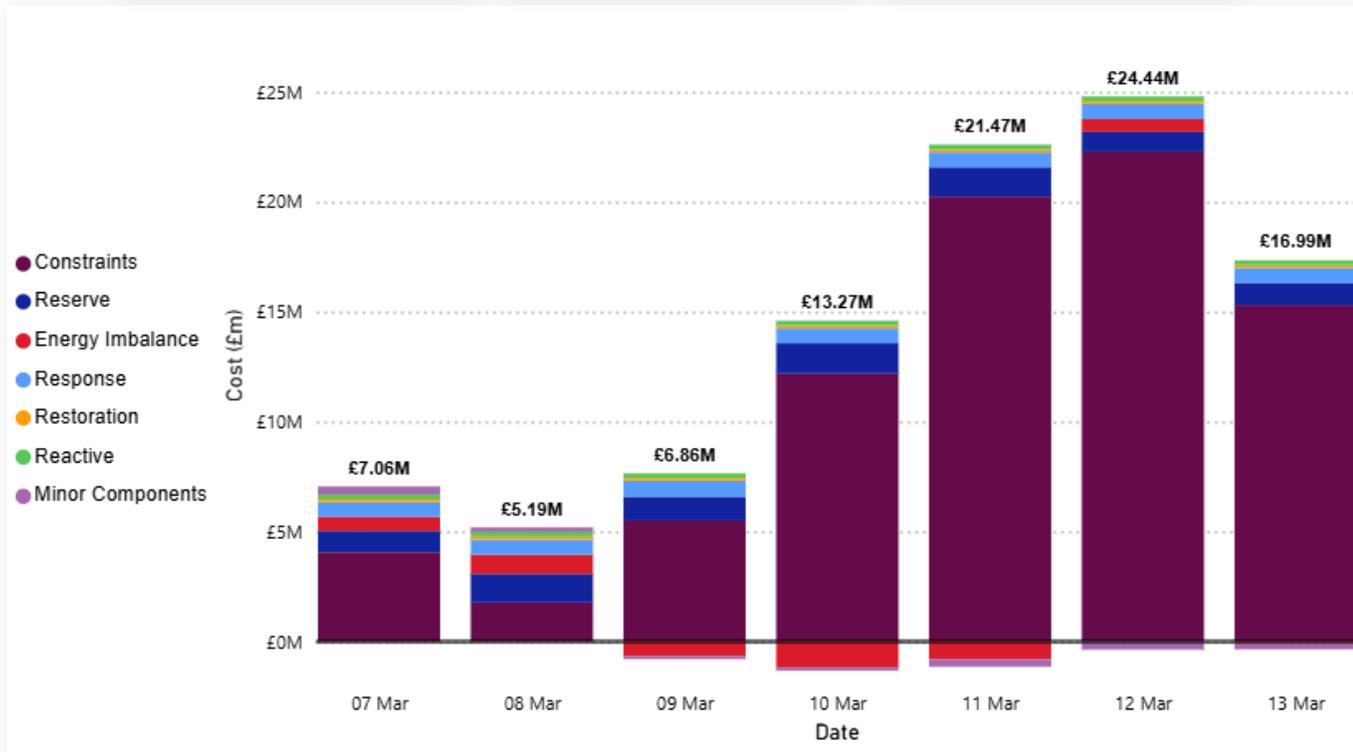
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Date
 07/03/2026 13/03/2026

Weekly Total Costs (£)
95.3M

Last Week Total Costs (£)
54.5M

Past 30-Day Average Costs (£)
8.4M

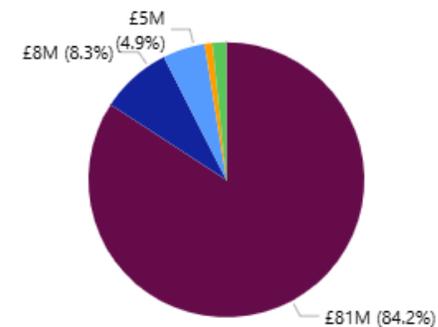


Date	Total Costs
07 March 2026	£7,055,779
08 March 2026	£5,191,758
09 March 2026	£6,857,341
10 March 2026	£13,273,623
11 March 2026	£21,468,131
12 March 2026	£24,436,500
13 March 2026	£16,990,872
Total	£95,274,003

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 (%)

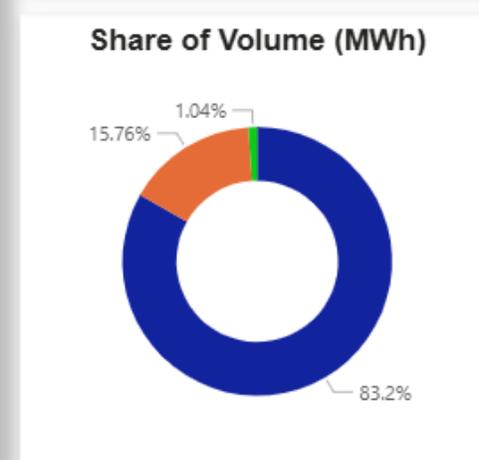
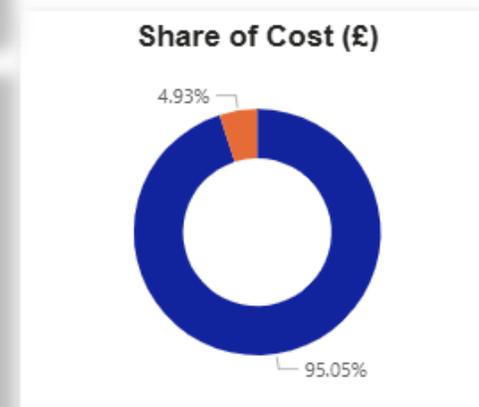
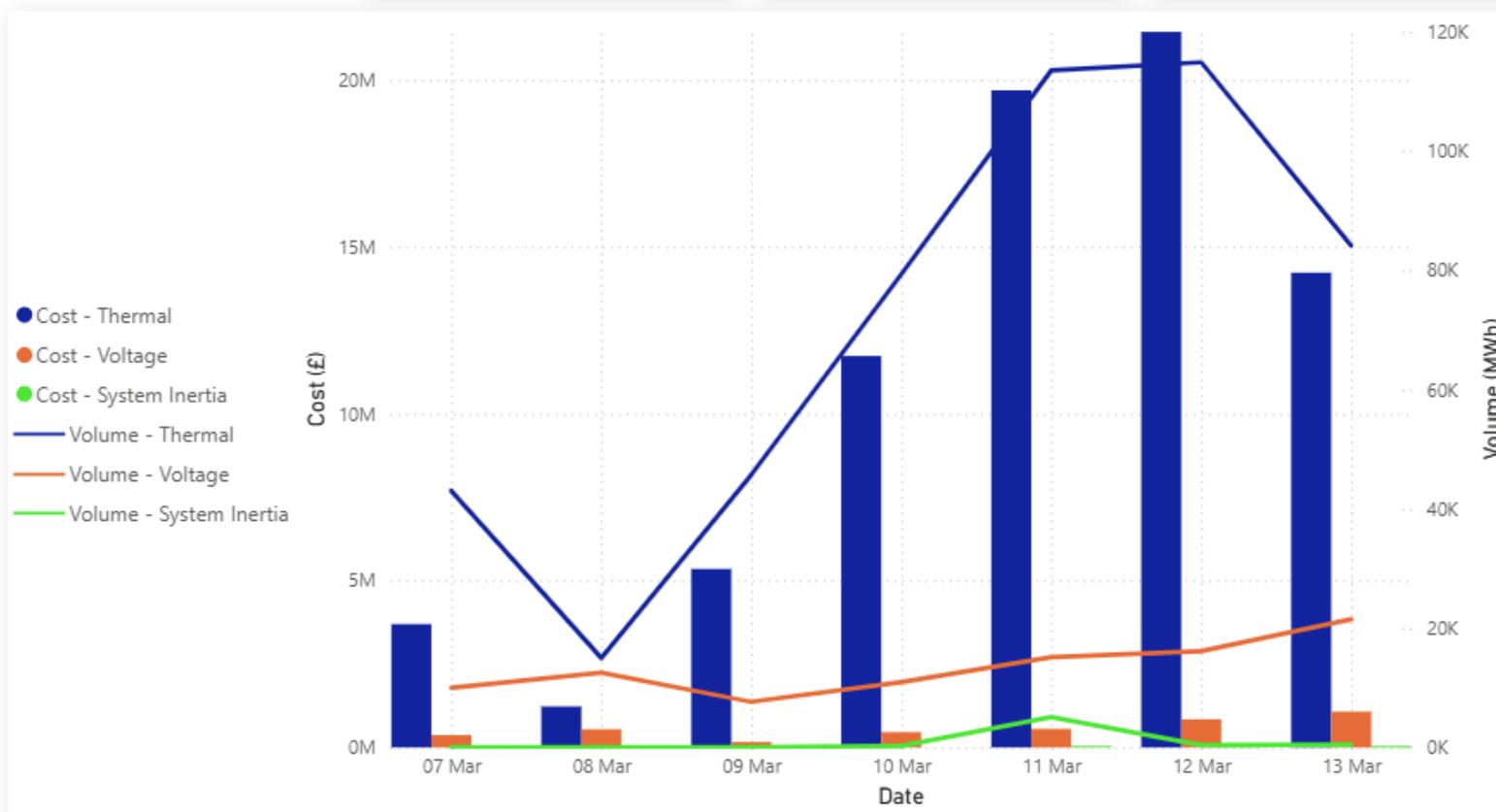


NESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown

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Date: 07/03/2026 | 13/03/2026

Thermal Constraints		Voltage Constraints		System Inertia	
Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)	Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)	Costs (£)	Vol (MWh)
77.34M	495.71K	4.01M	93.90K	14.34K	6.17K



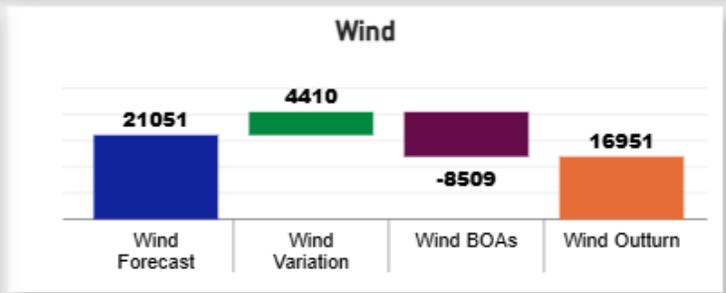
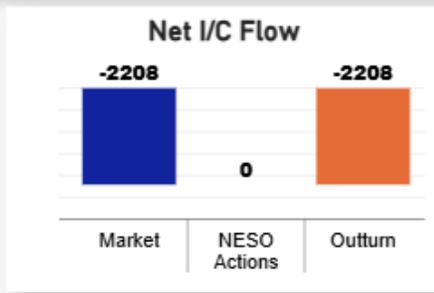
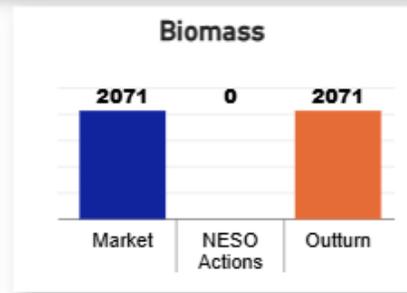
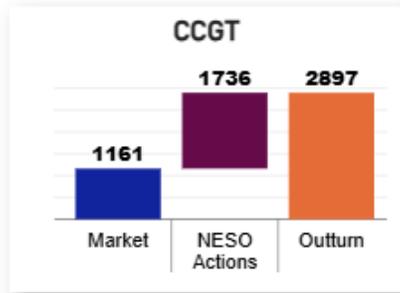
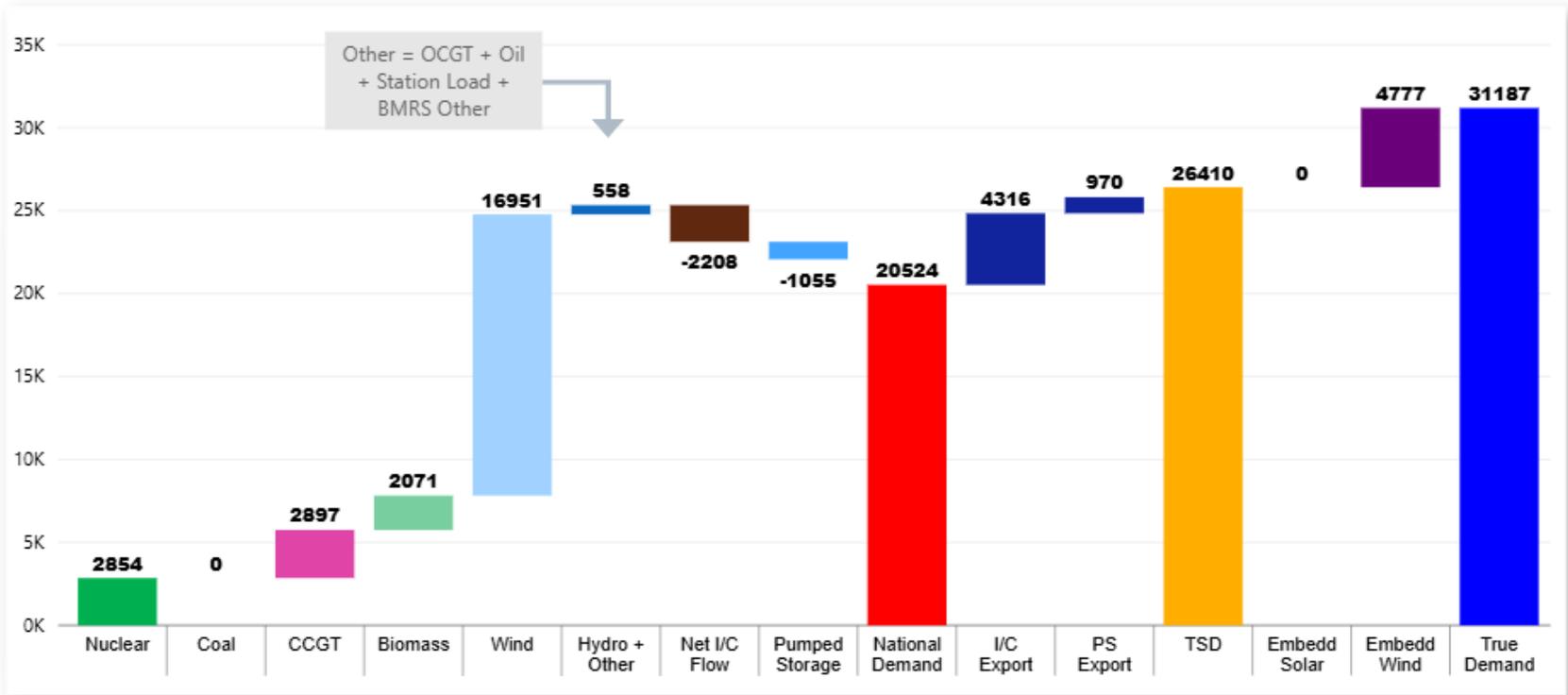
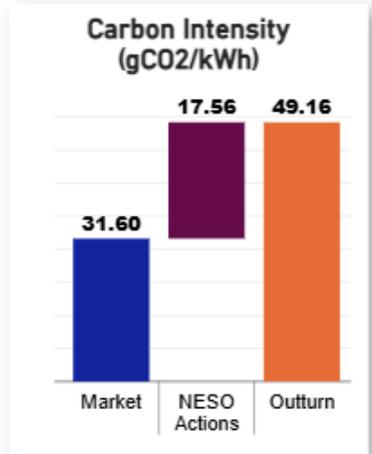
Note: Thermal Constraint volume is reported as an absolute figure.

NESO Actions | Peak Demand – Settlement Period (SP) spend ~£463k Wednesday 11th March

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Date SP

Half-hour preceding
05:00



NESO Actions | Minimum Demand – SP spend ~£213k

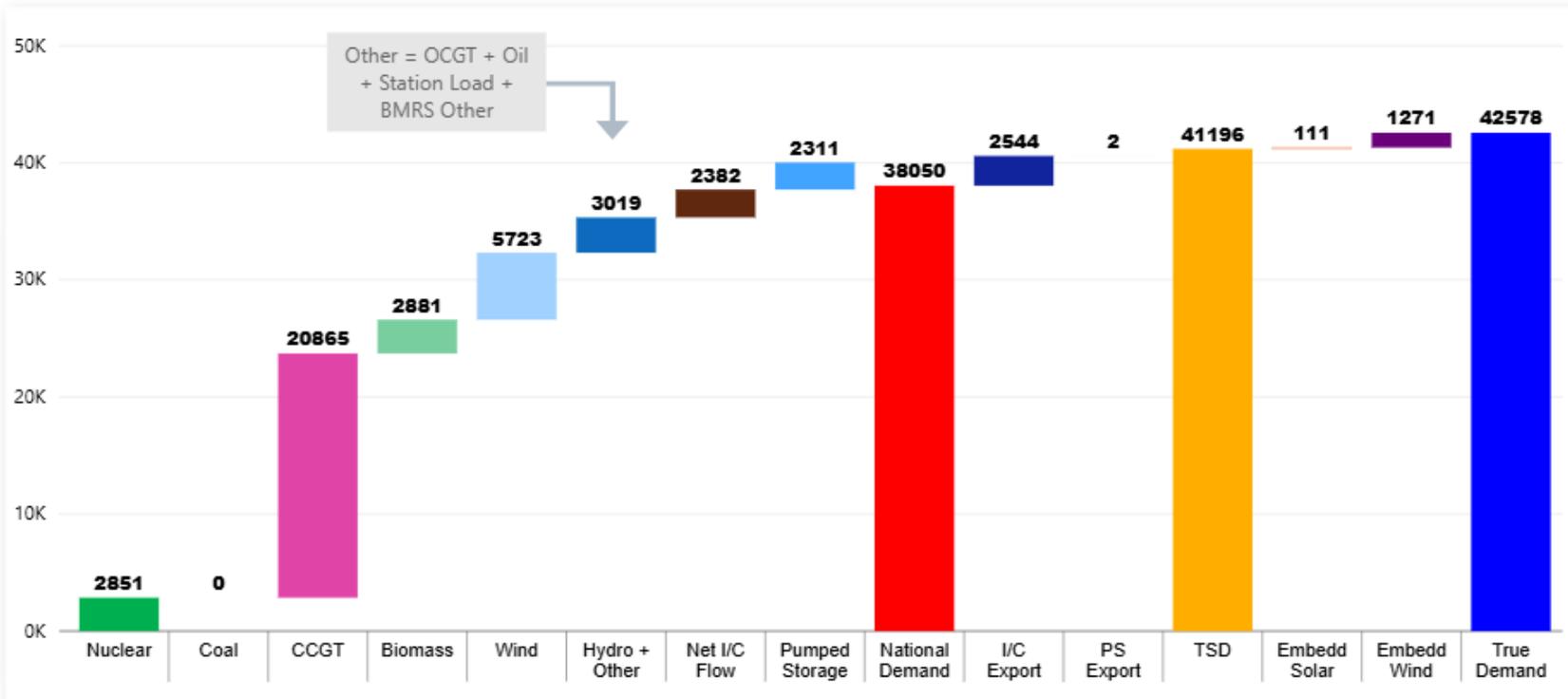
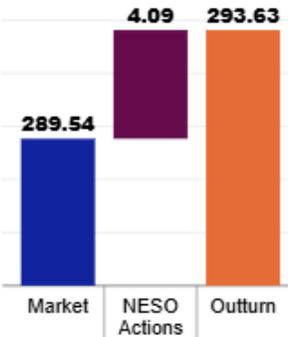
Monday 9th March

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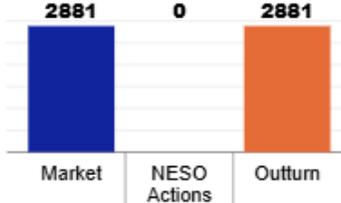
Carbon Intensity
(gCO2/kWh)



CCGT



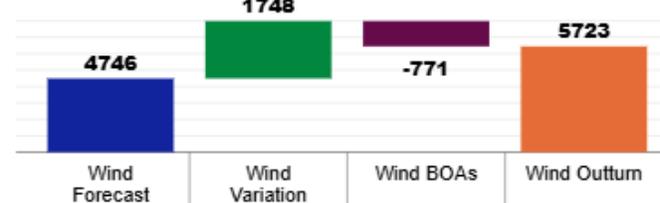
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Net I/C Flow



Wind



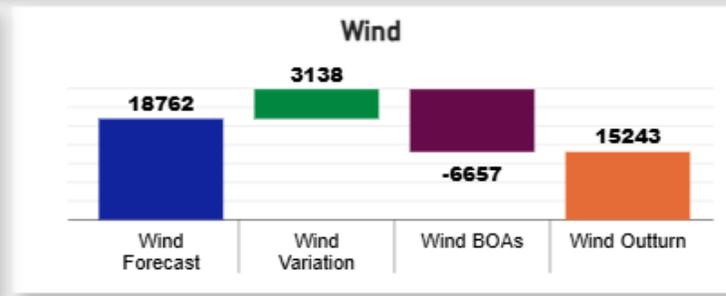
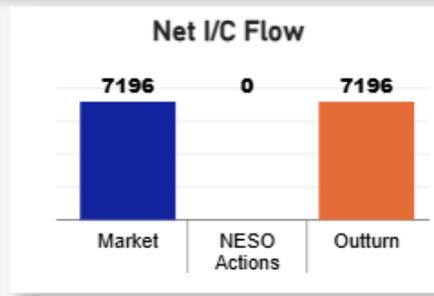
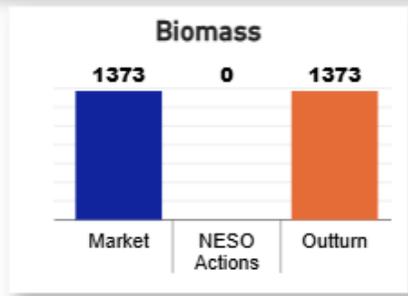
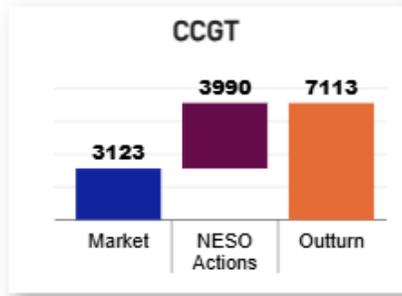
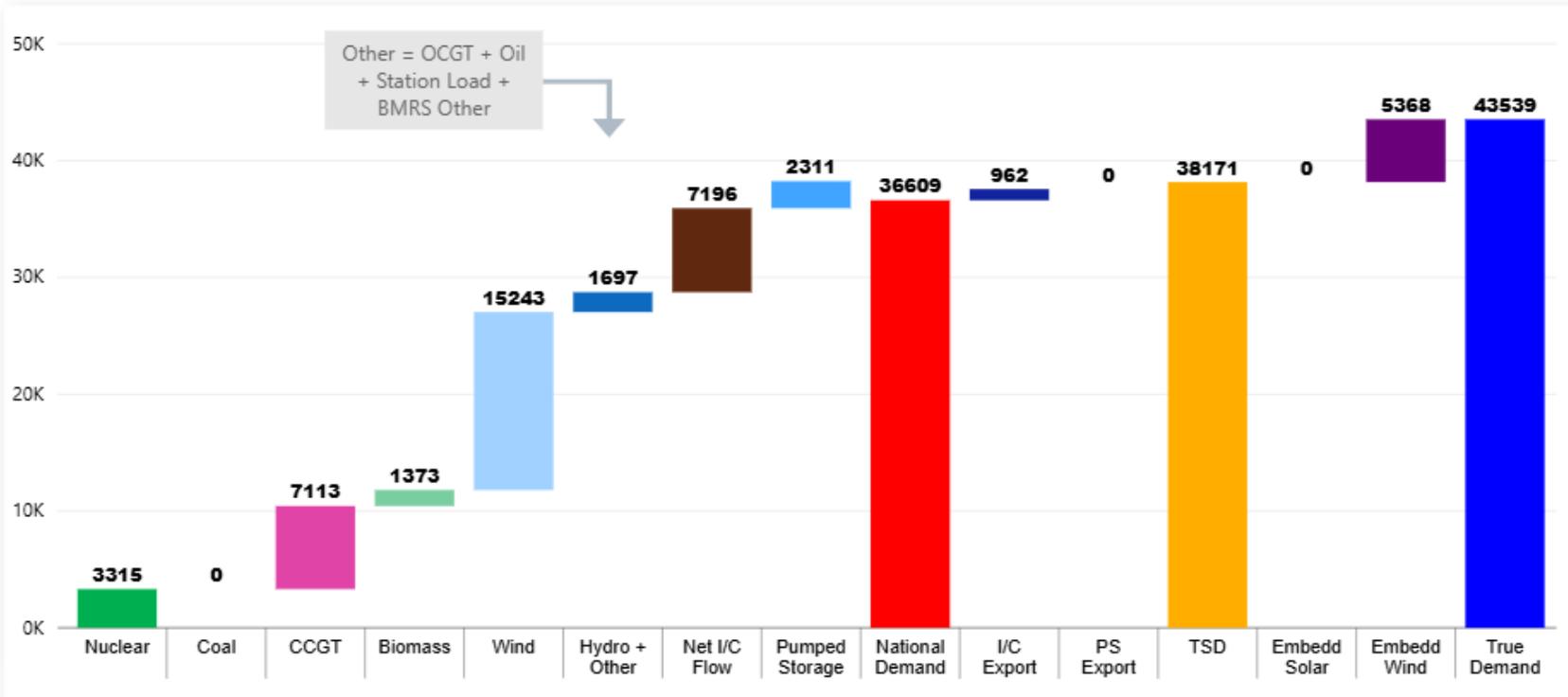
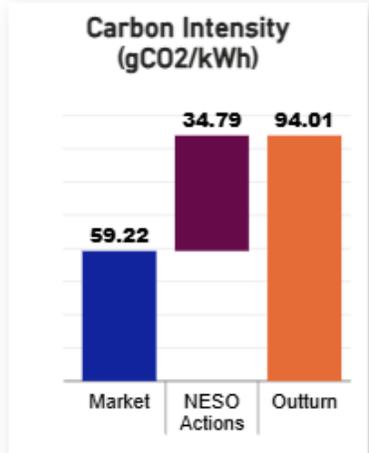
NESO Actions | Highest SP spend ~£590k

Thursday 12th March

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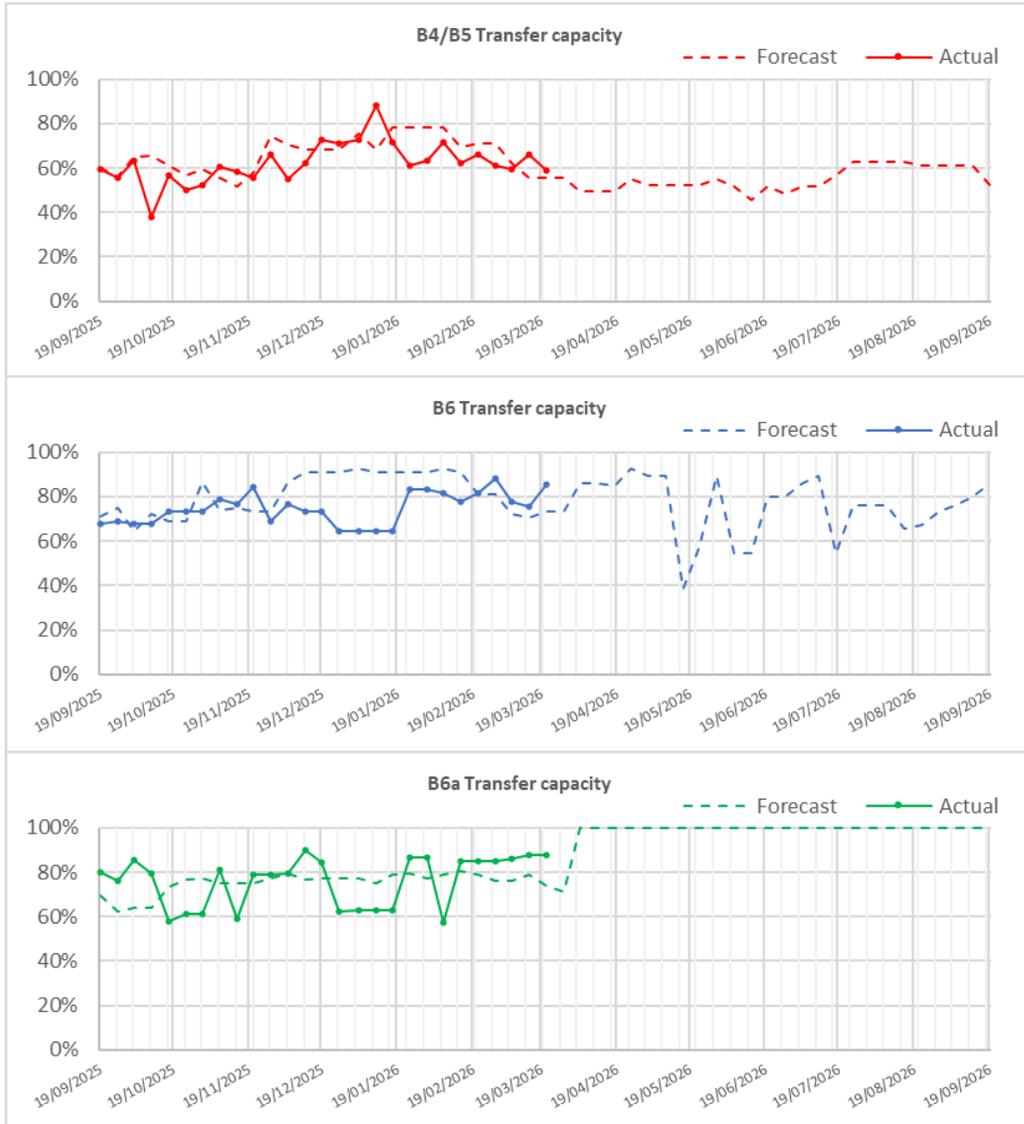
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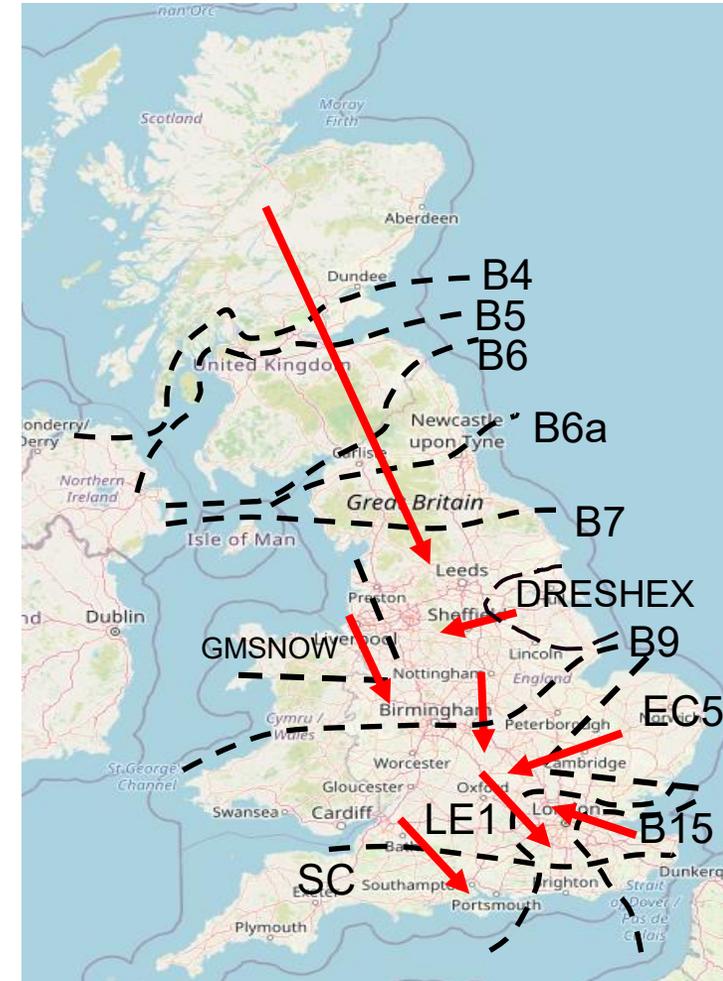


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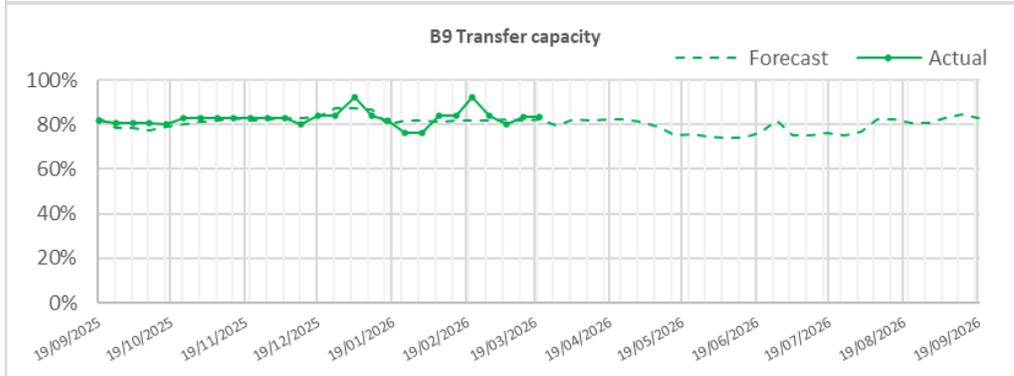
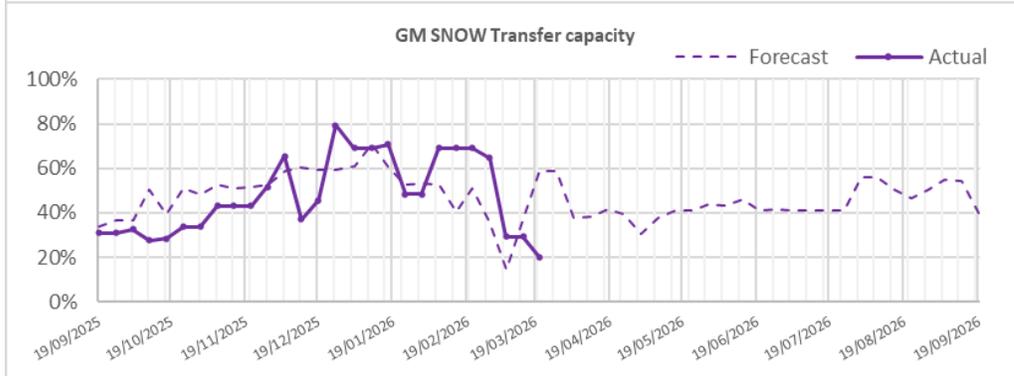
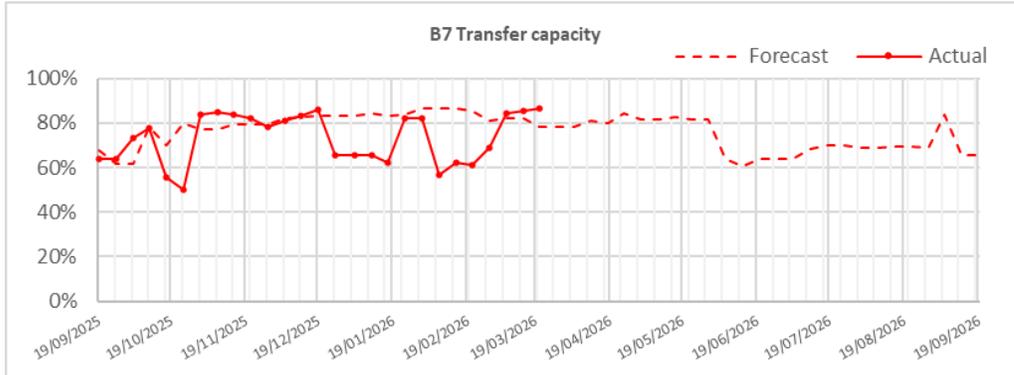


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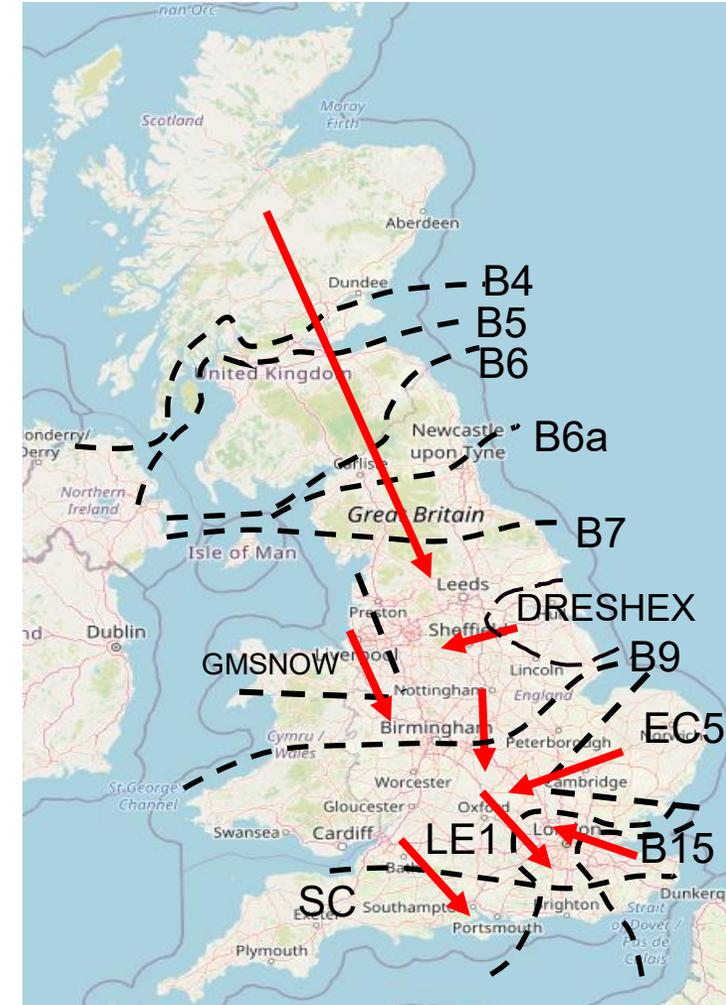


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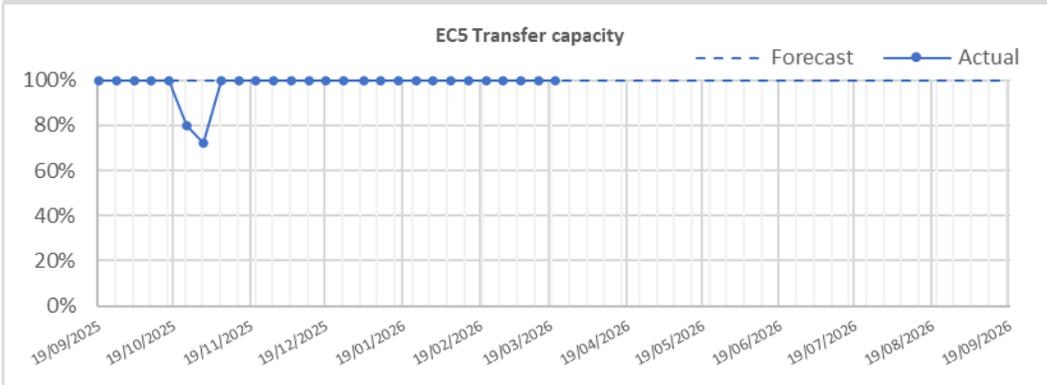
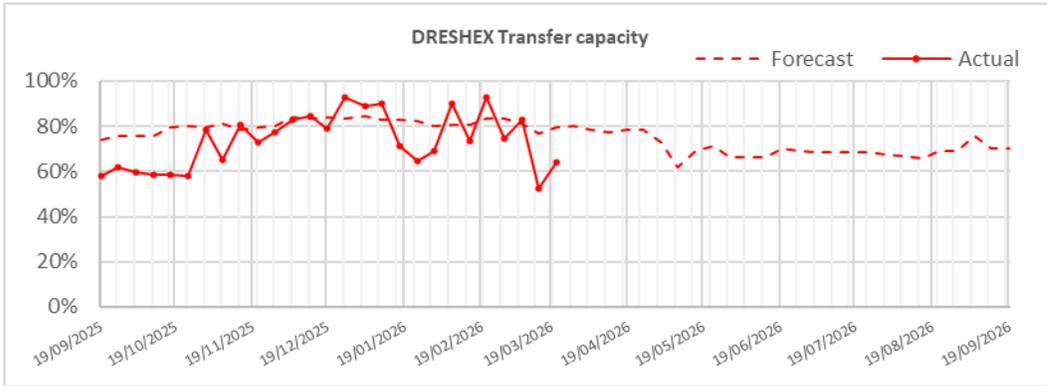


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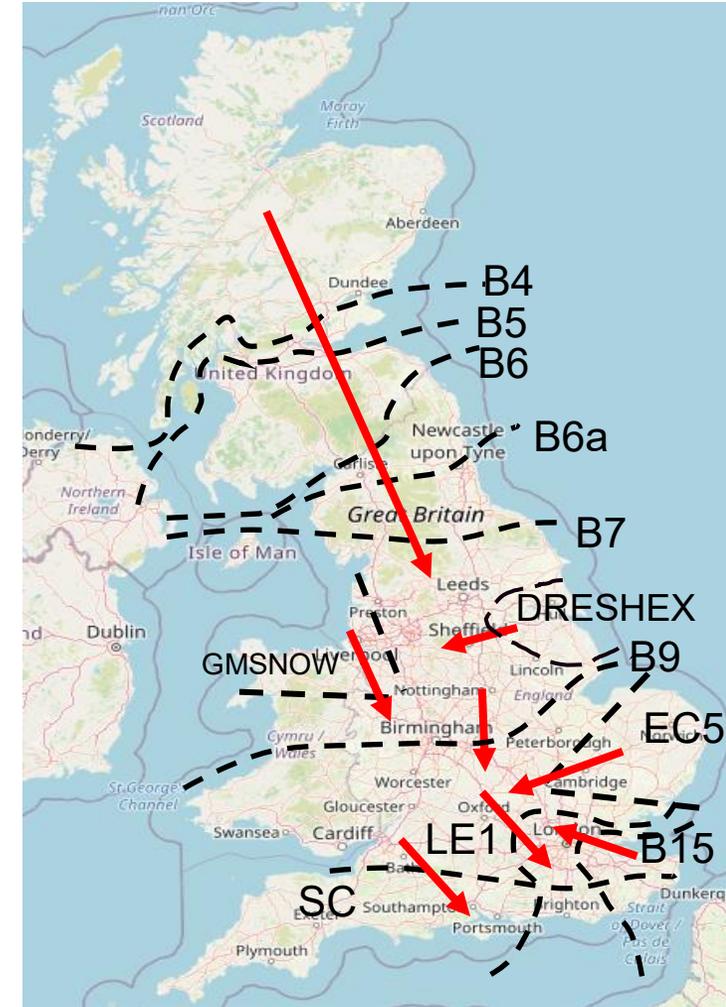
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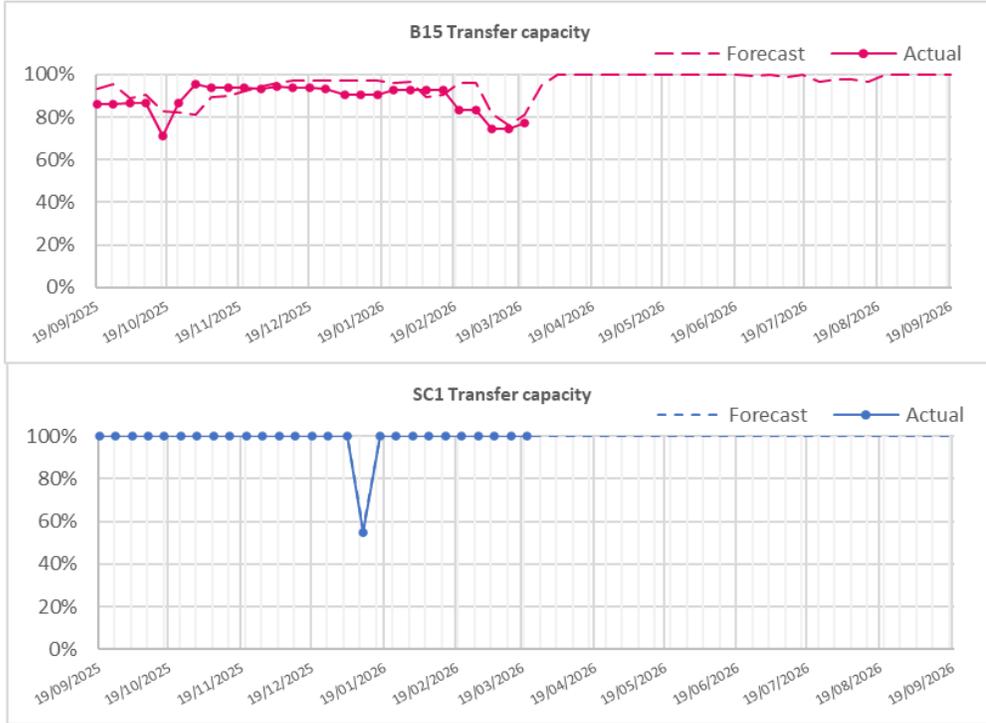
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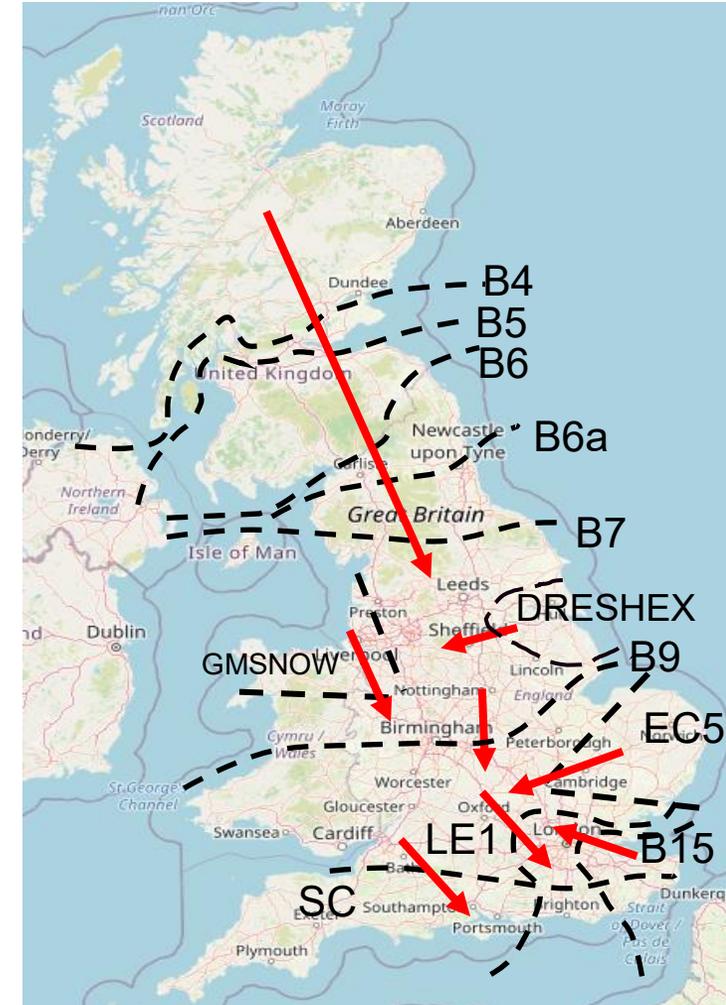
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(The forecast and day ahead limits may vary due to changes in the outage plan. The plan is reviewed periodically throughout the year to ensure we are optimising system conditions, whilst managing any necessary outage plan changes.

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Skip Rates by Technology Type - Bids

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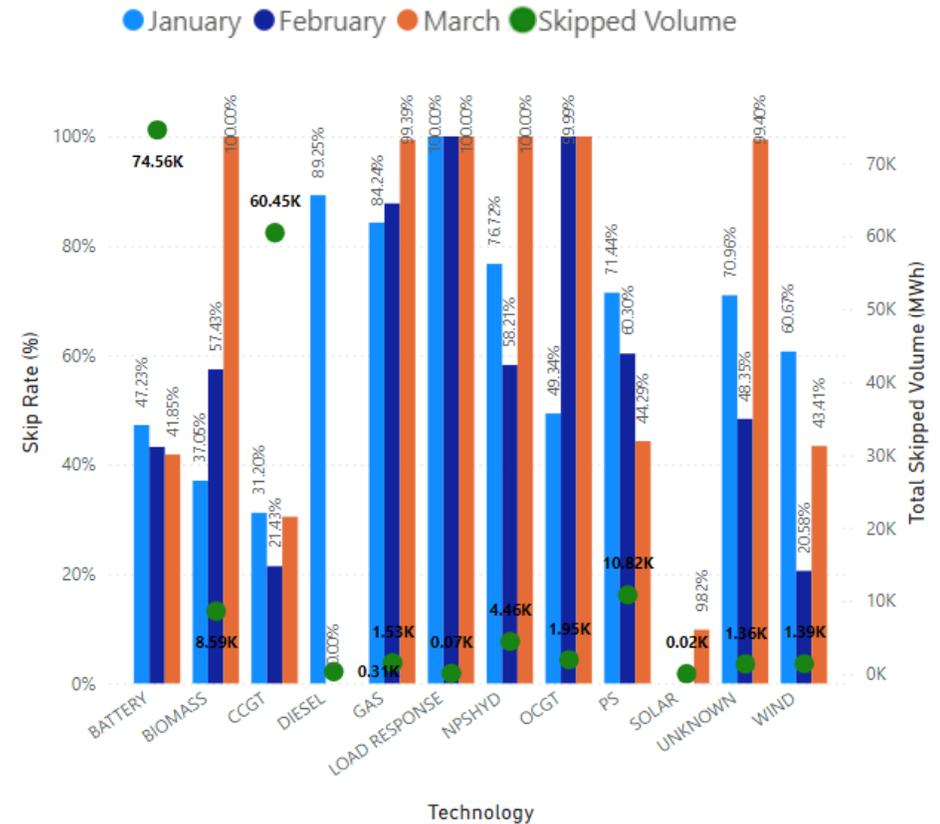
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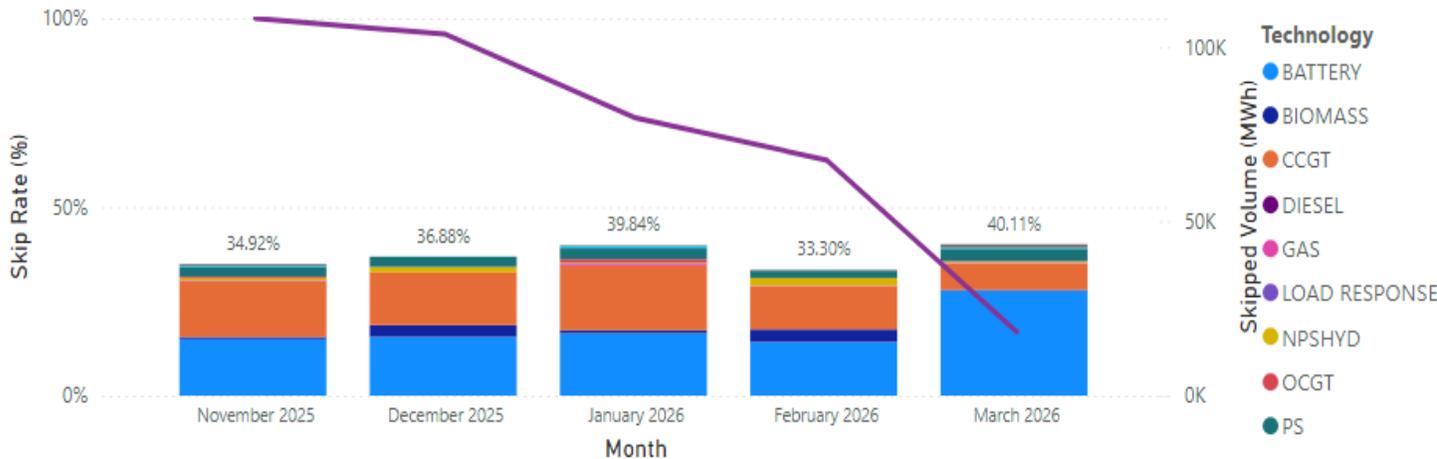
These graphs are based on stage 5 of the Post System Action definition.

Weekly Average w/e	Bids - All BM	Bids - PSA
22/02	5%	37%
01/03	7%	31%
08/03	4%	44%
15/03	1%	43%

Technology Specific Skip Rate – last 3 months



Relative Technology Skip Rate



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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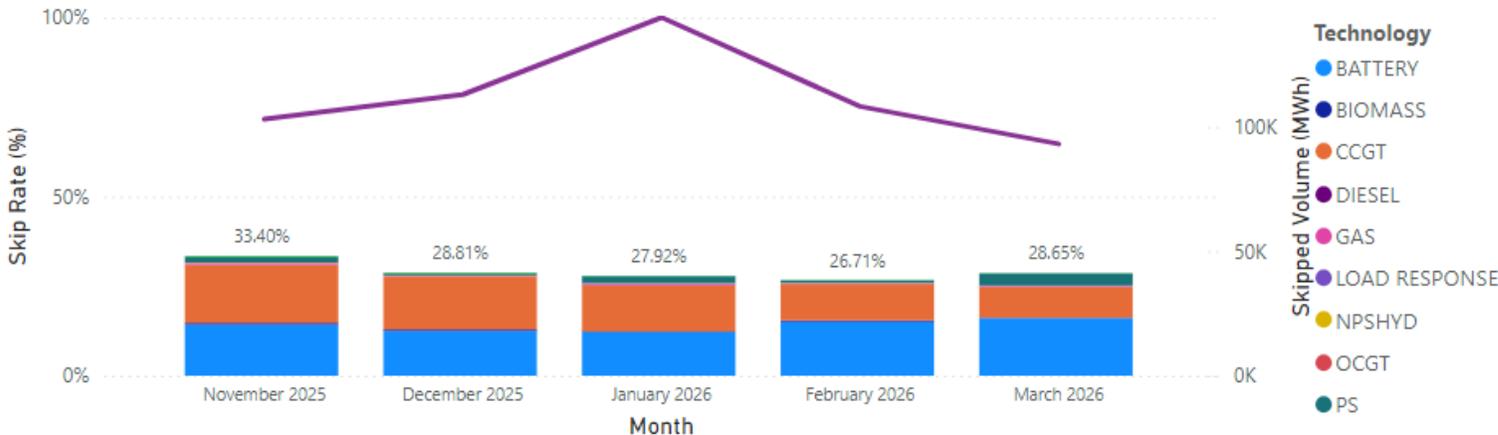
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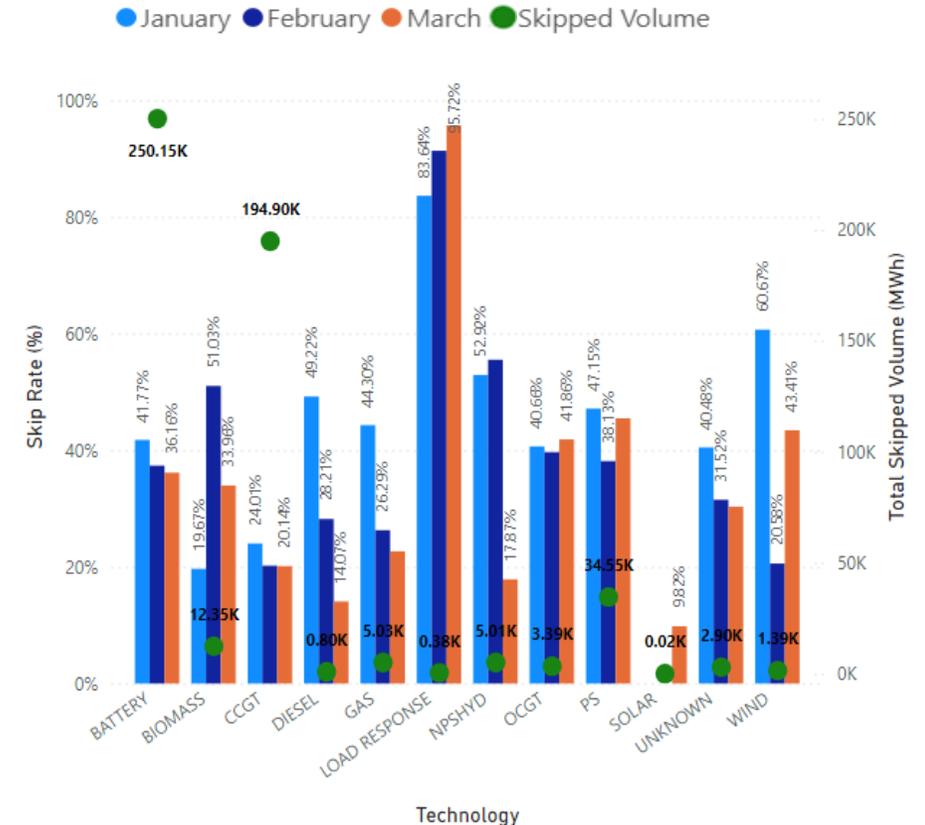
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Previously Asked Questions

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Q: (10/03/2026) When will the expert panel for RNP be confirmed?

A: Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in joining the Balancing, Settlement and Dispatch Industry Expert Panel will be contacted by the RNP engagement team w/c 16 March. In case of any questions, please write us at box.market.strategy@neso.energy.

Advanced Questions

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Q: (16/03/2026) NESO latest BSUoS revenue vs cost report (13th March) shows a forecast cumulative under-recovery cash position of about -£356m as at the end of winter 26, exceeding their £300m working capital. Should we expect both the summer 26 and winter 26 fixed tariffs to be reset, or just winter 26? If possible could explain the methodology you would use if a reset looks imminent?

A: Whilst the latest Revenue v Costs report does show a forecast position of -£356m, we are not currently planning to reset tariffs, it is however something that we are closely monitoring. Breaching the £300m headroom limit is sufficiently far enough in the future to allow us to run further forecasts to see if this position changes. For further information on our tariff reset process please refer to this webinar. In short, we would engage with industry as soon as possible once the reset became essential. <https://www.neso.energy/document/278721/download>

Advanced Questions

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Q: (12/03/2026) Amongst the notification types published on NESO's SONAR website provides details of Additional GTs offerings submitted to NESO.

These Additional GTs are for multi-GT CCGT modules when the CCGT is not running on FPN with the full number of GTs, or is offering a config with less GTs in the BM.

On the SONAR website, NESO only publishes a subset of the submitted data:

Submitted Time

BMU

StartDateTime

EndDateTime

MW above MEL

Notification period

Whilst this information is useful, the details submitted by the BMU to NESO will also include the required revised SEL for the module if the Additional GT is enacted, as well as the MNZT for the module to be operating in the enacted configuration.

Both these data items are key to other market participants understanding the impact of NESO accepting the Additional GT in terms of periods that will be affected and MWh e.g. for evaluating the impact on NIV.

Will NESO enhance the data published on SONAR to include the extra fields in order to give the wider Market improved visibility on the options available to NESO?

A: This data is not currently publicly available. To request data that is not currently shared via the Open Data Portal or our public website, please submit a request through the Data Request Form. For more information go to: [Data Sharing Approach |](#)

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Advanced Questions

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Q: (16/03/2026) In the System Incidents report <https://www.neso.energy/document/372136/download> for November 2025 there is a report of “Double circuit fault on the Coventry-Ratcliffe-on-Soar / Drakelow-Ratcliffe-on-Soar circuits on 17/11/2025 at 06:19” and “20251117-1 Trip of IFA BP2 17/11/2025 6:19:35 With an infeed loss of 975MW.

Can NESO confirm/answer the following please:

The exact times of the Double Circuit Fault and the IFA trip to the nearest millisecond to determine whether the Double Circuit fault preceded or followed the IFA trip?

What phase jump angles was recorded at or close to the IFA connection at Sellindge and around the transmission fault?

How much load (MVA) was being carried by the double circuit at the time of the fault?

Should NESO not be identifying such coincident events as part of the System Incidents reporting to help avert scenarios like the Iberian blackout of April 2025?

As the double circuit faults appear to be rare, when was the last double circuit fault reported and what was the cause and duration of this fault?

A: This data is not currently publicly available. To request data that is not currently shared via the Open Data Portal or our public website, please submit a request through the Data Request Form. For more information go to:

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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).