

# BSUoS Tariffs

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# What are Balancing Service Use of System (BSUoS) charges and who pays them?

What is the charge for?

- The BSUoS charge recovers the cost of day-to-day operation including the cost of balancing the electricity transmission system.

How is it charged?

- Half hourly BSUoS Fixed Tariff £/MWh
- Information on specific charging methodologies for BSUoS are available in Section 14.31 of the [CUSC](#)

Who pays?

- **Final Demand Site (Since April 2023)**
  - Suppliers
  - Directly connected Transmission demand

# BSUoS Fixed Tariff Timetable

Publish Final Tariff (FT)

Effective Tariff Period

Draft Tariff

## • Upcoming Publication Dates: Tariffs for 2027/28

### • September 2026

- Draft Tariff 9 (Apr 27 – Sep 27)
- Draft Tariff 10 (Oct 27 – Mar 28)

### • December 2026

- Final Tariff 9 (Apr 27 – Sep 27)
- Final Tariff 10 (Oct 27 – Mar 28)

2026/27												2027/28												2028/29		
Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27	Apr 27	May 27	Jun 27	Jul 27	Aug 27	Sep 27	Oct 27	Nov 27	Dec 27	Jan 28	Feb 28	Mar 28	Apr 28	May 28	Jun 28
Fixed Tariff 7 in effect																										
						Fixed Tariff 8 in effect																				
					DT9			FT9				Fixed Tariff 9 in effect														
					FT10			FT10										Fixed Tariff 10 in effect								
															DT11			FT11				Fixed Tariff 11				
															DT12			FT12								



# BSUoS Tariff

## Individual Simulations

### Sample:

1. Wholesale Electricity Trajectory
2. Weather Trajectory
3. Unexpected Event
4. Future Energy Scenario
5. Frequency Control Scenario
6. Progression of Network Upgrades

Prophet  
Forecast

Persistence  
Forecast

Scenario  
Sampling  
Forecast

Constraint  
Forecast

Short-term  
forecast

Long-term  
forecast

Balancing Cost  
Forecast

Internal  
Costs

Over/Under-  
Recovery Adjustment

Other Costs

BSUoS Volume  
Forecast

BSUoS  
Tariff

# BSUoS Fixed Tariff Cost Inputs

## Balancing Costs Forecast

- Derived from balancing cost model, based on forward curves of GB wholesale electricity as at Tariff setting.

## Internal NESO Costs

- Internal costs (allowed revenue) are calculated in the NESO Financial Model

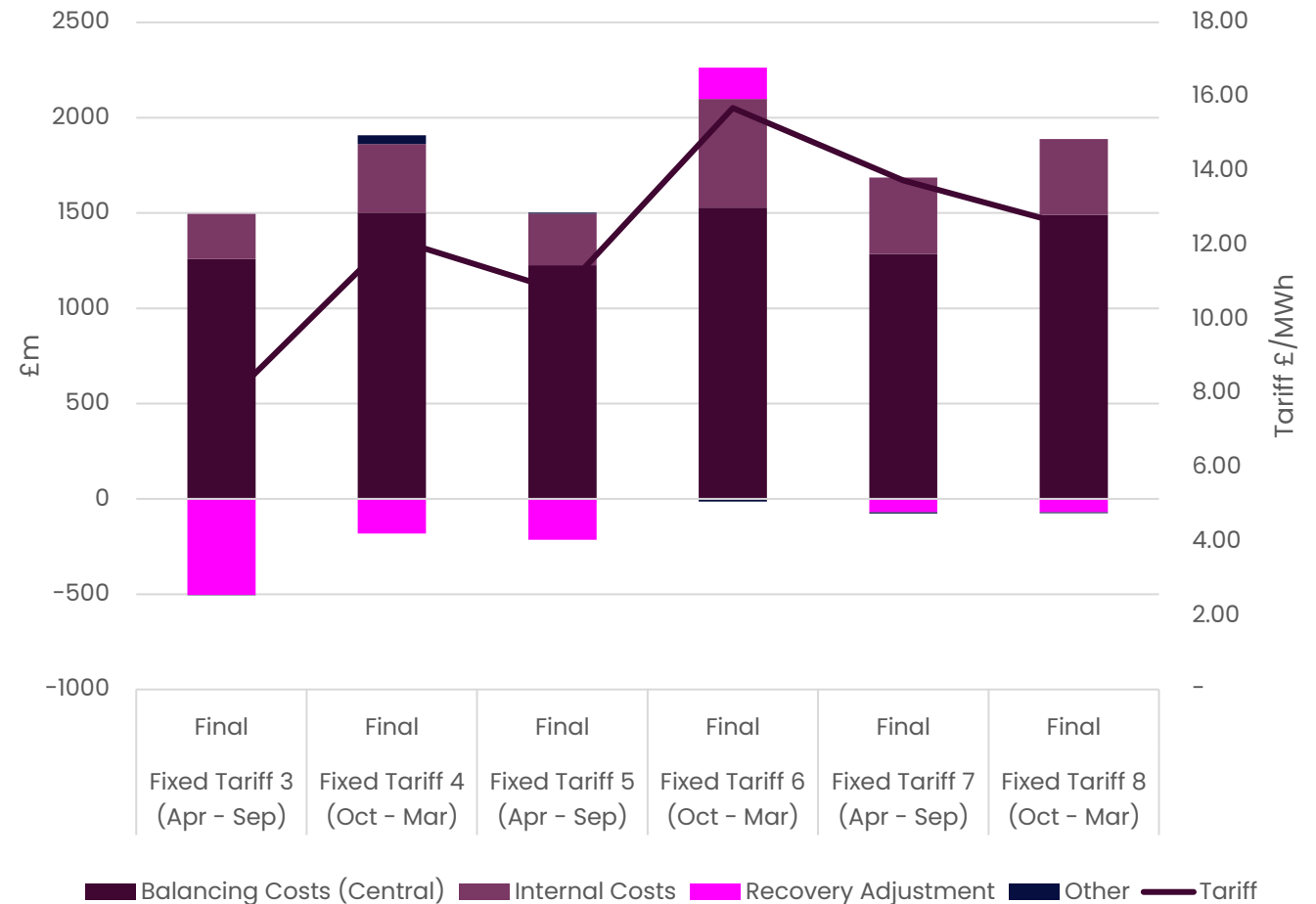
## Forecast Over/Under-Recovery

- Final over/under-recovery from previous Fixed Tariff may be included within a Future Fixed Tariff.

## Other

- Additional costs that have previously been included in the Fixed Tariffs include:
  - Winter Security of Supply
  - Impacts of CUSC Modifications
  - Additional uncertainties

BSUoS Tariff Cost Inputs (£m)



# Example Other Costs

Latest Fixed Tariffs 7 and 8  
(Apr 26 – Mar 27)  
included £12.1m reduction  
in other costs.

## RF Income Adjustment

- £23.2m negative adjustment for RF income from 2023/24 and 2024/25.

## SO-TO Costs

- £4.0m forecast for additional SO-TO outage costs.

## Prior Year Costs

- £7.1m relating to prior-year ancillary services and trading costs.

## CMP398

- This modification was required to implement Grid Code Mod 0156 by providing a cost recovery mechanism for CUSC parties who do not hold contracts with NESO to provide Restoration Services.
- No claims were submitted in the September 2024 or September 2025 windows, so no payments are due for 2025/26 and the 2026/27 charge is currently forecast at £0m.
- A forecast of £48m is expected to be charged between April 2027 and March 2028.

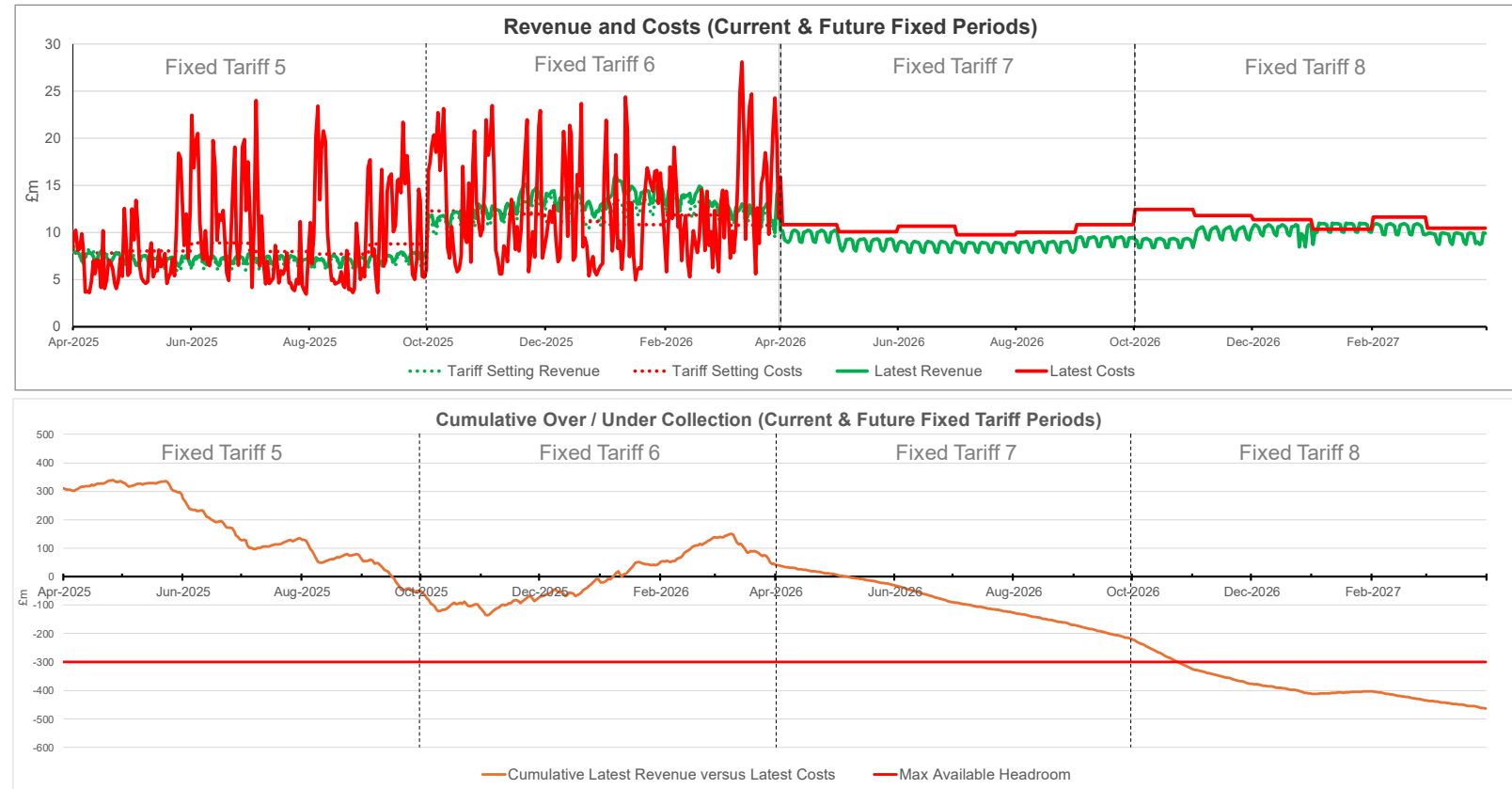
# Over/Under Recovery of Charges

The latest over/under-recovery of data is based on the latest of:

- Control Room Data (+1 WD)
- II Cost and Volume Data (+5 WD)
- SF Cost and Volume Data (+16 WD)
- Monthly BSUoS Forecast (15th of each month)

Today's Date	02/04/2026
Latest Revenue in Fixed Period to date	10,245,043,279
Latest Costs in Fixed Period to date	10,204,918,080
Over / (Under) Recovery to Date	40,125,199

Last date Control Room data available	01/04/2026
Last date II data entered	22/03/2026
Last date SF data entered	05/03/2026
Latest published forecast	April 26



# Next BSUoS Tariff Publications

September  
2026

Publish Draft Tariffs 9 and 10

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December  
2026

Publish Final Fixed Tariff 9 and 10  
(Apr 27 – Sep 27 and Oct 27 – Mar 28)

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# Appendix

# Published Fixed BSUoS Tariffs

## Final Tariffs – 2025/26

Financial Year 2025/26 – Tariff 5 – Final		
	Description	Final Tariff
Fixed Tariff 5 Apr-Sep	Balancing Costs (Central) £m	1,225.5
	Internal Costs £m	271.9
	Cumulative forecast over-recovery by end of FT 3, less any adjustment already made in FT 4 £m	-215.0
	CMP398 Claims £m	4.3
	Total BSUoS £m	1,286.6
	Estimated BSUoS Volume TWh	119.8
	BSUoS Tariff £/MWh	£10.74
	Financial Year 2025/26 Fixed Tariff 6	
	Description	Final Tariff
Fixed Tariff 6 Oct-Mar	Balancing Costs (Central) £m	1,528.0
	Internal Costs £m	569.7
	Forecast cumulative over-recovery to the end of Fixed Tariff 5 £m	164.3
	CMP398 Claim Forecast £m	-4.3
	Prior Year Cost Under-Recovery	4.5
	RF Income Adjustment	-14.0
	Winter Security of Supply £m	0.0
	Total BSUoS £m	2,248.2
	Estimated BSUoS Volume TWh	143.3
	BSUoS Tariff £/MWh	£15.69

## Final Tariffs – 2026/27

Financial Year 2026/27 – Fixed Tariff 7 – Final Tariffs		
	Description	Final Tariffs
Fixed Tariff 7 Apr 26 – Sep 26	Balancing Cost Forecast £m	1,285.2
	Internal Costs £m	400.0
	Forecast over-recovery to the end of FT6, split between FT7 and FT8 £m	(69.8)
	CMP398 Costs £m	-
	RF Income Adjustment £m	(11.6)
	SO-TO Costs £m	2.0
	Prior Year Costs £m	3.5
	Total Costs £m	1,609.3
	BSUoS Volume Forecast TWh	117.1
	BSUoS Tariff £/MWh	13.74
Financial Year 2026/27 – Fixed Tariff 8 – Final Tariffs		
	Description	Final Tariffs
Fixed Tariff 8 Oct 26 – Mar 27	Balancing Cost Forecast £m	1,489.8
	Internal Costs £m	397.8
	Forecast over-recovery to the end of FT6, split between FT7 and FT8 £m	(69.5)
	CMP398 Costs £m	-
	RF Income Adjustment £m	(11.6)
	SO-TO Costs £m	2.0
	Prior Year Costs £m	3.5
	Total Costs £m	1,812.0
	BSUoS Volume Forecast TWh	145.0
	BSUoS Tariff £/MWh	12.49

# BSUoS Publication Summary

Frequency	Publication Date	Title	Description	Link to Webpage	Webpage Location
Daily	Daily	Daily Web Prices	II and SF cost data at half-hourly granularity	<a href="#">Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges   National Energy System Operator</a>	Current BSUoS Data
Weekly	Fridays	Revenue vs Cost Report	Daily II, SF, and forecast cost and volume data, and daily over/under-recovery		Current BSUoS Data
Monthly	15 of each month	Monthly BSUoS Forecast	Monthly forecast for the next 24 months		BSUoS Monthly Forecast
Monthly	15 of each month	Monthly Outturn Report	Monthly outturn report for the previous 12 months		BSUoS Monthly Forecast
Annual	September 2026	BSUoS Draft Tariff Report	Draft Tariffs for 2027/28 (Tariffs 9 and 10), to be followed by industry webinar	<a href="#">Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges   National Energy System Operator</a>	BSUoS Tariffs
Annual	December 2026	Final BSUoS Tariff Report	Final Tariffs for 2027/28 (Tariffs 9 and 10), to be followed by industry webinar		BSUoS Tariff
Annual	2026	Annual Balancing Cost Report	This report provides a look back on recent balancing cost trends and drivers and provides a broad view of potential future balancing costs along with NESO's role in minimising costs.	<a href="#">Balancing costs   National Energy System Operator</a>	