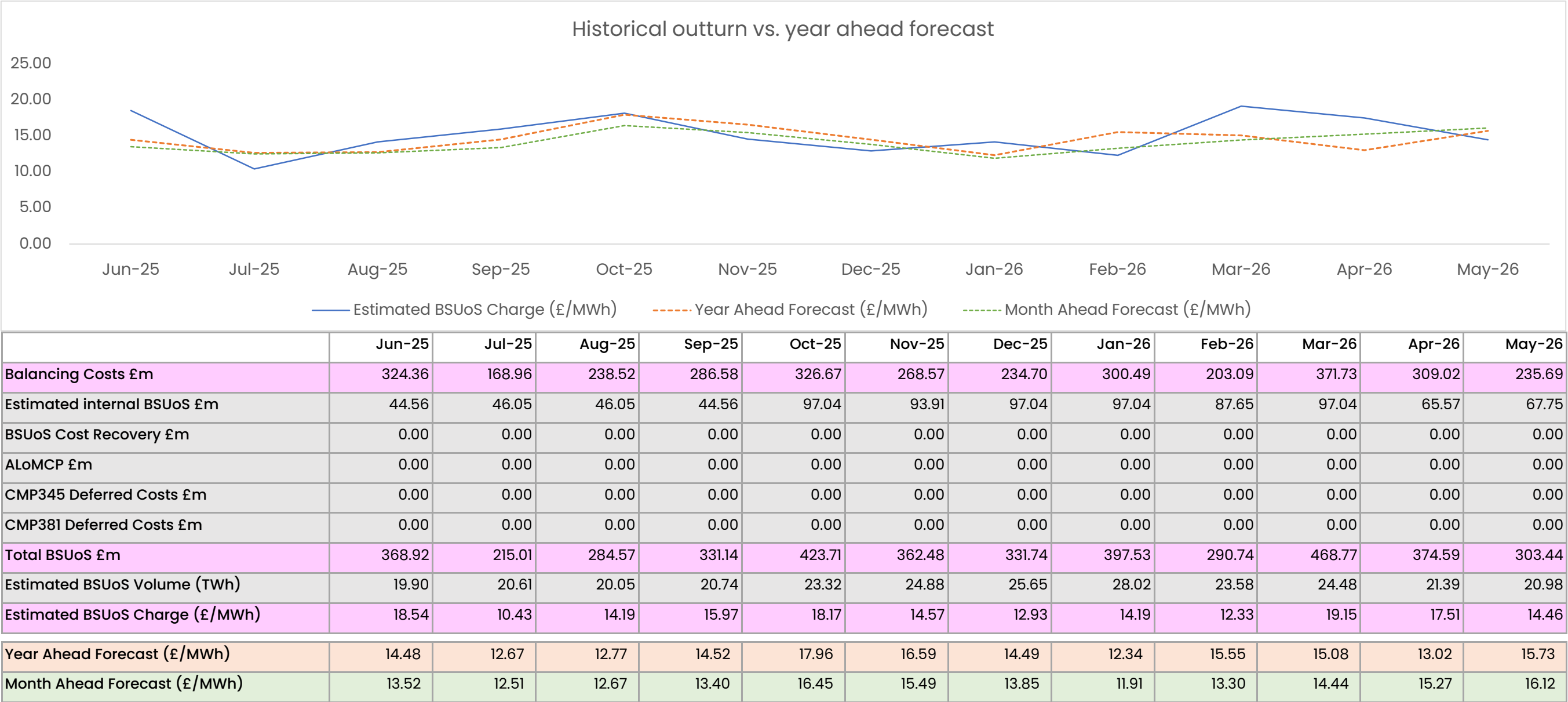


# BSUoS Outturn for May-26



The blue line on the chart shows the estimated monthly average BSUoS charge for the past 12 months. The red line shows our forecast for each month, made at year ahead in the forecast produced in March. The green line shows our forecast for each month made at the month ahead stage.

The table shows a breakdown of the elements that make up the BSUoS charge (including volume). The total cost divided by the volume gives the estimated average charge.

May 2026 total balancing cost = £236m

Month-ahead forecast for May 2026 (published on 15 April) = £257m

May outturn costs were above the 35th percentile of the month-ahead forecast and were 24% (£73m) lower than April's outturn of £309m.

- Constraint costs outturned 7% (£12m) below the May forecast and were 25% (£55m) lower than the constraint costs outturn in April (£222m).
- Other costs, including Frequency Control and reserve services, outturned 14% (£10m) below the May forecast and were 21% (£19m) lower than the outturn in April (£87m).

The proportion of demand met by renewables decreased from 51% in April to 41% in May, which was 2 percentage points higher than the month-ahead forecast published on 15 April.

Wholesale electricity market prices averaged £105/MWh in May, compared with a month-ahead forecast of £99/MWh, and £83/MWh in April.

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| We are continuously working to improve our BSUoS forecasting methodology. Any major changes to methodology will be communicated to industry.                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| We welcome your feedback on what would be valuable to be included in this dataset as we develop the process. Please contact <a href="mailto:BSUoS.queries@neso.energy">BSUoS.queries@neso.energy</a> |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| As a result of the approval of CMP361/362, the BSUoS charge is a fixed tariff from 1 April 2023.                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Fixed Tariff 6 for Oct 2025 – Mar 2026 was published on 20 December 2024.                                                                                                                            | <a href="#">BSUoS Fixed Tariff 6 – December 2024</a>                                                                                                                                              |
| Final Tariffs 7 and 8 (Apr–Sep 2026 and Oct 2026–Mar 2027) were published on 29 December 2025.                                                                                                       | <a href="#">BSUoS Final Tariffs 7 and 8 – December 25</a>                                                                                                                                         |
| Historic BSUoS Fixed Tariff publications can be found on our website:                                                                                                                                | <a href="https://neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges">neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges</a> |
| Revenue vs Cost Report showing BSUoS outturn against the fixed tariff can be found on our website:                                                                                                   | <a href="https://neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges">neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges</a> |
| Actual BSUoS half hourly cost data can be found on our data portal:                                                                                                                                  | <a href="https://neso.energy/data-portal/daily-balancing-costs-balancing-services-use-system">neso.energy/data-portal/daily-balancing-costs-balancing-services-use-system</a>                     |
| Monthly BSUoS forecasts can be found on our data portal:                                                                                                                                             | <a href="https://neso.energy/data-portal/bsuos-monthly-forecast">neso.energy/data-portal/bsuos-monthly-forecast</a>                                                                               |