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# NESO Operational Transparency Forum

## 09 September 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.

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# Focus Topics

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## Today

- 09 September
  - Guidance note on Physical Notification accuracy

## Future

- 23 September
  - August balancing costs

If you have questions/suggestions of areas to cover during above presentations or ideas for focus topics you would like us to consider, please send them to us at: box.nc.customer@neso.energy

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# Operational Review & Whistleblower investigation

**External Whistleblowing investigation**

- Following whistleblower allegations regarding operational decision-making and record-keeping within NESO, an independent external investigation has been launched led by Eversheds Sutherland International which will report to an independent panel
    - Full details of the terms of reference for this investigation are published on NESO's website which you can find here: https://www.neso.energy/news/terms-reference-now-published

**Post-event regulatory review:**

- Ofgem has used its regulatory powers to formally commission NESO to deliver a separate post-event review of the incidents of system stress during extreme heat across the week commencing 22 June.
    - The Terms of Reference for this review have been published on the Ofgem website: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/transparency-document/regulatory-review-operation-and-management-electricity-system-during-june-heat-event
- The Focus Topic on margins during the week commencing 22 June will be delayed until this Ofgem commissioned review concludes

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# Balancing Programme Engagement Events

| Technology Stakeholder Focus Group | Balancing Programme Webinar |
|---|---|
| **16 September 2026 14:00 – 15:30** | **22 September 2026 13:00 – 14:30** |
| **Format:** Online Microsoft Teams<br><br>**What will it cover?**<br>• EDL/EDT transition plans as we migrate from Balancing Mechanism systems to the Open Balancing Platform<br>• Wider Access API replacement plans<br>• EDL Network Transformation Plan<br>• There will be opportunity for interactive Q&A. | **Format:** Online Microsoft Teams<br><br>**What will it cover?**<br>The latest progress updates on Balancing and Forecasting capabilities delivered into the Control Room along with further information on upcoming future capabilities planned for delivery. As always there will be updates from our subject matter experts and opportunities to ask questions. |
| If you haven't already, **sign-up here** to our Technology Stakeholder Focus Groups to receive invites to these sessions; you only need to sign up once.<br><br>Content from our previous sessions is available **here.** | Secure your place **here.**<br><br>You can access our capability journeys and materials from our previous sessions **here.** |

Contact us at **box.balancingprogramme@neso.energy**

# Webinar: Skips Behind Constraints Data Publication Update

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Please join us for an update on:

## Skips Behind Constraints Data Publication @ Thursday 17 Sep; 10:00–11:00

**Register here**

We will share a summary of the method, the format of the datasets that will be published, including what they contain, how to interpret them, the rationale behind their design, and the results.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to help shape future development of the publication.

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# Network Access Planning (NAP) OC2 Forum

**Event details (Teams)**

Date: **Thursday 1 October**

Time: **10:00–12:30**

Please sign up using this **registration link**

**About the OC2 Forum**

The OC2 Forum brings customers and stakeholders together to discuss outage coordination and network access planning. It will include presentations, discussion and a Q&A with members of our NAP and System Operations Team. It's an opportunity to provide feedback, influence future processes and connect with industry peers.

**Who should attend?**

The event is open to anyone involved in, or affected by, outage coordination and network access planning, including Transmission Owners (TOs), Offshore TOs, Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), generators, interconnectors and anyone interested in system access reforms.

# Future Event Summary

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| Event | Date & Time | Link |
|---|---|---|
| Balancing Programme - Technology Stakeholder Focus Group | 16 September (14:00 – 15:30) | Register here |
| Skips Behind Constraints Data Publication Update | 17 September (10:00 – 11:00) | Register here |
| Balancing Programme Webinar | 22 September (13:00 – 14:30) | Register here |
| NAP OC2 Forum | 1 October (10:00-12:30) | Register Link |

Check out the NESO Events Calendar for more...

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# Feedback from consultation on Guidance Note – FPN* accuracy of BMUs*

09th September 2026

Market Monitoring Team

*FPN: Final Physical Notification
*BMU: Balancing Mechanism Unit

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# Should we split between intermittent and non-intermittent?

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## Key response themes

40% - intermittent vs non-intermittent
60% - fuel specific

We support aligning the guidance note with the Grid Code distinction between intermittent and non-intermittent resources

Technology type guidance is more appropriate. Different fuel types face unique challenges that affect accuracy of their FPNs

Given the lack of explicit definition of 'non-intermittent' in the Grid Code, we would advise NESO to expand the definition to accommodate assets such as Offshore Hybrid Assets and Interconnectors.

## NESO decision

Respondents that relayed fuel specific performance did not set out the specific challenges or circumstances that different portfolios face

Given mixed responses, we will stay with the intermittent vs non-intermittent split for now and engage with market participants over next year to understand their challenges and modify thresholds if necessary

In the instance of interconnector BM* Units, they are fully separate from the operational performance of the asset. Therefore, we will exclude interconnector trading parties from this guidance note on FPNs* and instead expect interconnector operators to meet their reference programs



**FPN: Final Physical Notification*
**BM: Balancing Mechanism*

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# Are established thresholds for non-intermittent reasonable?

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## Key response themes

Yes, but subject to acknowledgement that there will be fringe cases where thresholds won't be met.

Threshold is too lax, and risks net harm, it should be at least set at the median, so we get a net improvement.

The proposed bands do not account for factors (e.g. high ambient temperatures, equipment limitations, behaviour during and after outages, units ramping up prior to of BOA settlement period) that could worsen accuracy.

## NESO decision

In response, we have highlighted that extenuating circumstances have been historically considered and will be considered in the future as part of official monitoring.

Additionally, MEL could be used appropriately to indicate an outage or fault which would result in a 0% error.



**BOA: Bid-Offer Acceptance*
**MEL: Maximum Export Limit*

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# Should wind thresholds remain unchanged and be applied to solar?

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## Key response themes

We support retaining the existing wind thresholds. The current process appears to be delivering good improvements

We do not believe that existing standards should remain unchanged for wind BMUs. The underlying methodology has changed

NESO has not provided enough analysis to justify that all intermittent resources should be aligned to the accuracy standards of wind assets

## NESO decision

We understand that removal of BOA periods from the calculations increases overall % errors. However, our goal is to measure true FPN accuracy under normal operating conditions i.e. unit not subject to NESO actions

Only 4 out of 9 solar BMUs were technically available across 2025, giving us dataset that is not statistically significant to derive a threshold

We'll stick with the status quo of applying established intermittent thresholds to solar, we'll introduce fuel-specific thresholds later if necessary

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# Any comments regarding proposed updates to the monthly error calculation methodology

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## Key response themes

We support the proposed exclusion of settlement periods affected by BOAs as a step to ensuring performance assessments reflects underlying forecasting and operational practices.

For an intermittent BMU perspective, there are some shortcomings in the methodology:

- Installed capacity dataset is less reliable
- Using MIL as the basis for the denominator is infeasible

## NESO decision

Given majority of the respondents have supported the exclusion of BOAs, we are going ahead with this decision.

After receiving constructive feedback across responses and 1-1 discussion with market participants, we have modified our error calculation methodology which relies on a better installed capacity dataset and changes to the calculation steps to ensure the denominators are representative of the operations of the fuel-type

**MIL: Maximum Import Limit*



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# Thoughts on 1st October start date for official monitoring? Do you require additional data/analysis in the guidance note? Any other considerations?

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## Key response themes

Monitoring period commencing on the 1st of October would not provide sufficient time for market participants to review, develop and implement necessary changes

NESO should consider a minimum transition period of 3-6 months between the publication of the final guidance note and start of official monitoring

We would welcome publication of the accuracy distribution segmented by BMU capacity, technology type and season

Some BMUs will display small negative metered output when the units do not have a PN to keep the machinery warm. Have NESO considered why some assets do not submit PNs for this use of works power

## NESO decision

Given strong support for delaying start date, we have decided to move the date to 1st of January 2027. The next four months would be utilised to have conversations with market participants on the challenges that they are facing in meeting the thresholds

We will provide additional data and analysis that is requested

In the upcoming grace period, we will explore restrictions on units submitting negative PNs for the use of works power

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# Next steps

A modified guidance note will be published on the **18th of September 2026**.

We will begin official monitoring of BMUs against established thresholds from the **1st of January 2027**.

Please reach out to us at **marketreporting@neso.energy**



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# Demand | Last week demand out-turn

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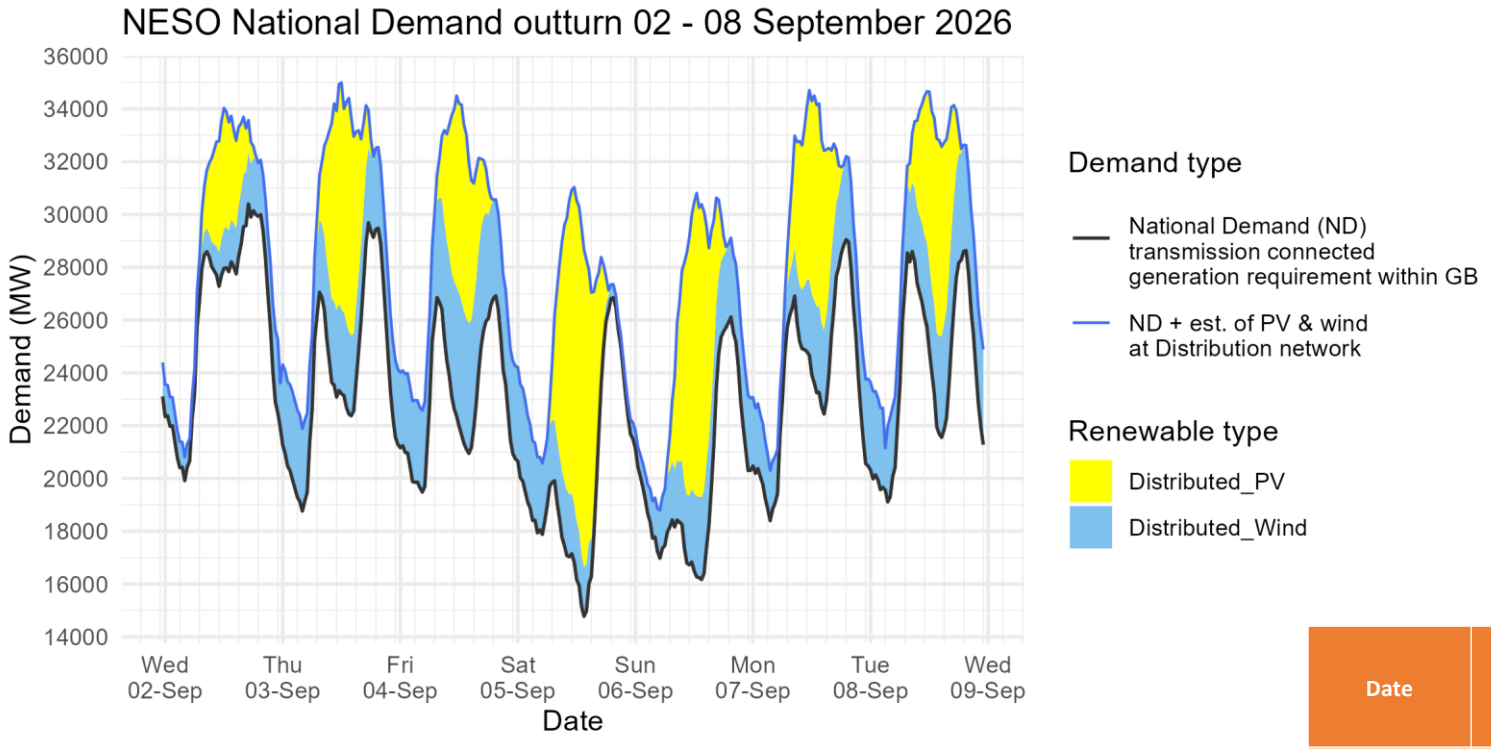


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**Historic out-turn data can be found on the NESO Data Portal in the following data sets: Historic Demand Data & Demand Data Update**

**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.**

## Distributed generation

Peak values by day

| | OUTTURN | |
|---|---|---|
| Date | Daily Max Dist. PV (GW) | Daily Max Dist. Wind (GW) |
| 02 Sep 2026 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| 03 Sep 2026 | 8.8 | 3.3 |
| 04 Sep 2026 | 7.4 | 5.1 |
| 05 Sep 2026 | 12.4 | 3.6 |
| 06 Sep 2026 | 11.5 | 3.3 |
| 07 Sep 2026 | 7.7 | 3.3 |
| 08 Sep 2026 | 7.4 | 4.2 |

## National Demand

Minimum Demands

| | | FORECAST (Wed 26 Aug) | | | OUTTURN | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Forecasting Point | National Demand (GW) | Dist. wind (GW) | Dist. PV (GW) | National Demand (GW) | Dist. wind (GW) | Dist. PV (GW) |
| 02 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 27.2 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 26.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 03 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 18.2 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 3.1 | 0.0 |
| 03 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 23.1 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 22.4 | 3.0 | 8.2 |
| 04 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 17.8 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 19.5 | 3.1 | 0.0 |
| 04 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 20.8 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 20.9 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| 05 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 17.2 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 17.9 | 2.7 | 0.0 |
| 05 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 17.3 | 1.6 | 8.4 | 14.8 | 1.9 | 12.0 |
| 06 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 17.0 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 17.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| 06 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 16.8 | 2.3 | 8.5 | 16.2 | 3.1 | 11.1 |
| 07 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 17.6 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 18.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 |
| 07 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 23.2 | 2.3 | 8.1 | 22.4 | 3.2 | 6.8 |
| 08 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 18.4 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 19.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
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# Demand | Week Ahead

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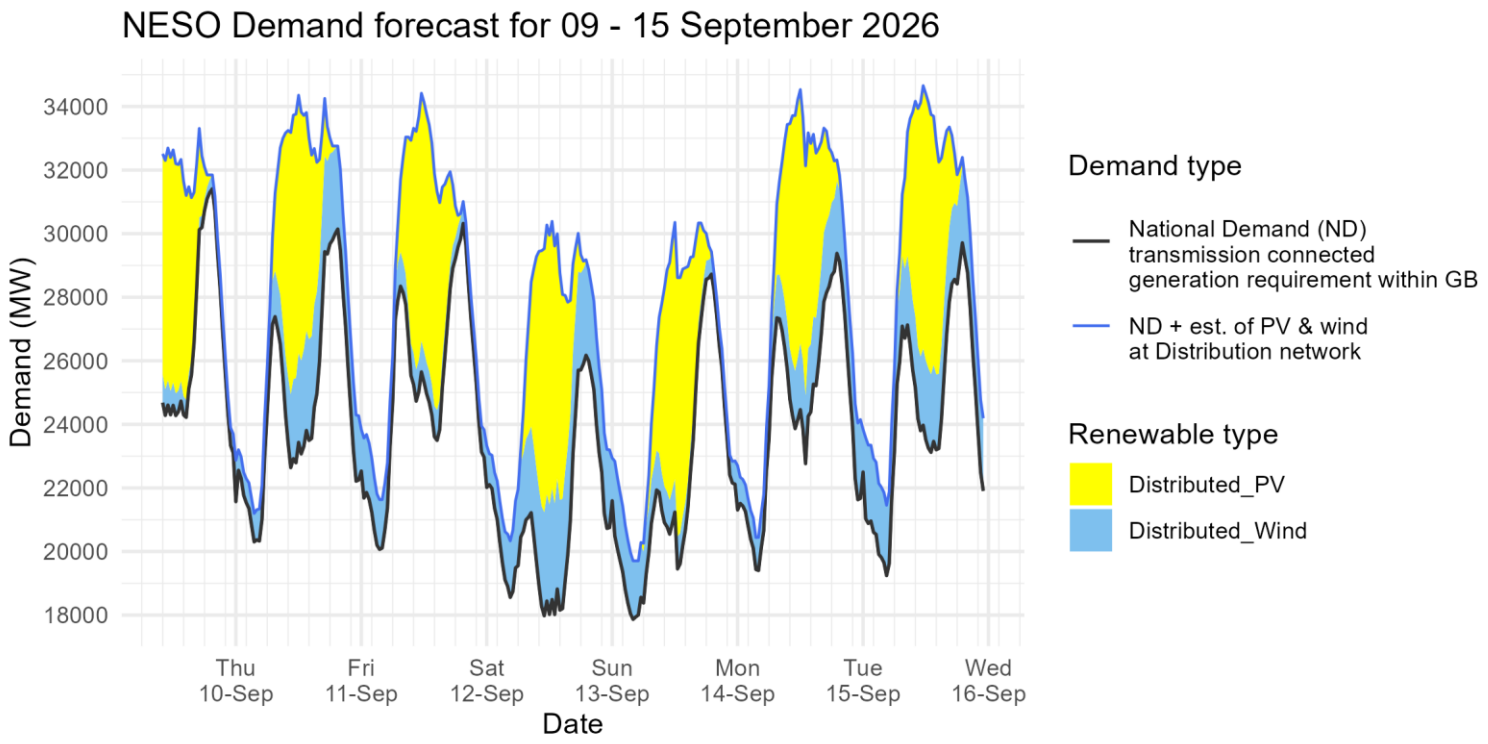


| | Datetime | Demand (GW) |
|---|---|---|
| Weekly Min | 13 Sep 2026 05:00 | 17.9 |
| Weekly Peak | 09 Sep 2026 20:30 | 31.4 |

**National Demand**

Minimum Demands

| | | FORECAST (Wed 02 Sep) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Forecasting Point | National Demand (GW) | Dist. wind (GW) | Dist. PV (GW) |
| 09 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 24.2 | 0.5 | 6.4 |
| 10 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 20.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| 10 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 22.6 | 2.3 | 8.2 |
| 11 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 20.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| 11 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 23.5 | 1.0 | 6.9 |
| 12 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 18.6 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| 12 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 18.0 | 3.3 | 8.3 |
| 13 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 17.9 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| 13 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 19.5 | 1.0 | 8.1 |
| 14 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 19.4 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| 14 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 22.8 | 2.1 | 7.2 |
| 15 Sep 2026 | Overnight Min | 19.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| 15 Sep 2026 | Daytime Min | 23.1 | 2.5 | 8.2 |

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# NESO Actions | Category Cost Breakdown

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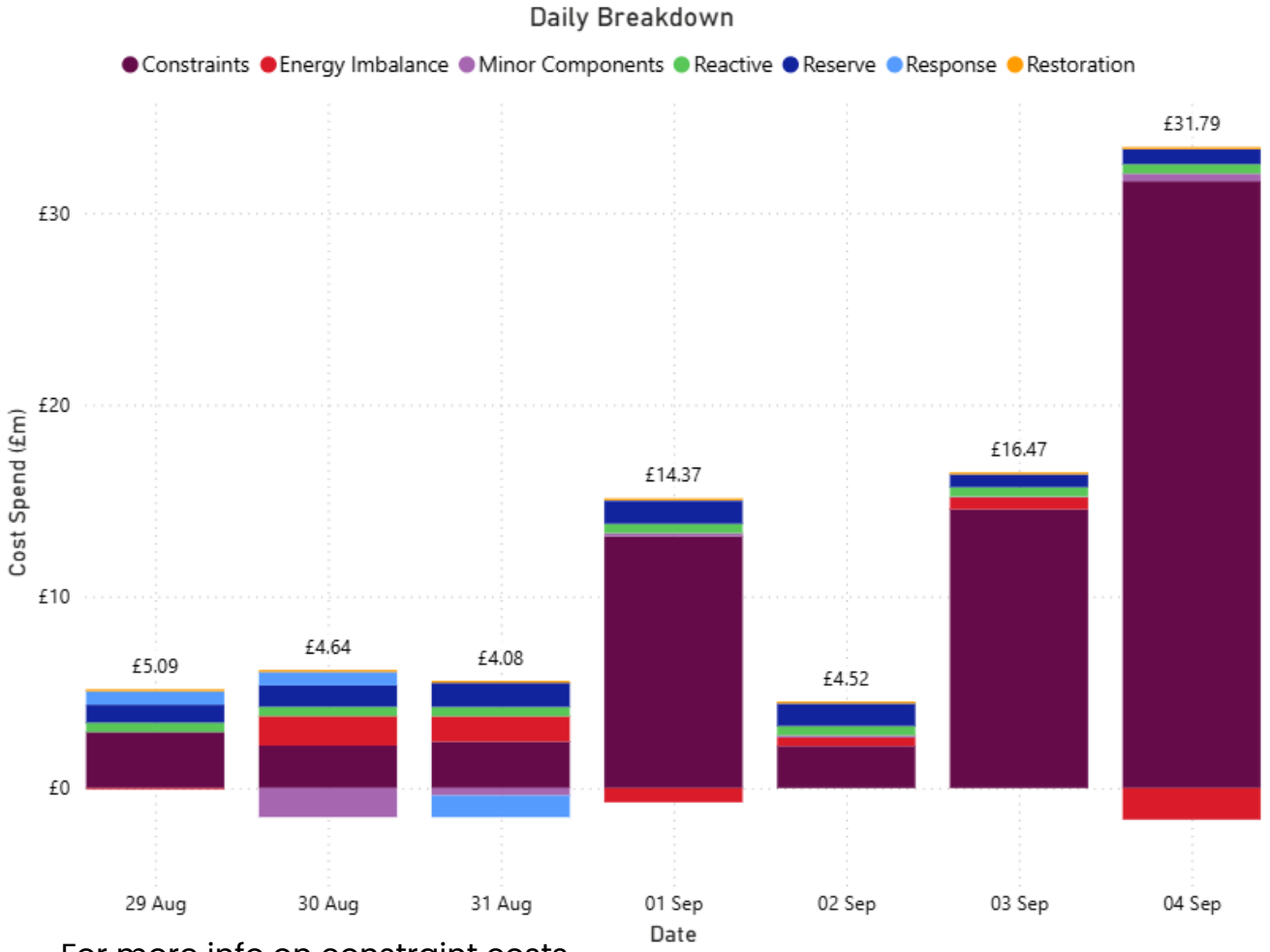
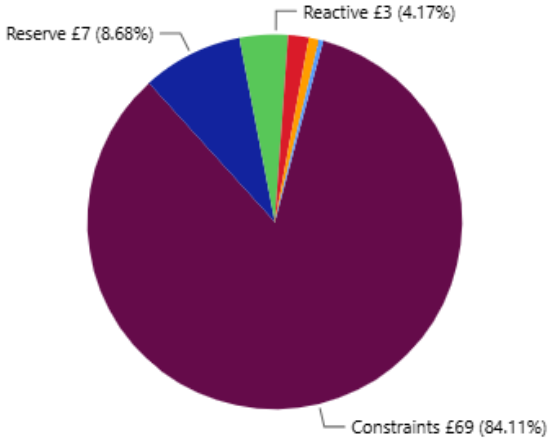



| Current Week Total (£m) | Average Daily Cost (£m) |
|---|---|
| £80.95 | £11.56 |
| **Previous Week Total (£m)** | **Previous 30 Day Average (£m)** |
| £38.04 | £9.49 |

Share of Cost Spend (£m)




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

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# NESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown

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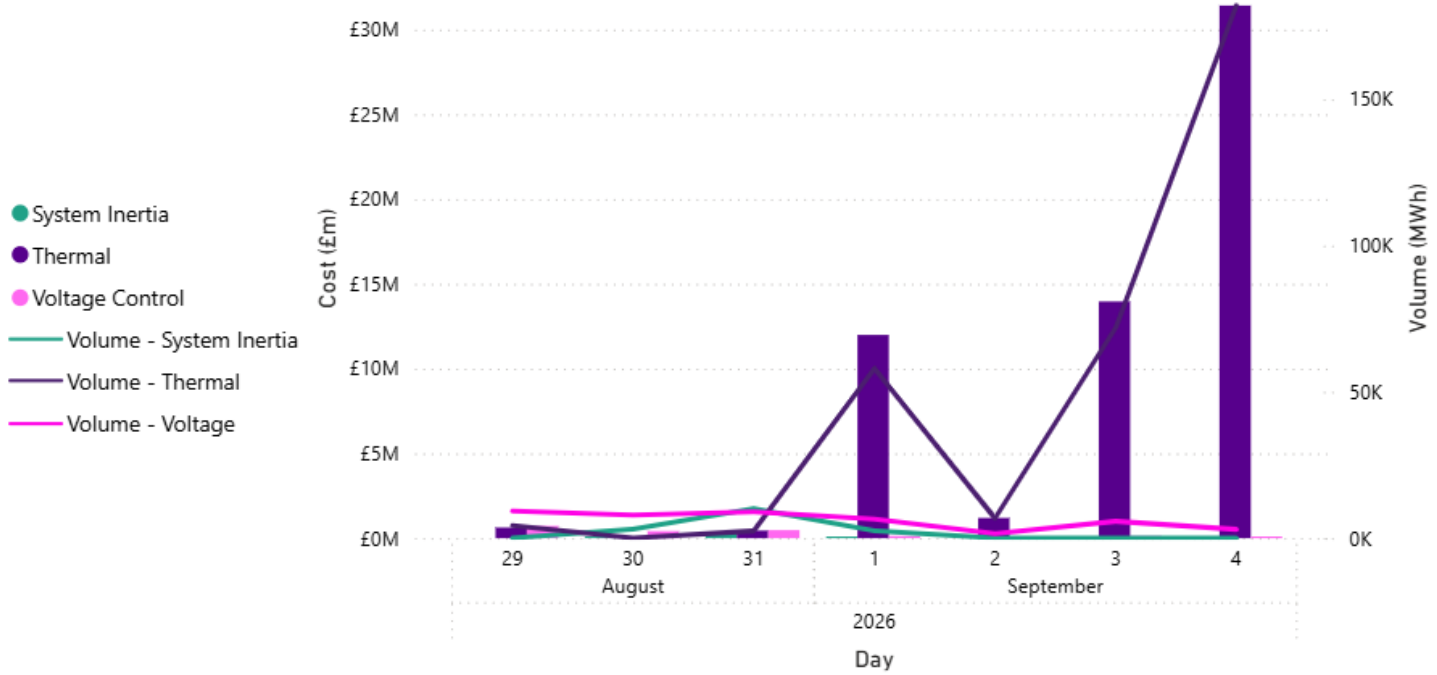
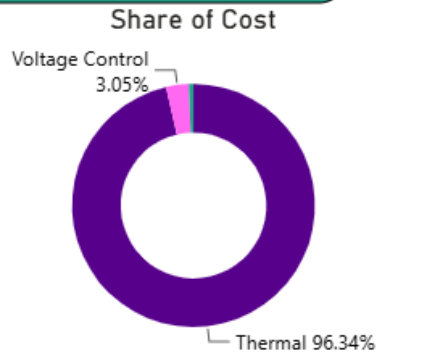
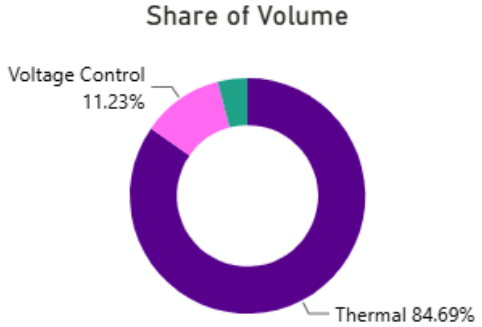
| Thermal Constraints | | Voltage Constraints | | System Inertia | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Costs (£) | Volume (MWh) | Costs (£) | Volume (MWh) | Costs (£) | Volume (MWh) |
| £63.88M | 326K | £2.02M | 43K | £408.38K | 16K |




***Note: Volume is reported as an absolute figure.***

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# NESO Actions | Settlement Periods of Interest

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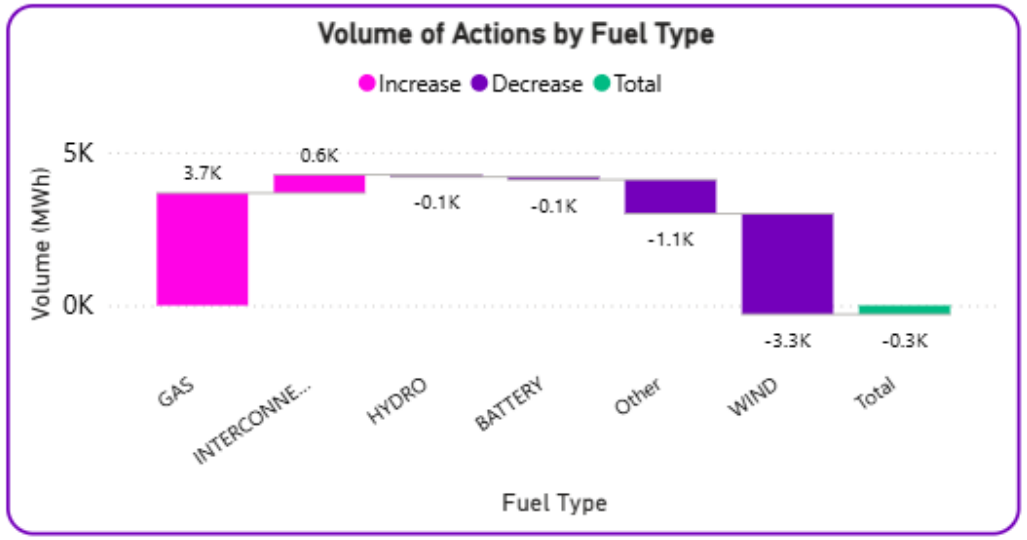
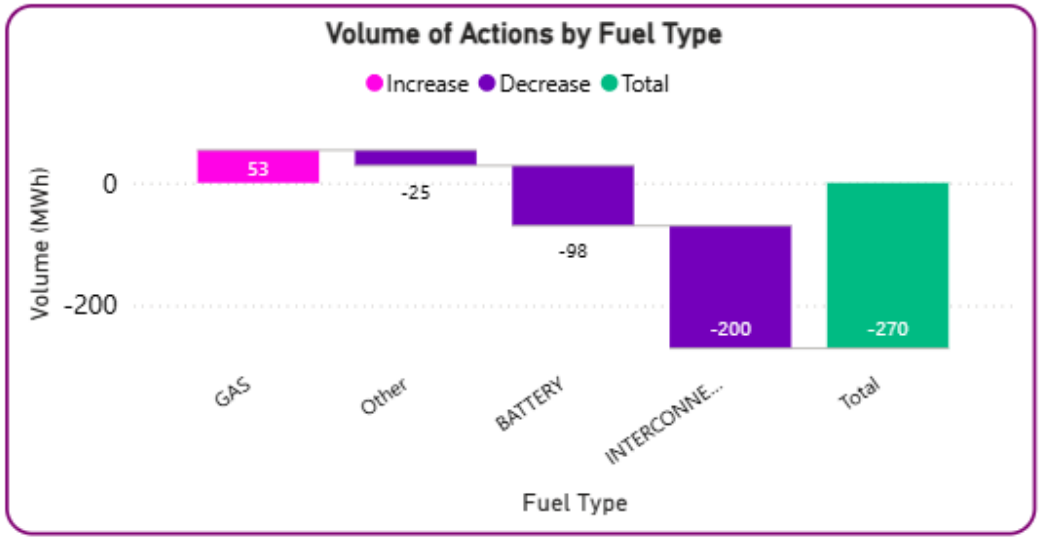
**Highest Costing Settlement Period**

| Settlement Date | Settlement Period | Approximate Cost |
|---|---|---|
| 04/09/2026 | 42 | £1M |

**Lowest Costing Settlement Period**

| Settlement Date | Settlement Period | Approximate Cost |
|---|---|---|
| 02/09/2026 | 29 | -£15K |

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# NESO Actions | Settlement Periods of Interest

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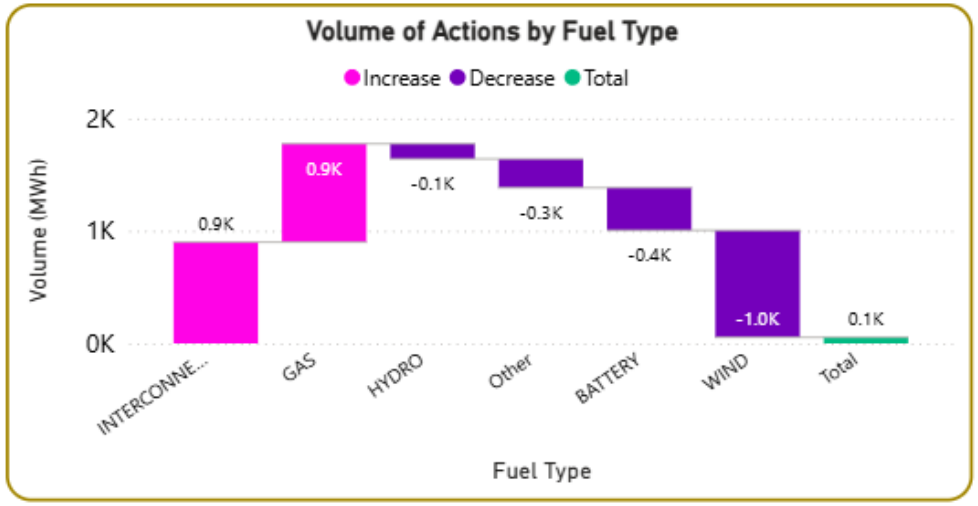
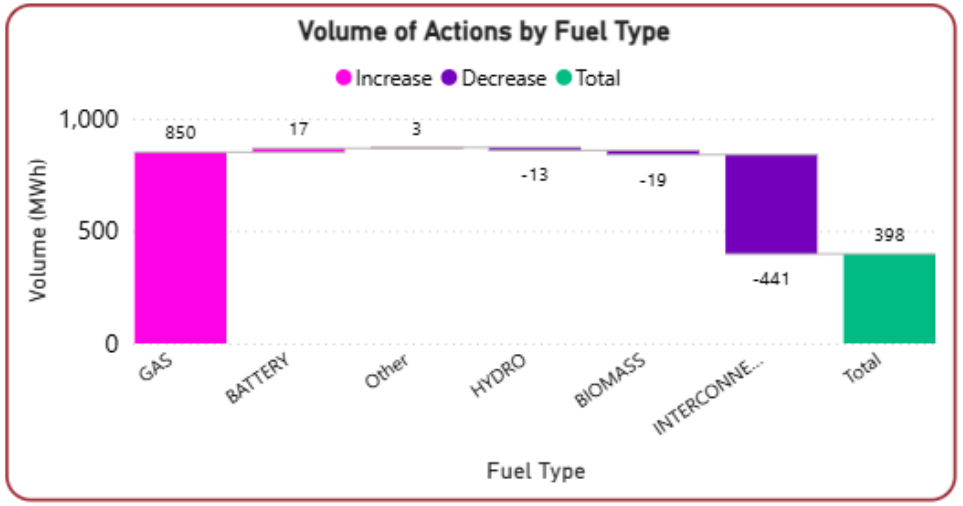
**Highest Demand Period**

| Settlement Date | Settlement Period |
|---|---|
| 01/09/2026 | 41 |
| **Demand (MW)** | **Approximate Cost** |
| 33K | £340K |

**Minimum Demand Period**

| Settlement Date | Settlement Period |
|---|---|
| 31/08/2026 | 11 |
| **Demand (MW)** | **Approximate Cost** |
| 20K | £120K |

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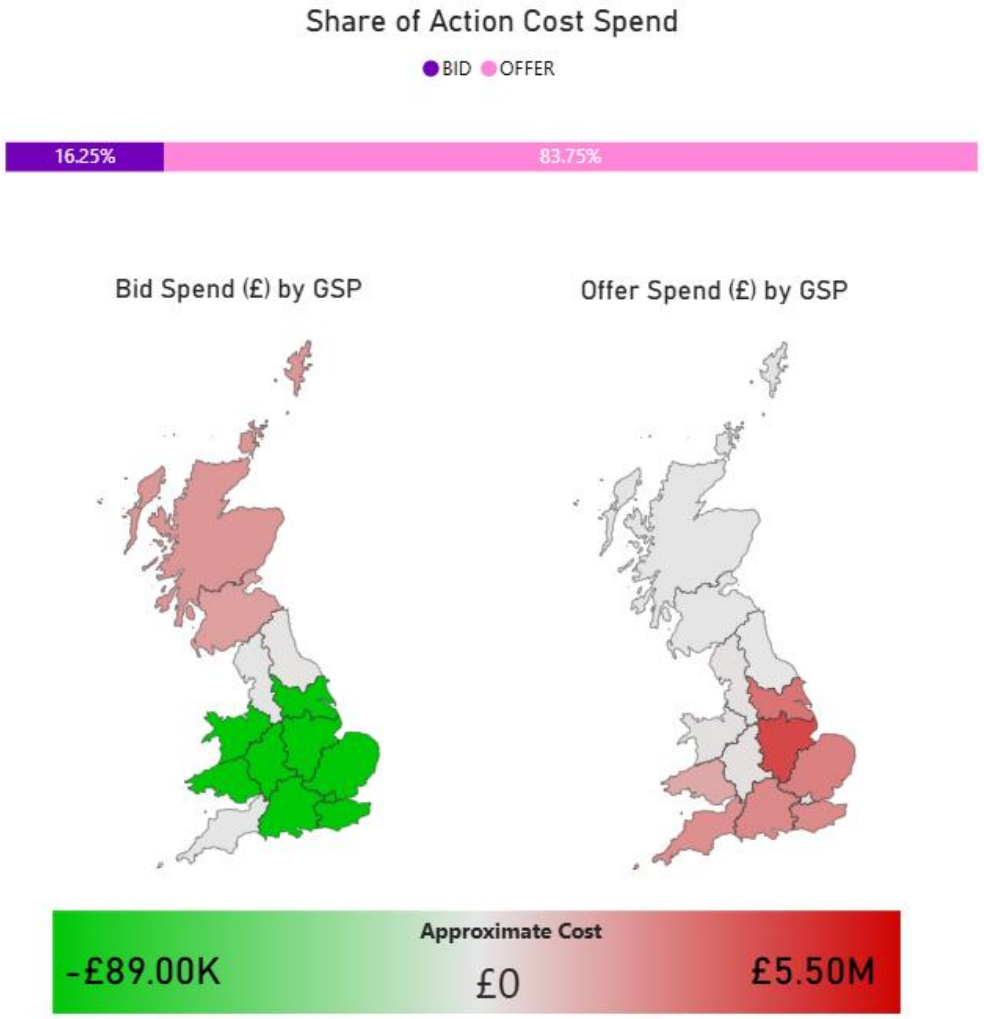
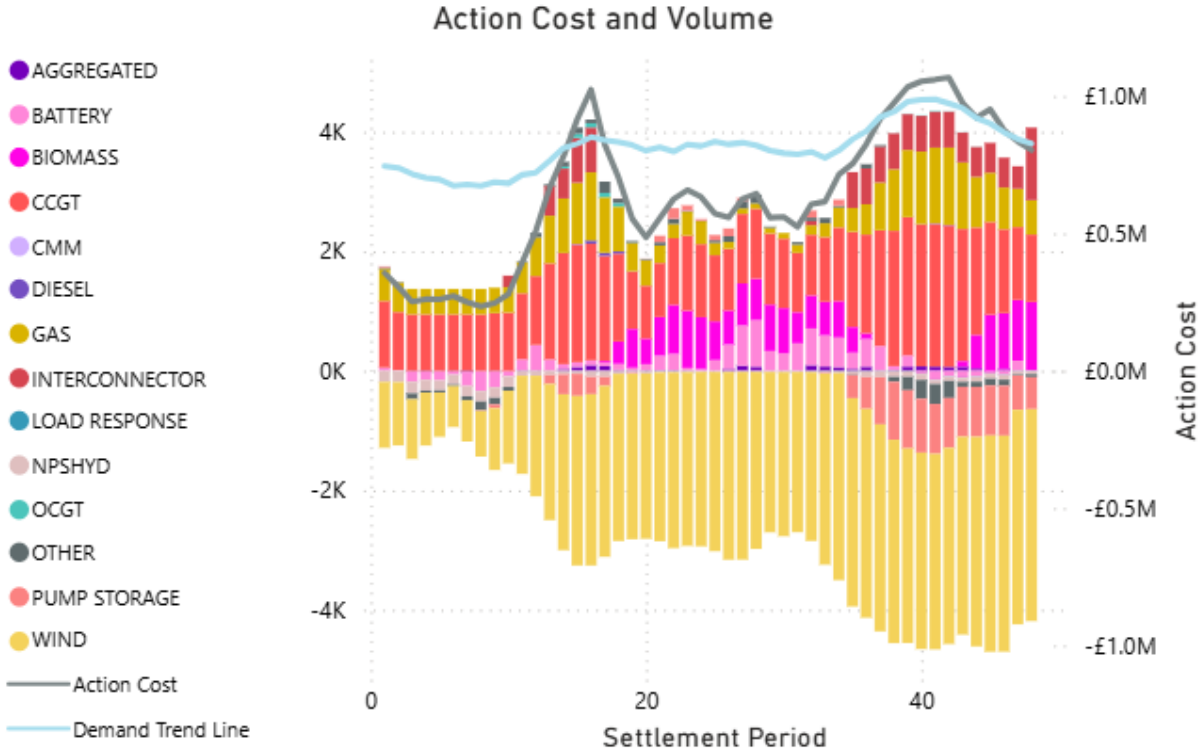
# NESO Actions | Highest Costing Day

| Settlement Date | Cost (£m) |
|---|---|
| 04 September 2026 | £31.79 |



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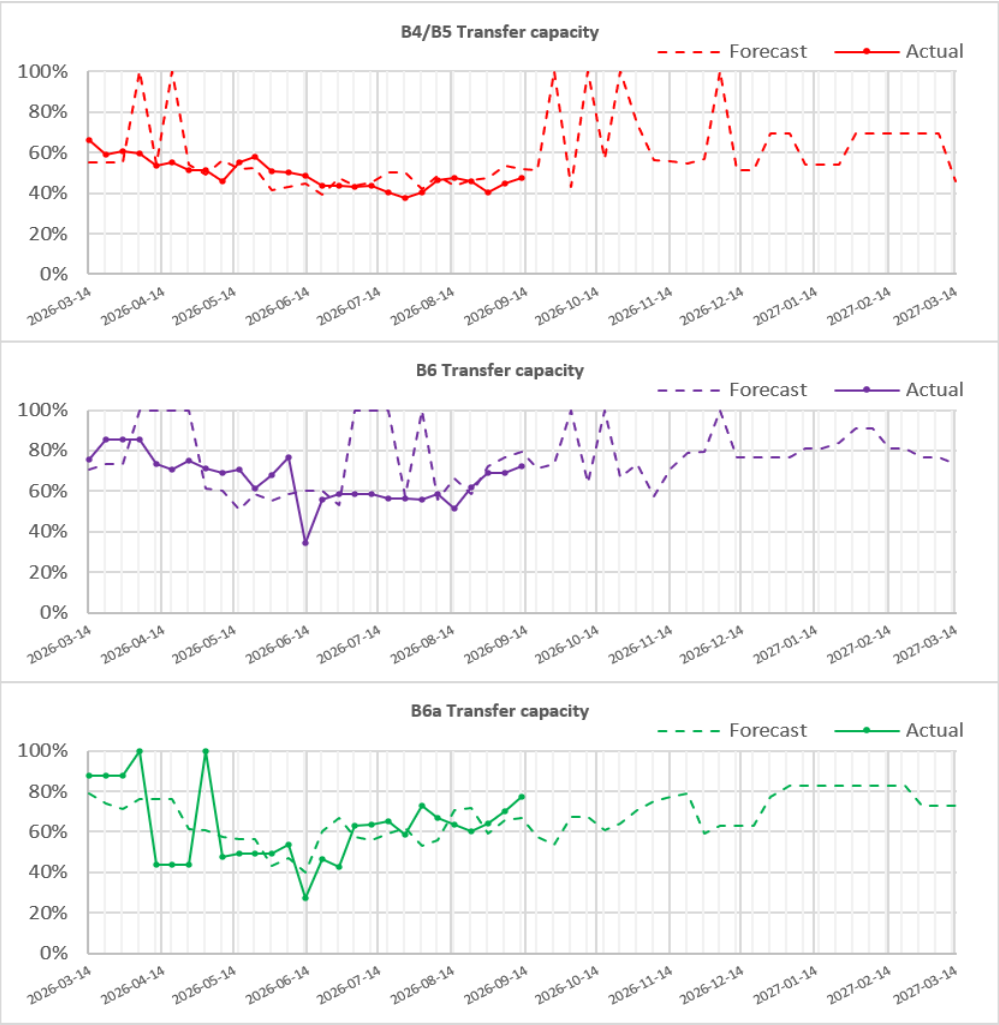
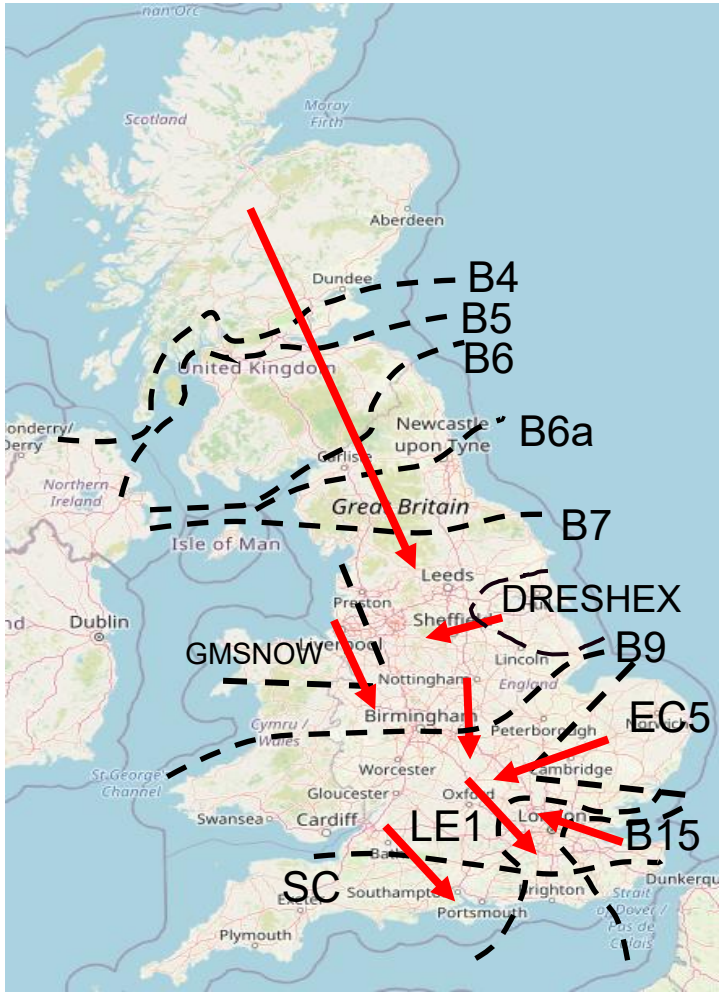



| Boundary | Max. Capacity (MW) | Current Capacity (%) |
|---|---|---|
| B4/B5 | 3400 | 47 |
| B6 (SCOTEX) | 6800 | 72 |
| B6a | 8000 | 78 |
| B7 (SSHARN) | 9850 | 72 |
| GMSNOW | 5800 | 16 |
| FLOWSTH (B9) | 12700 | 91 |
| DRESHEX | 9675 | 46 |
| EC5 | 5000 | 100 |
| LE1 (SEIMP) | 8750 | 77 |
| B15 (ESTEX) | 7500 | 72 |
| SC1 | 7300 | 61 |




The forecast line is updated with the 12-week ahead view, and this happens each week. So, everything up to 12 weeks ahead is the forecast from 12-week ahead view, and everything after that is the fixed long-term forecast view.

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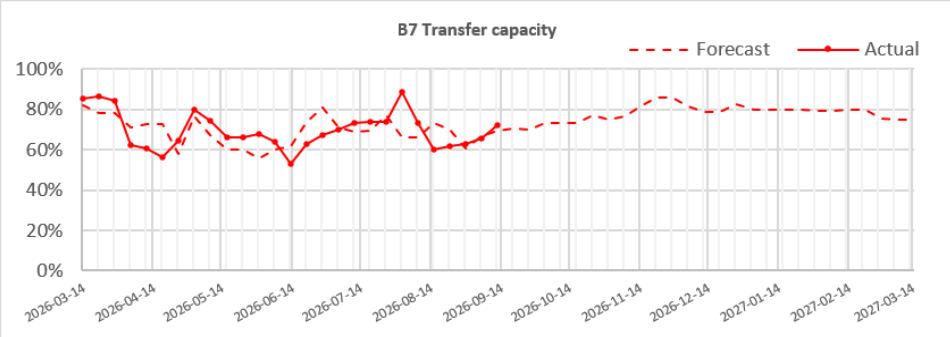


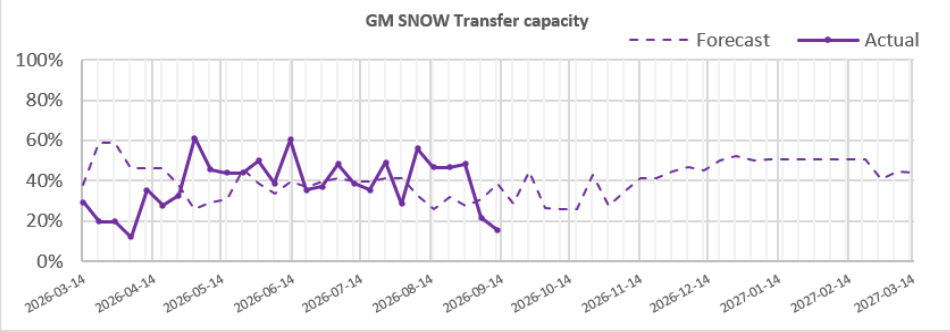


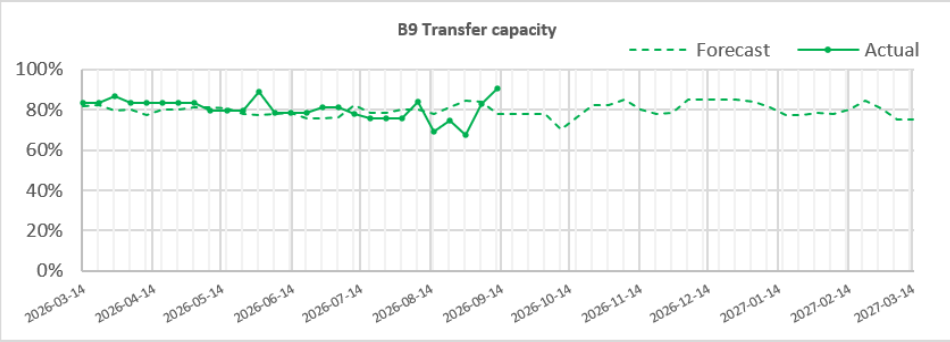


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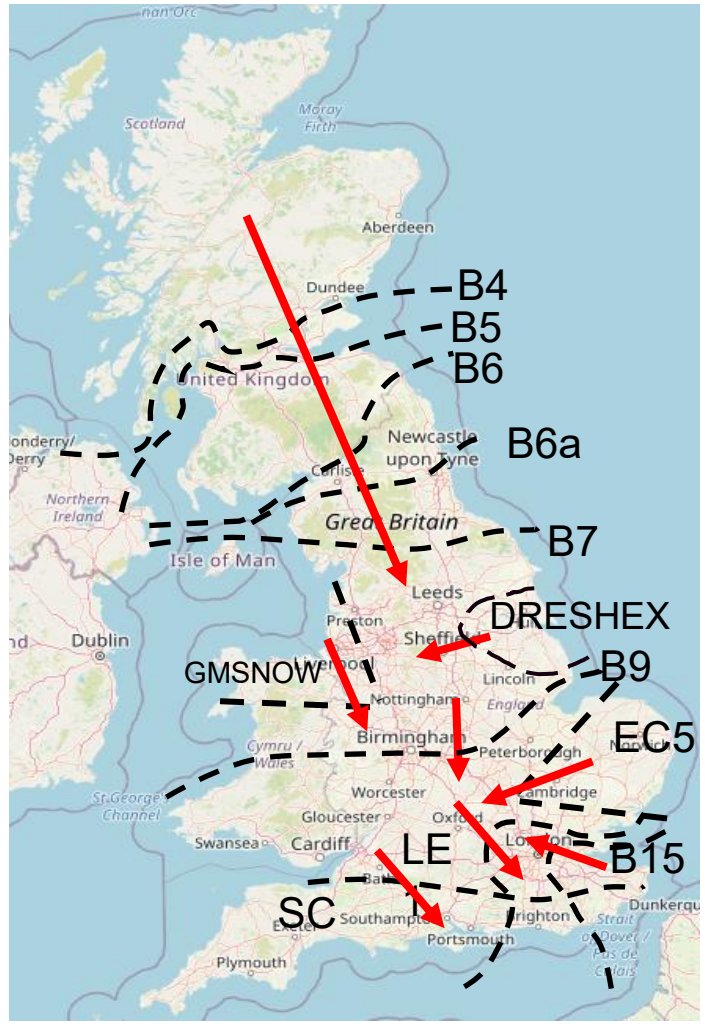


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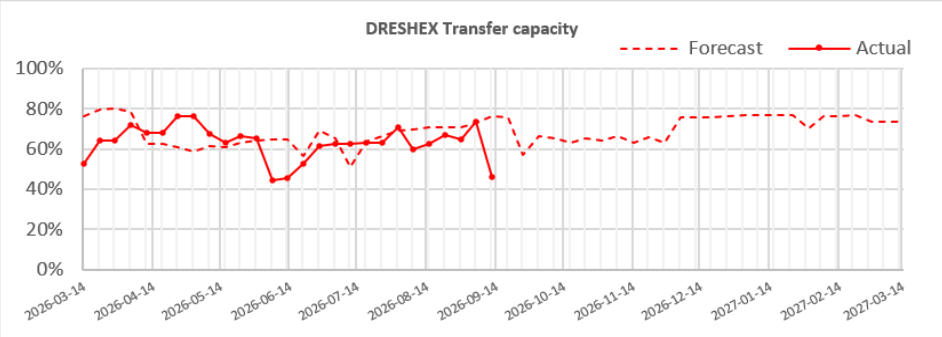


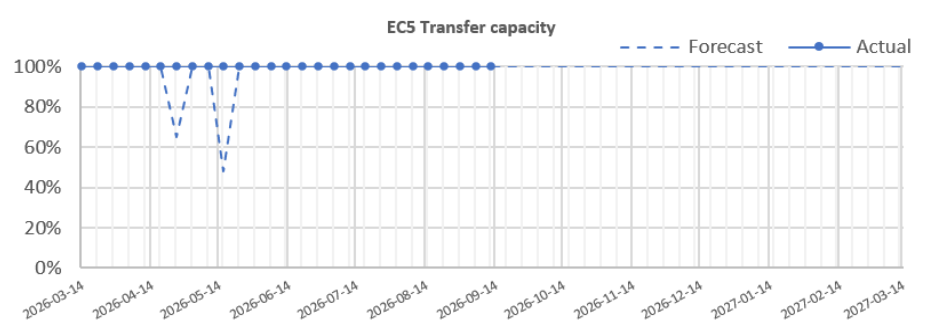


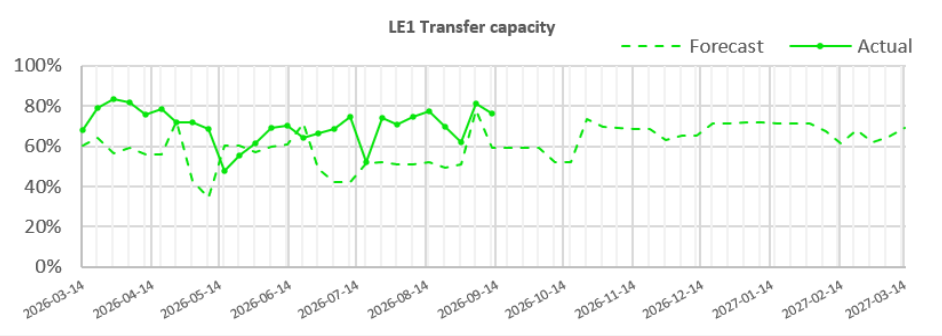


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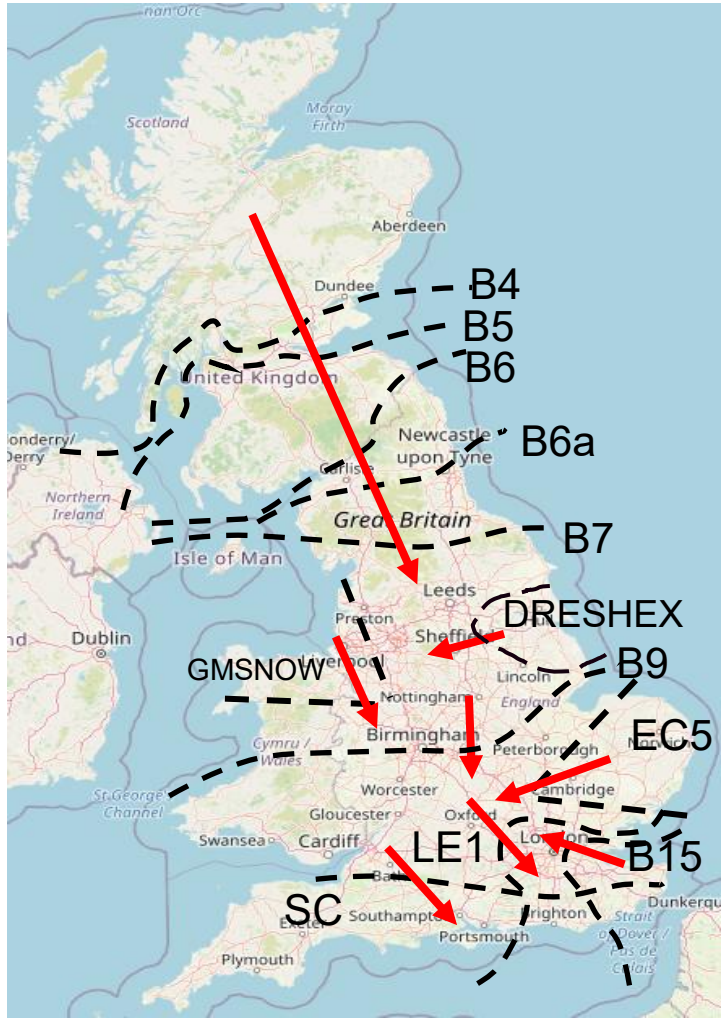


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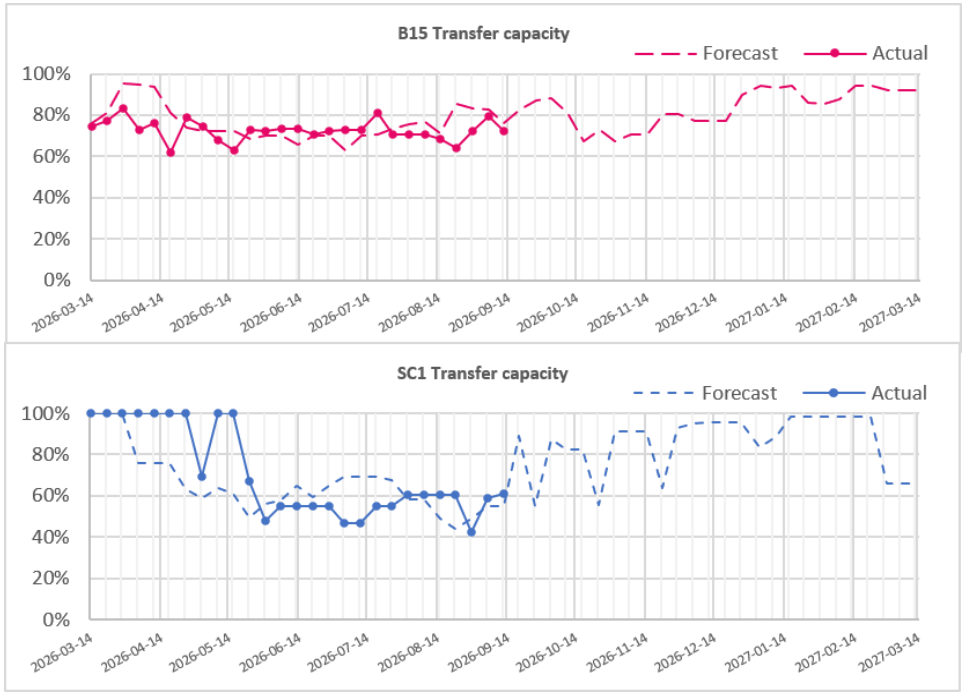


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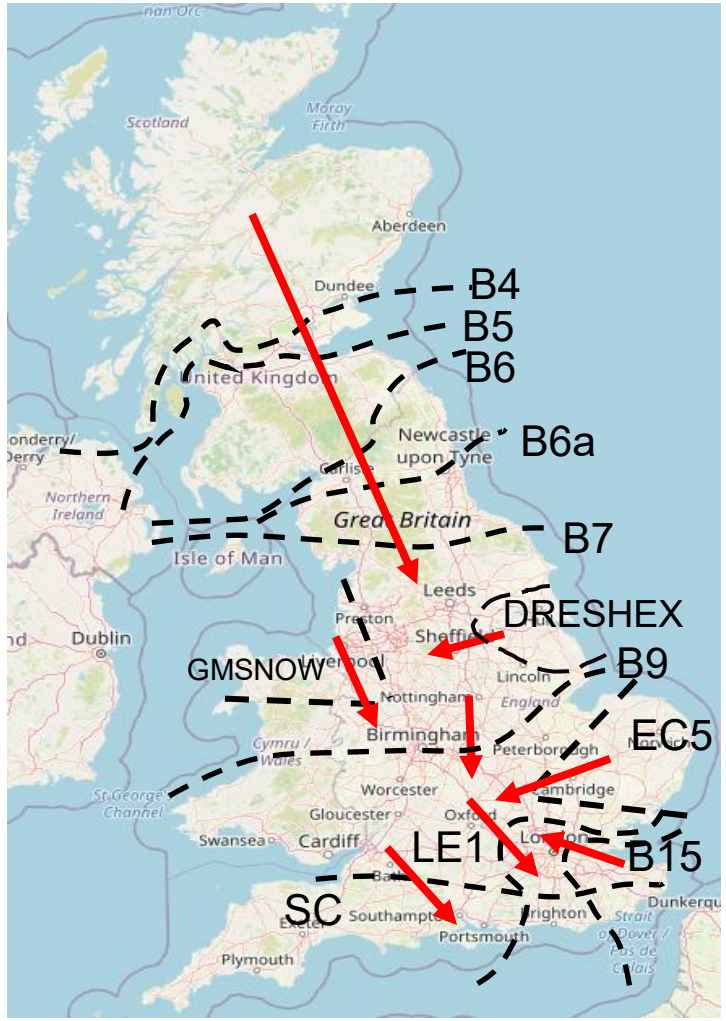


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Day ahead flows and limits, and the 24-month constraint limit forecast are published on the NESO Data Portal: Constraints Management

The dataset presented in the Network congestion is published on the NESO data portal . Operational Transparency Forum - Network congestion data | National Energy System Operator

(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.

# PSA Skip Rates – bids & offers combined

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**The current skip rate methodology only considers energy actions within the BM**

We welcome your comments and feedback on these figures and how we present this data.

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

| Weekly Average w/e | PSA Skip Rate (%) |
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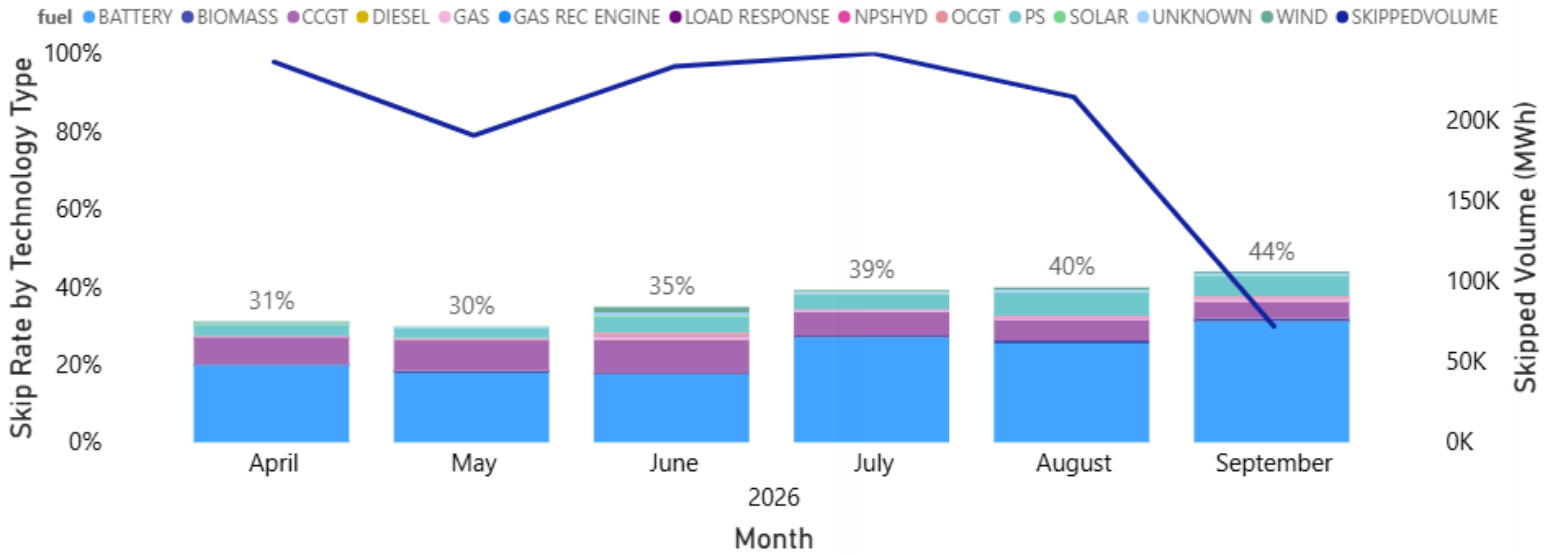
| 16/08 | 41% |
| 23/08 | 37% |
| 30/08 | 45% |
| 06/09 | 43% |

**Relative Technology Skip Rate**

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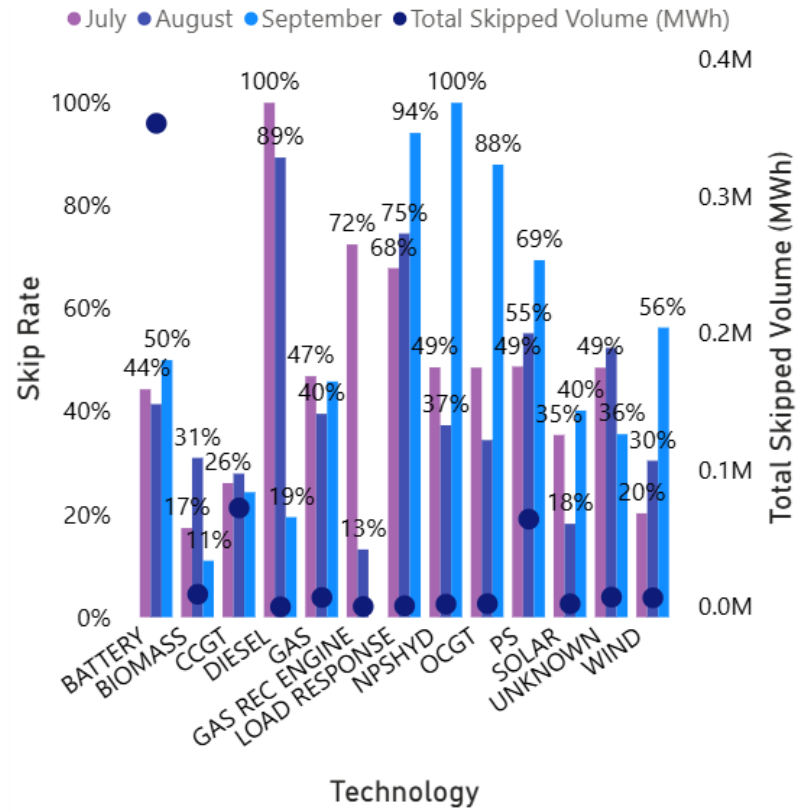


Gas: Gas reciprocating units
NPSHYD: Non-Pumped Storage Hydro
PS: Pumped Storage

Contact us on box.SkipRates@neso.energy

Skip rate data and more info on skip rates including methodology can be found on our website.

Rerecorded deep dive can be found on our webpage: here

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# Previously Asked Questions

**Slido Q (02.09.26) Christopher Proudfoot:** Maybe the question is why the delay to lower inertia if you were satisfied it was the right thing to do? Knee jerk reaction to 23 June, whistleblower etc?

**Advance question (02.09.26)**: It seems odd that NESO and Ofgem have put so much time and effort into agreeing a new lower limit for system inertia and then for NESO to not have any plans to implement it. Why does NESO not have any plan to implement the lower limit? Please be clear and specific about the reasons. Are you periodically reviewing this decision not to set a date to implement? If so, how frequently?

**A:** It remains NESO's intention to implement the recommendations presented in the FRCR2025 report, including lowering the minimum inertia baseline. Following the June frequency events, NESO considers it prudent to allow the relevant investigations and reviews to be completed before implementing changes arising from FRCR25. This ensures that any decisions are made with the benefit of a full understanding of the events and their implications, while maintaining confidence in the robustness of the frequency security framework. This follows what was stipulated in the FRCR 2025 implementation plan, where changes are only made once stakeholders are comfortable with existing frequency performance indicators before any changes are made.



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# Previously Asked Questions (To be covered via Margins deep dive)



**Q (01.07.26) Chris Bocock:** Please could you give us an idea of the capacity numbers involved in the response to the EMN? If possible, I'd like to know the absolute and relative contribution of the demand side response he mentioned. Thank you

**Q (01.07.2026) Advance:** The extreme weather across Europe in the week beginning 22 June was well forecast. From that the challenges of reduced wind, gas, and nuclear power output should have been forecast. So, I'm very surprised that "[when] we approached real time, models moved from using forecasts for interconnector flow to using nominated flows from day ahead auctions" and that led to amber then red margin status, a frequency deviation, and an interconnector emergency instruction. What work is NESO going to undertake to ensure your margin forecast model does not fail to predict reduced margin in these conditions, well ahead of real time, when they next occur?

**Q (01.07.26) Milo Karter:** On 26/06 NESO issued an EMN until 21:00 despite soft margins and spare CCGT in the stack. It had already procured 1,500MW on ICs, then cut EMN shortfall to 100MW while requesting another 100MW IC. Was the EMN ready to enable more IC MW procurement cheaper than GB, not because NESO lacked margin?

**Q (01.07.26) Milo Karter:** Would providing a DRM with the inclusion of constraints provide a better reflection of how tight the system is from a control room perspective. The questions today suggest that the last 3 EMNs have not made any sense to the market given a near 10GW DRM on each EMN.

**Q (15.07.26) Lisa Waters:** Under the recent EMNs NESO was taking over 500MW out of the margin as it was constrained off. 500MW is the fixed CMN margin trigger. Does NESO think we need to review the CMN trigger to account for constrained off margin?

# Previously Asked Questions (To be covered via Margins deep dive)

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**Q (15.07.26) Alistair Abbott:** Are you able to share the causes behind the latest EMNs? The LoLP on Elexon shows that for EMN notice period last Thursday (09/07), the lowest margin forecast was 5.9GW, slightly greater than the margin forecast on Wednesday (08/07), yet this period had no EMN. Thank you.

# NESO OTF Q&A Guidelines

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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

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# Purpose and scope of the NESO Operational Transparency Forum

**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)

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# Skip Rates – 'In Merit' datasets

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**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).



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