

C9 Review: Ad Hoc consultation

Ad hoc revisions to the ABSVD Methodology

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Executive summary

This consultation has been produced by the National Energy System Operator (NESO)¹ in accordance with Condition C9 Part 1² of the Electricity System Operator Licence (ESO Licence) to keep the C9 Statements under review and promptly update these documents whenever a change is needed to more accurately reflect the intentions and methodologies of NESO.

This “ad hoc” consultation on changes is taking place out of the annual C9 review process as NESO has identified changes to one of the Balancing Service Statements which need to take effect prior to April 2027. This consultation is mandated by the ESO Licence to run for a minimum of 28 days.

Whilst there are five statements that form part of Condition C9, only the below is open for review and change during this consultation process:

- 1) Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data Methodology Statement (ABSVD)

Details of the proposed changes can be found in the individual statement section within this document and the ABSVD statement.

NESO welcomes industry views on these proposed changes. Responses are required by **13 October 2026**. Details on how to make a response can be found in the “[How to Respond](#)” section of this document.

Following receipt of responses to this official consultation, NESO will publish the final changes made and revised statement. NESO will publish this within a month of the end of the consultation, as per the licence. Provided industry feedback is received, NESO will detail all feedback received throughout the consultation process and NESO responses in addition to the final proposed changes to C9 statement.

C9 Timeline

Consultation opens: 15 September 2026

Consultation closes: 13 October 2026

Revised statement published by NESO: 30 October 2026

Revised C9 statement effective date: 1 November 2026

¹ NESO shall mean National Energy System Operator for Great Britain (GB), being the independent system planner and operator for GB’s energy system.

² Condition C9: Condition C9 Procurement and use of Balancing Services. Further details of the C9 Licence condition can be found within the ESO Licence Conditions, on Ofgem’s licence [webpage](#).

The current versions of the C9 statements, consultations and reports to Authority are published on our C9 Webpage: [C9 statements and consultations | National Energy System Operator](#).

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Standard Licence Condition C9 ad hoc process overview

The Review

In accordance with Standard Condition C9 of the Electricity System Operator (ESO) Licence, NESO conducted its annual review of all licence Statements, regular reviews of the methodologies and proposed changes to these documents. The report detailing the proposed changes to the Statement was submitted to the Authority on 13 February 2026. These updated Statements became effective 01 April 2026.

However, as a result of further changes required after the launch of the Annual Consultation to ensure alignment with the Reserve services launch and the reform of Response services, NESO are now holding an additional “ad hoc” Consultation. The changes proposed in this ad hoc C9 Consultation can be seen highlighted in yellow within the ABSVD statement.

The following C9 statement is the focus of this ad hoc review:

- Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data Methodology Statement (ABSVD)

As part of this review, NESO is only proposing changes to the ABSVD Statement. There are no proposed changes to the System Management Action Flagging Methodology (SMAF) Statement, Balancing Principles Statement (BPS), Balancing Services Adjustment Data Methodology Statement (BSAD) and Procurement Guidelines Statement (PGS) in this Consultation although NESO welcomes feedback from industry if they feel revisions are necessary.

Further details of these proposed changes can be found in the individual statement sections within this document and the ABSVD statement.

It should be noted that the C9 review process is not the primary forum for the development of new balancing services. They will be created and consulted upon in a separate process, and any subsequent changes to the statements will reflect new products as required.

Report to Authority and Statement Go Live.

Following changes to the ESO licence, effective April 2026 there is no longer a requirement for NESO to submit a report to authority and go-live pending that. Once the consultation has closed, within a month, the final position on the proposed changes, along with the tracked changed versions of the statements will go-live. If appropriate, NESO will also produce and publish a report that transparently sets out all industry feedback received, together with NESO's position on each point raised.

The Authority may, where it considers it necessary, direct NESO to review or change one or more of the C9 statements in the manner and timeframes specified in the relevant direction letter.

C9 ad hoc Review Timeline

Review Timetable	Start Date	End date
Consultation published	15 September 2026	13 October 2026
Revised statement published on NESO website	-	30 October 2026
Changes effective from	1 November 2026	-

Proposals for the Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data (ABSVD) Methodology Statement (2026–2027)

The Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data (ABSVD) Methodology Statement explains how NESO calculates and reports the volume of certain balancing services delivered by energy providers. These volumes are used within the electricity settlement process to ensure that participants are not unfairly charged for actions they take at NESO's request to help balance the electricity system. The statement sets out which services are included, how the volumes are calculated, and how the information is provided to Elexon for settlement purposes.

The amendments proposed to the ABSVD Methodology Statement are:

- Amending ABSVD volume calculation to reflect DFS Settled volume rather than Delivered Volume
- Update to ABSVD submission for Quick and Slow Reserve

The key amendments proposed to the ABSVD Methodology Statement are summarised below.

Change ID	Page number	Change summary	Rationale
ABSVD.01	10,11,16,17	Demand Flexibility Service volumes– 'Delivered' replaced with 'Settled'.	ABSVD volume calculation will more accurately reflect the impact of DFS actions and the DFS settled volume, as we believe this is the volume the provider is actually delivering in DFS.
ABSVD.02	10, 16,17	Addition of Quick and Slow Reserve Services (through DNO voltage control).	The update describes the methodology for apportioning of Balancing service delivery volume from DNOs participating in Balancing Services through voltage control.

Please see the tracked changes document for the Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data (ABSVD) Methodology Statement for full detail of the proposed changes. This is stored within the folder "**C9 ad hoc consultation, 2026–2027**" which can be located on the [C9 webpage](#).

The consultation questions

We invite industry to provide feedback on the changes proposed within the ad hoc consultation to the ABSVD 2026/27 C9 Statement.

The consultation questions are included within **Appendix – C9 Ad Hoc Consultation Response Proforma 2026–2027**.

The following suite of documents can be located on the [C9 Website](#) within the C9 consultations, 2026–2027 consultation folder, to support parties responding to the consultation.

- ABSVD Methodology Statement v21 effective from 01 November 2026 highlighted changes for ad hoc Consultation
- Appendix – C9 Official Consultation Response Proforma 2026–2027

How to respond

Responses should be submitted via **Appendix – C9 Official Consultation Response Proforma 2026–2027** and emailed to box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy.

Responses should be returned no later than **5pm on 12 October 2026**.

If you do not wish any elements of your response to be made publicly available, please mark these as confidential.

To receive updates relating to the C9 timeline or consultation publications please register to the [Balancing Service mailing list](#) on our NESO help centre.

For any questions, please contact box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy.