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NESO Operational Transparency Forum

16 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.

Note: To access previous OTF webinars from Slido, click on the three lines to the left of forum title.

Focus Topics

Today

- N/A

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Future

- 23 September
 - August balancing costs
- 30 September
 - Strategic Spatial Energy Planning Pathway Options Report



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

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

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		Format: Online Microsoft Teams	
What will it cover? • EDL/EDT transition plans as we migrate from Balancing Mechanism systems to the Open Balancing Platform • Wider Access API replacement plans • EDL Network Transformation Plan • There will be opportunity for interactive Q&A.		What will it cover? 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.		Secure your place here .	
Content from our previous sessions is available here .		You can access our capability journeys and materials from our previous sessions here .	



Contact us at box.balancingprogramme@neso.energy

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.



C9 Ad Hoc Review: Consultation published

NESO has [published an "ad hoc" consultation](#) outside of the annual C9 review process to facilitate changes to one of the Balancing Service Statements which need to take effect prior to April 2027.

We invite all BSC and interested parties to review and provide feedback on changes proposed to the **Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data Methodology Statement (ABSVD)**, in accordance with the Electricity System Operator (ESO) Licence Condition C9: Procurement and Use of Balancing Services.

The consultation will run for 28 days. The revised statement will go live on 1 November 2026.

The changes cover the below:

- Demand Flexibility Service volumes – 'Delivered' replaced with 'Settled'
- Addition of Quick and Slow Reserve Services (through DNO voltage control).

Responses should be submitted using the Appendix – Ad hoc C9 consultation response proforma and emailed to box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy

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

Reminders of the items in scope and deadlines will be shared at Operational Transparency Forums until the closing date of the consultation.

Consultation closes: **13 October at 5:00pm**

To keep up to date with C9 communications and publications, please subscribe to the [balancing services mailing list](#).

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Ad Hoc 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

Future Event Summary

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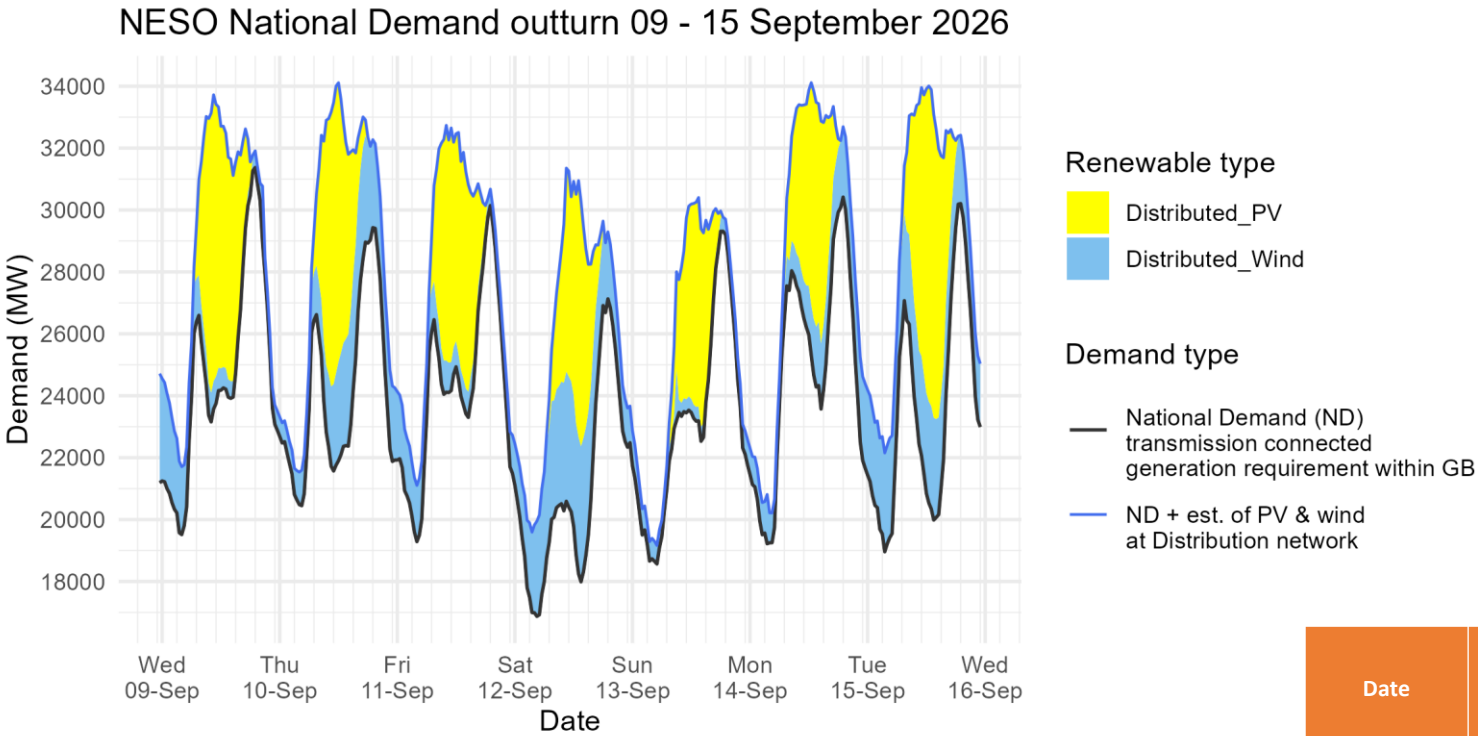
Event	Date & Time	Link
Balancing Programme - Technology Stakeholder Focus Group	16 September (14:00 – 15:30)	Register here
Skips Behind Constraints Data Publication Update	17 September (10:00 – 11:00)	Register here
Balancing Programme Webinar	22 September (13:00 – 14:30)	Register here
NAP OC2 Forum	1 October (10:00–12:30)	Register Link
C9 Ad Hov Review	Closes: 13 October (17:00)	Consultation document

Check out the [NESO Events Calendar](#) for more...



Demand | Last week demand out-turn

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Distributed generation
Peak values by day

Date	OUTTURN	
	Daily Max Dist. PV (GW)	Daily Max Dist. Wind (GW)
09 Sep 2026	9.2	3.5
10 Sep 2026	9.3	3.7
11 Sep 2026	7.6	2.3
12 Sep 2026	8.3	4.4
13 Sep 2026	6.8	1.7
14 Sep 2026	7.4	2.7
15 Sep 2026	10.2	3.3

National Demand
Minimum Demands

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 09 Sep)			OUTTURN		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
09 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	24.2	0.5	6.4	23.2	0.9	9.0
10 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	20.3	0.9	0.0	20.4	1.1	0.0
10 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	22.6	2.3	8.2	21.6	2.8	9.1
11 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	20.1	1.6	0.0	19.3	1.8	0.0
11 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	23.5	1.0	6.9	23.3	0.8	6.7
12 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	18.6	1.8	0.0	16.9	3.1	0.0
12 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	18.0	3.3	8.3	18.0	4.4	7.9
13 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	17.9	1.8	0.0	18.6	0.6	0.0
13 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	19.5	1.0	8.1	21.0	0.5	0.2
14 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	19.4	1.0	0.0	19.2	1.6	0.0
14 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	22.8	2.1	7.2	23.6	2.1	7.2
15 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	19.2	2.2	0.0	19.0	3.2	0.0
15 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	23.1	2.5	8.2	20.0	3.3	9.8

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](#)

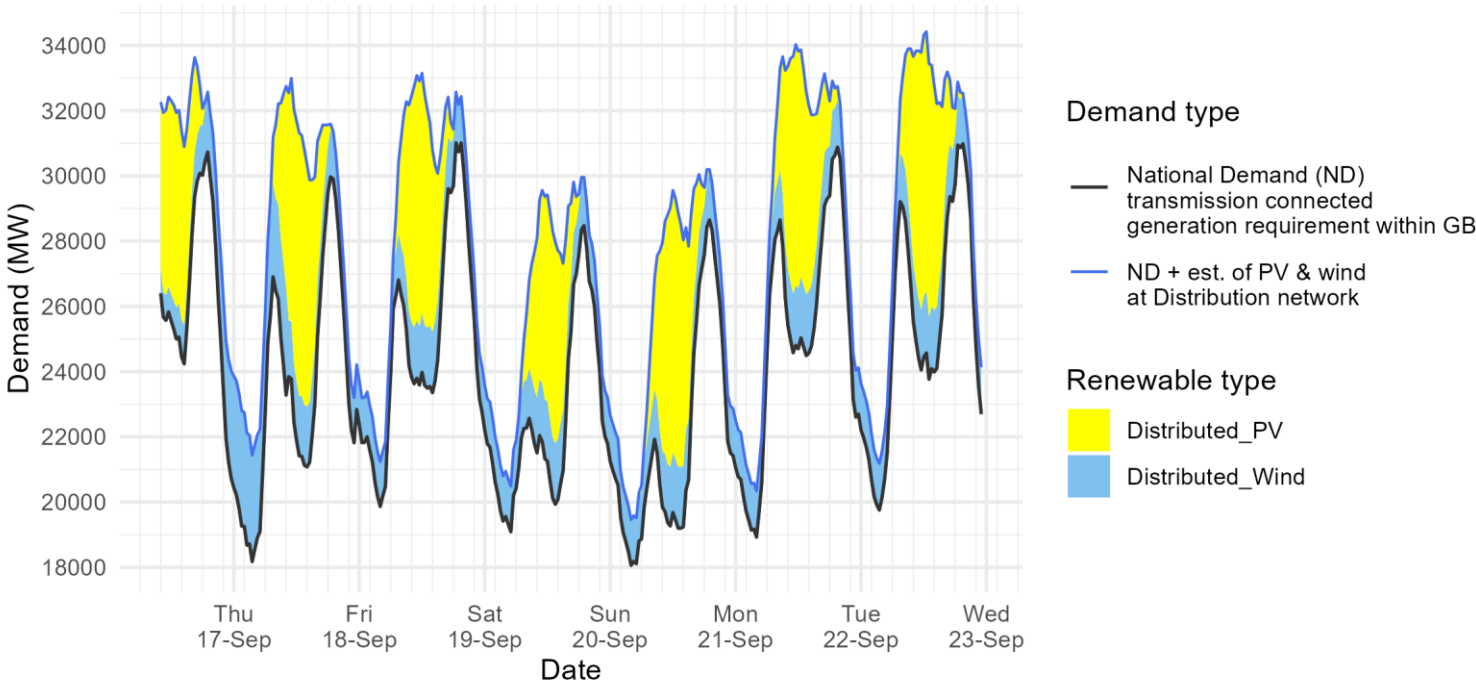
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Demand | Week Ahead

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NESO Demand forecast for 16 - 22 September 2026



	Datetime	Demand (GW)
Weekly Min	20 Sep 2026 05:00	18.1
Weekly Peak	18 Sep 2026 19:30	31.0

National Demand

Minimum Demands

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		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
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18 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	19.9	1.4	0.0
18 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	23.4	1.9	5.6
19 Sep 2026	Overnight Min	19.1	1.4	0.0
19 Sep 2026	Daytime Min	19.9	1.9	6.2
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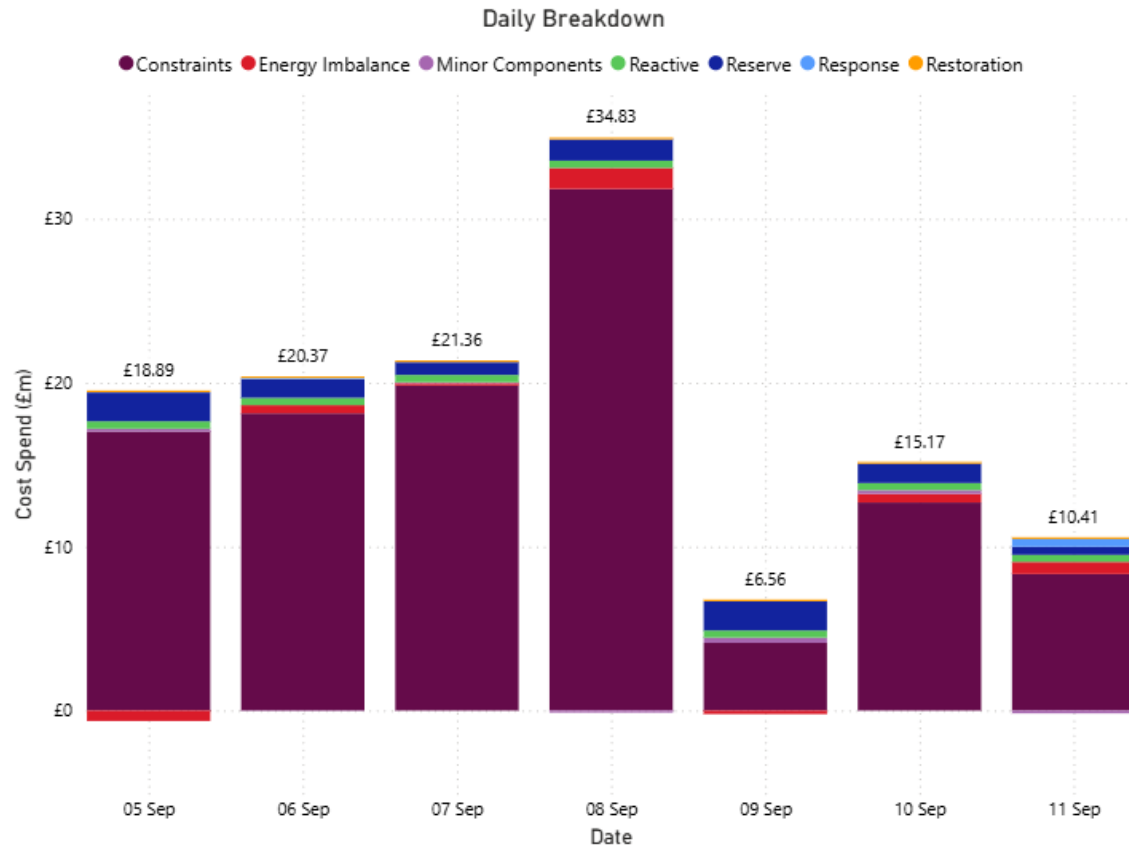
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NESO Actions | Category Cost Breakdown

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Week Cost Breakdown



Current Week Total (£m)

£127.59

Average Daily Cost (£m)

£18.23

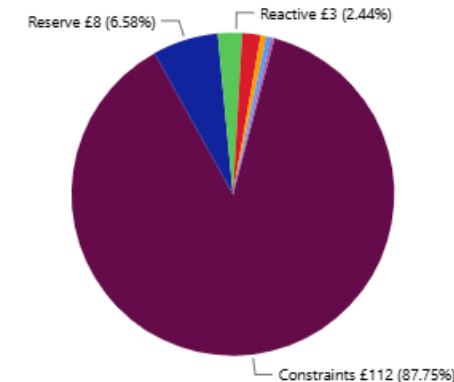
Previous Week Total (£m)

£80.37

Previous 30 Day Average (£m)

£8.11

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

Costs (£)	Volume (MWh)
£109.30M	498K

Voltage Constraints

Costs (£)	Volume (MWh)
£2.38M	85K

System Inertia

Costs (£)	Volume (MWh)
£251.00K	10K



Note: Volume is reported as an absolute figure.

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NESO Actions | Settlement Periods of Interest

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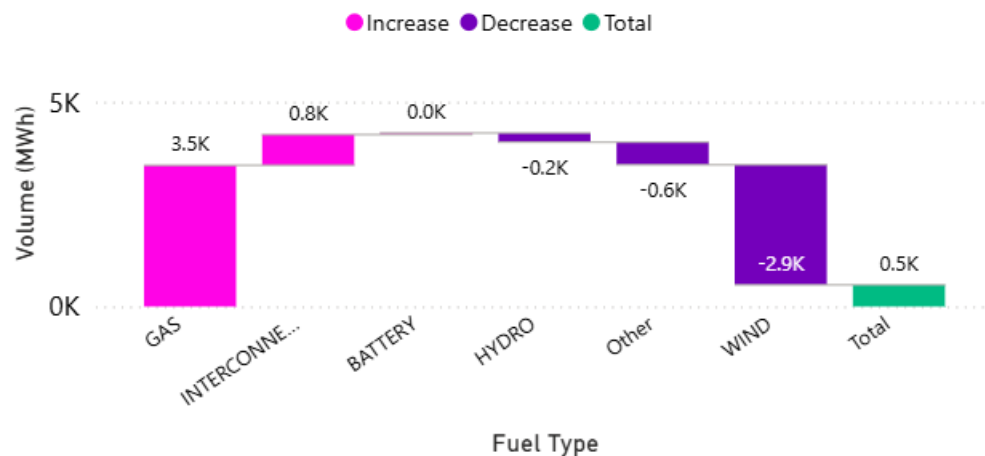
Highest Costing Settlement Period

Settlement Date	Settlement Period	Approximate Cost
06/09/2026	40	£1M

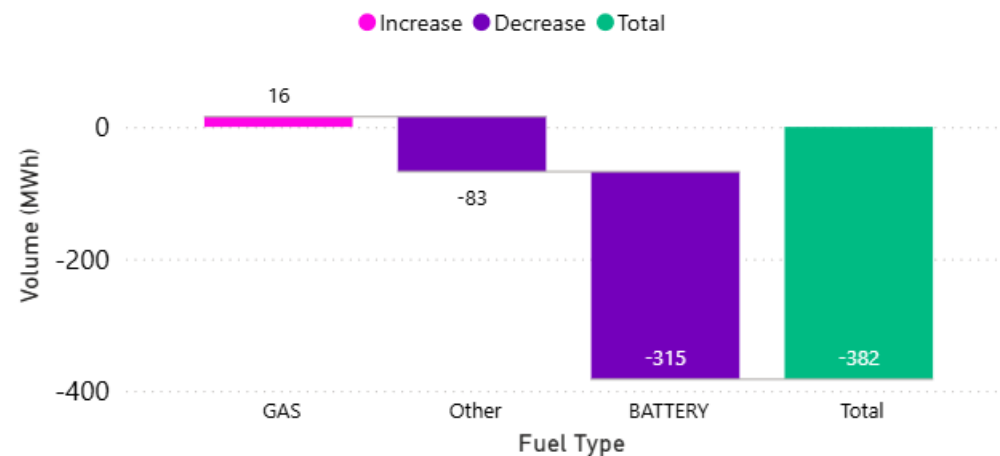
Lowest Costing Settlement Period

Settlement Date	Settlement Period	Approximate Cost
09/09/2026	35	-£20K

Volume of Actions by Fuel Type



Volume of Actions by Fuel Type



Volume shown here is the net volume of actions taken, showing overall increase or decrease in generation from BM units of these fuel types.

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Highest Demand Period

Settlement Date

08/09/2026

Settlement Period

40

Demand (MW)

32K

Approximate Cost

£870K

Minimum Demand Period

Settlement Date

05/09/2026

Settlement Period

29

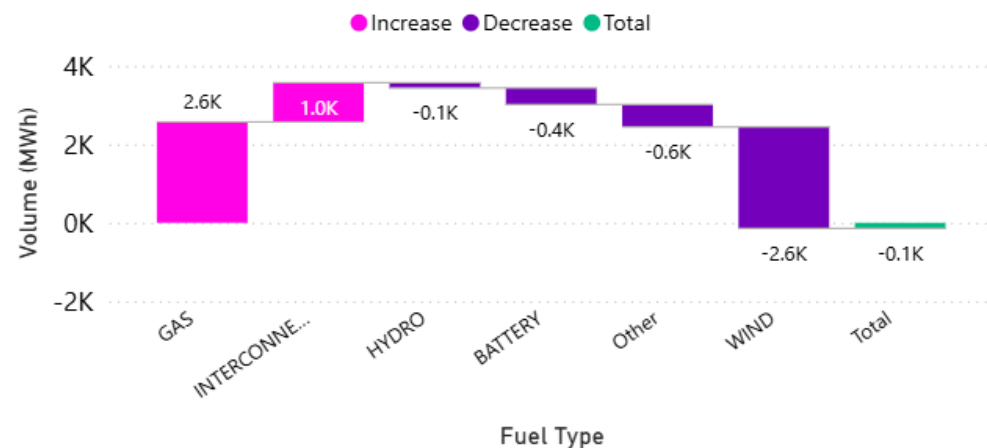
Demand (MW)

18K

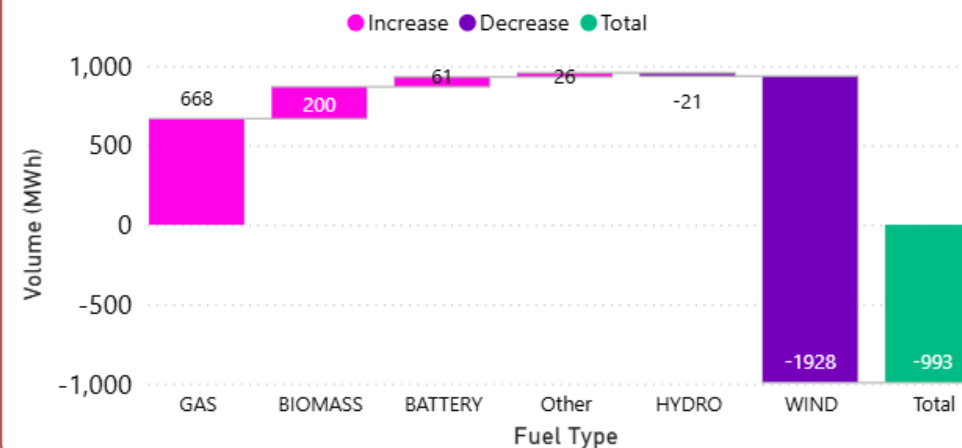
Approximate Cost

£290K

Volume of Actions by Fuel Type



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NESO Actions | Highest Costing Day

Share of Action Cost Spend

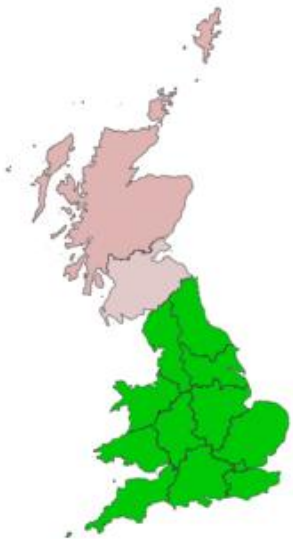
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Settlement Date
08 September 2026

Cost (£m)
£34.83

Bid Spend (£) by GSP

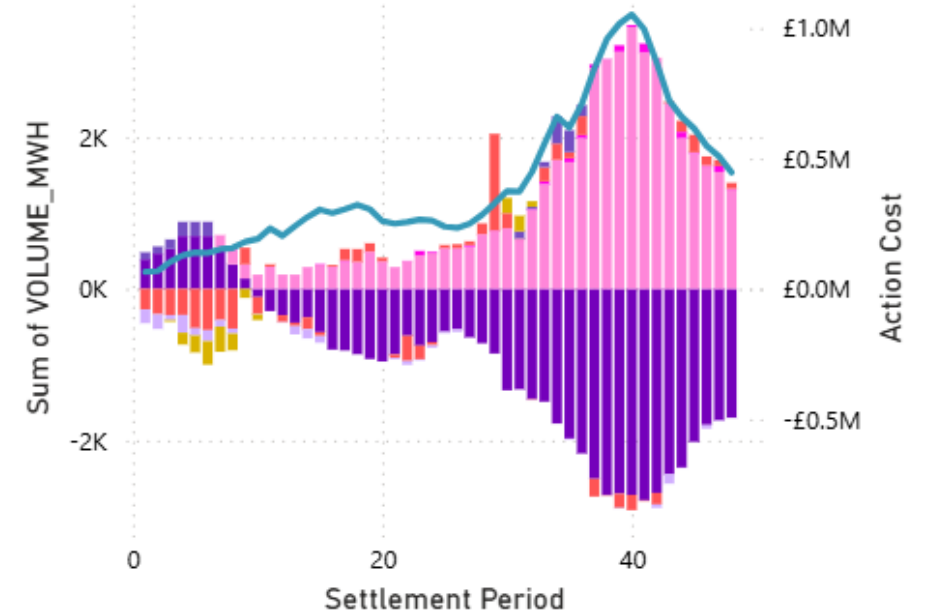


Offer Spend (£) by GSP



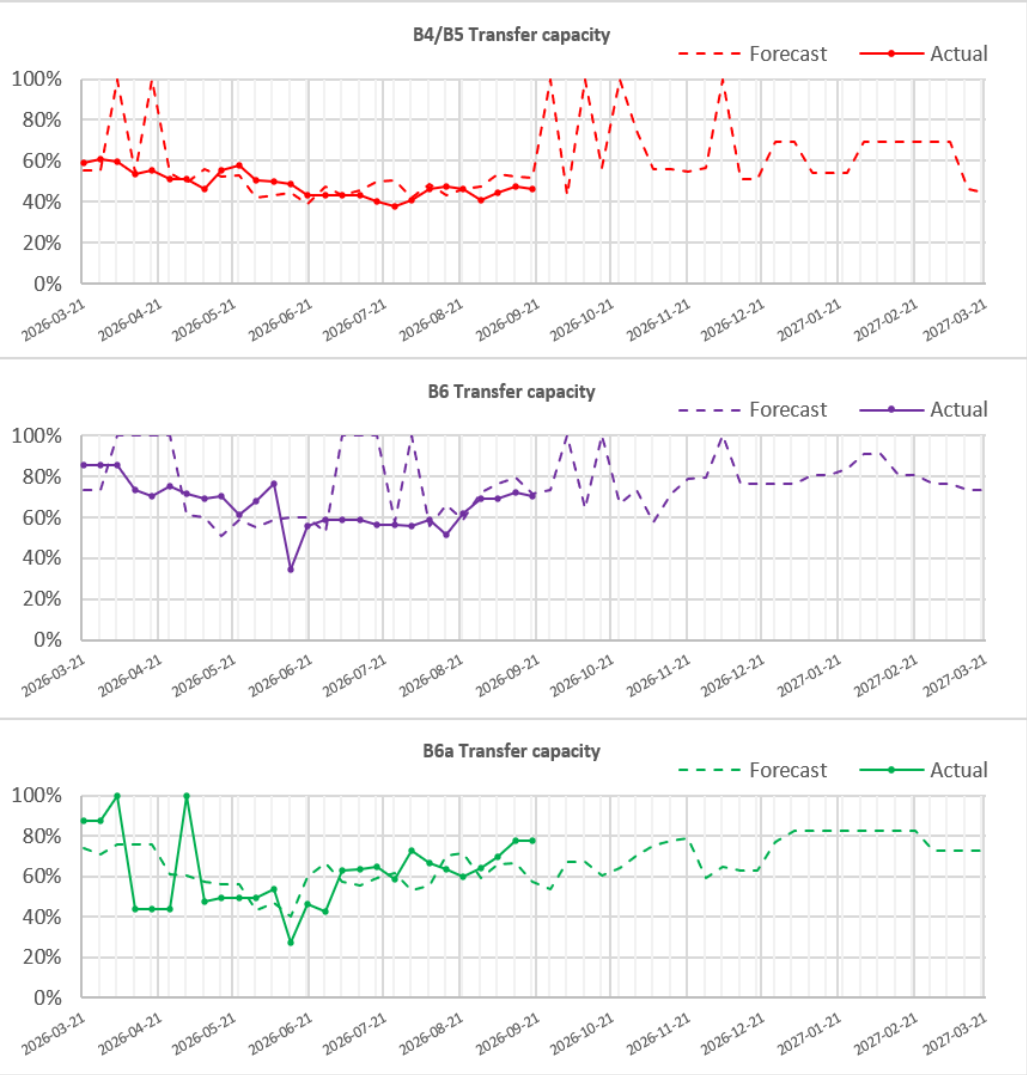
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- OPERATING RESERVE
- RESPONSE
- St HDR
- Action Cost

Action Cost and Volume

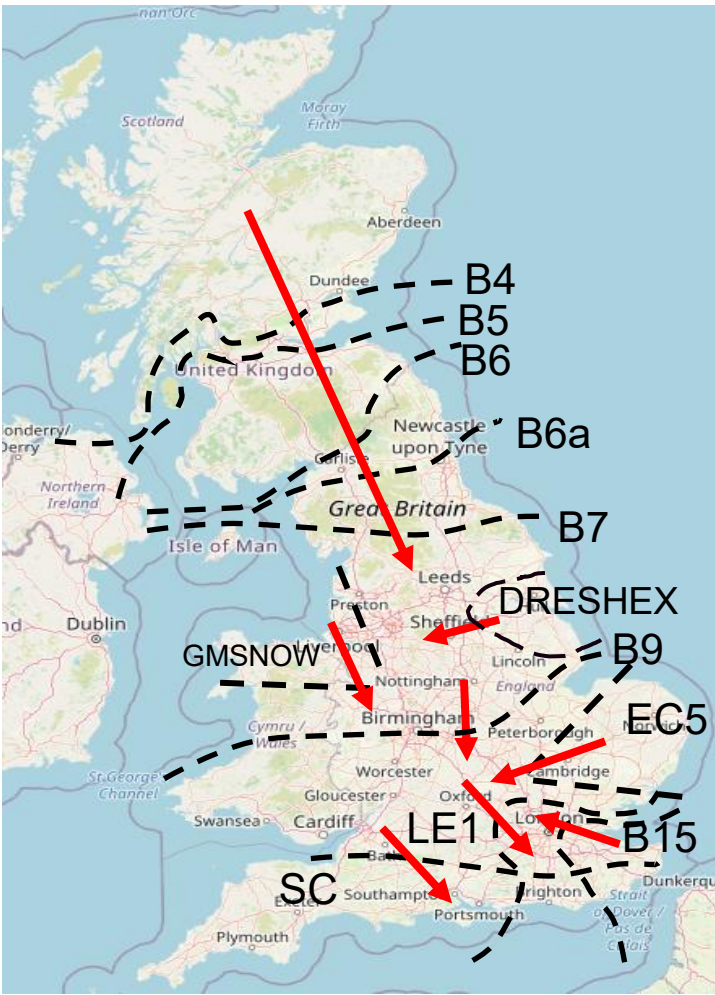


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B6a	8000	78
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FLOWSTH (B9)	12700	91
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EC5	5000	100
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SC1	7300	61

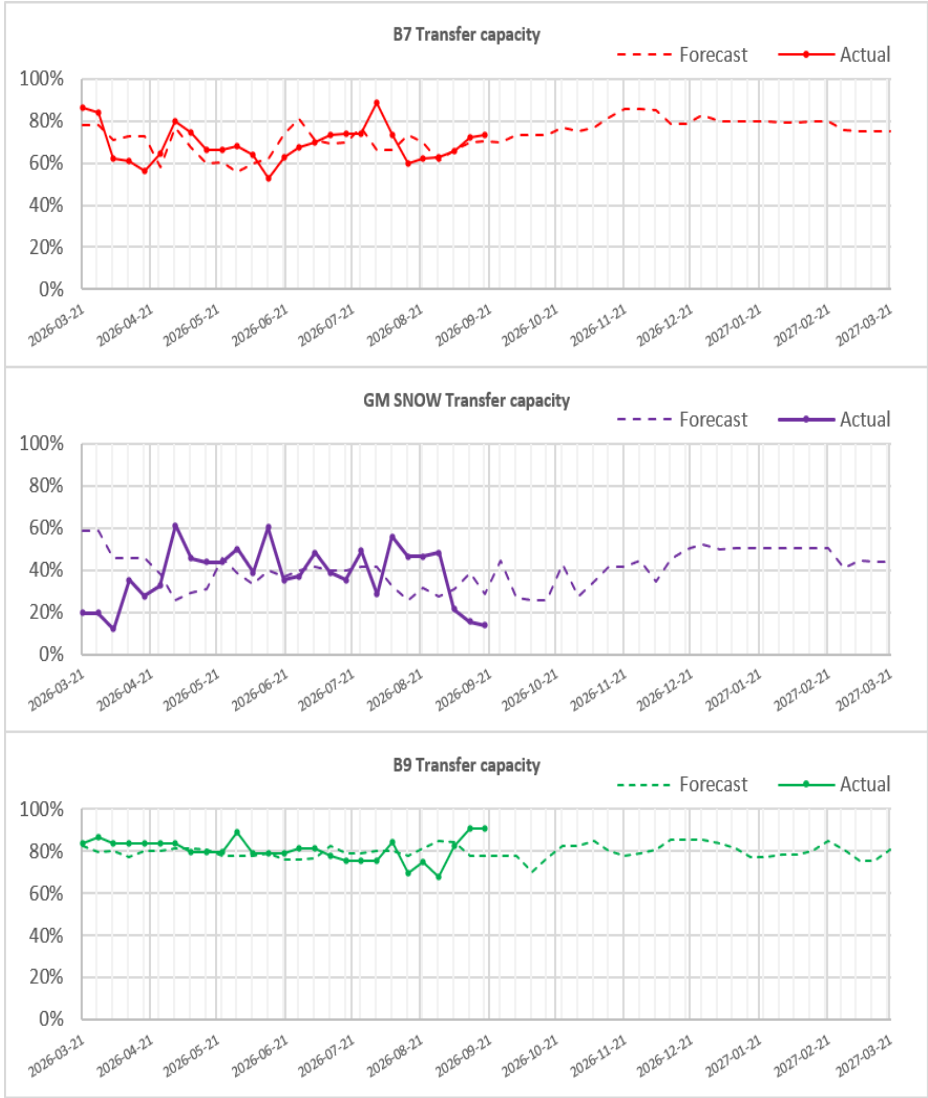


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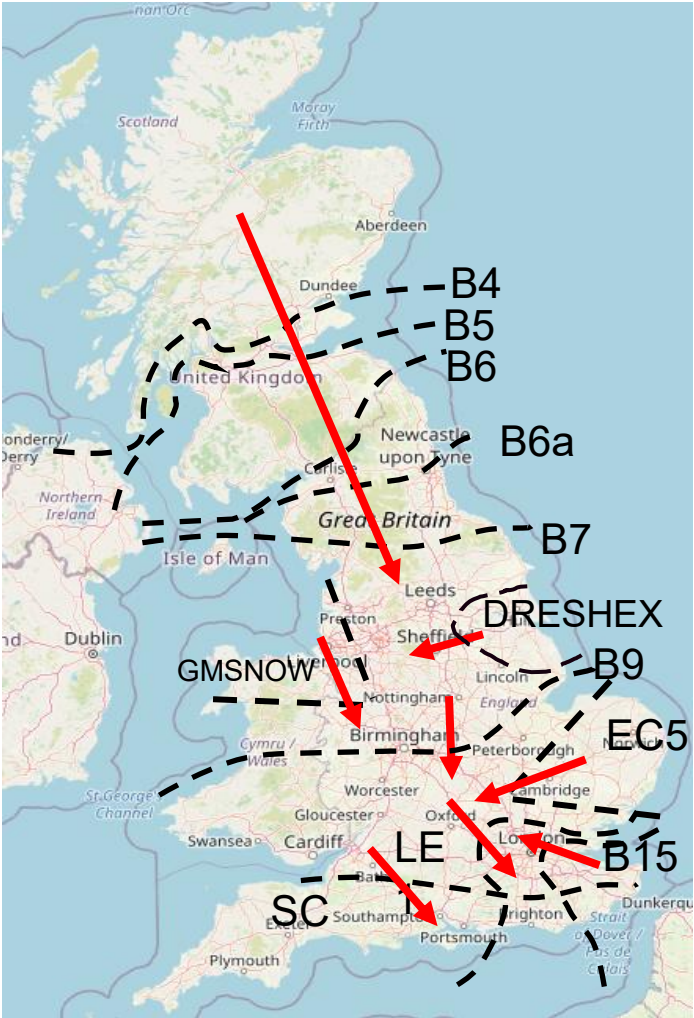


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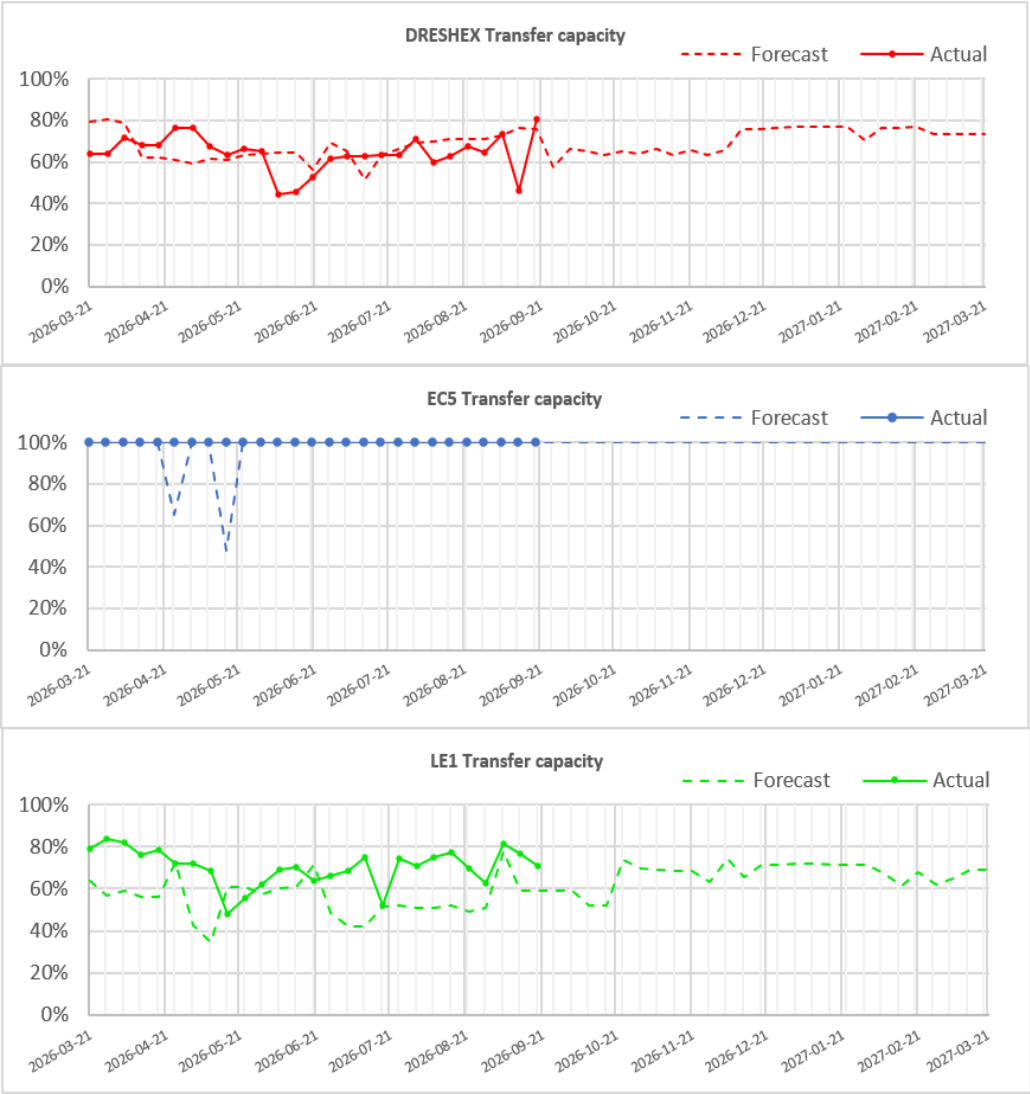


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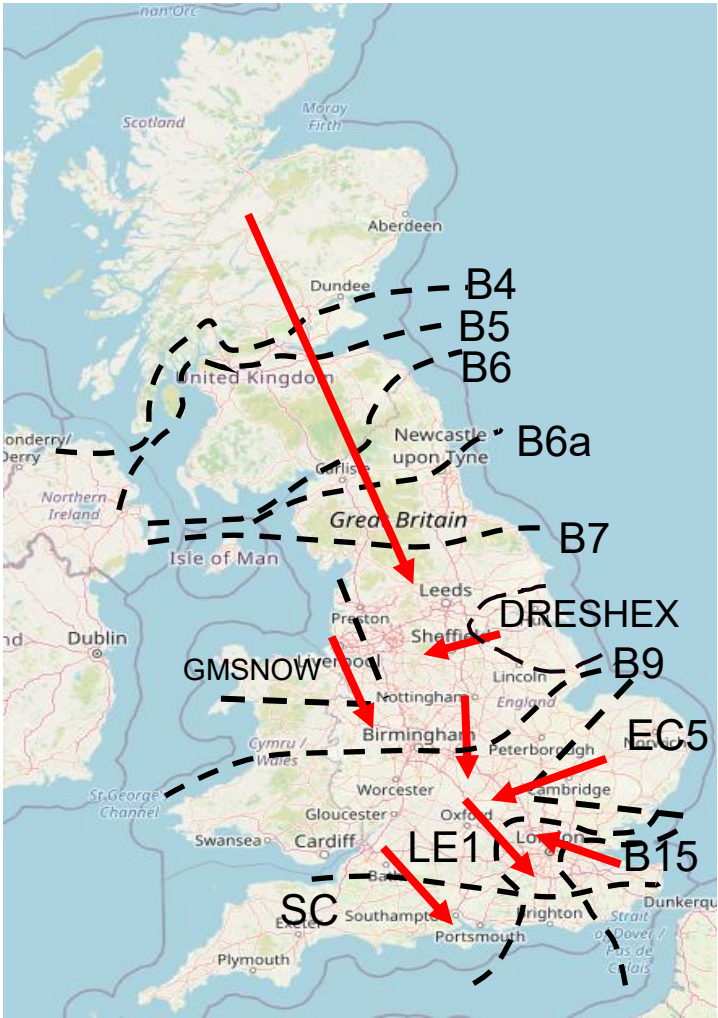


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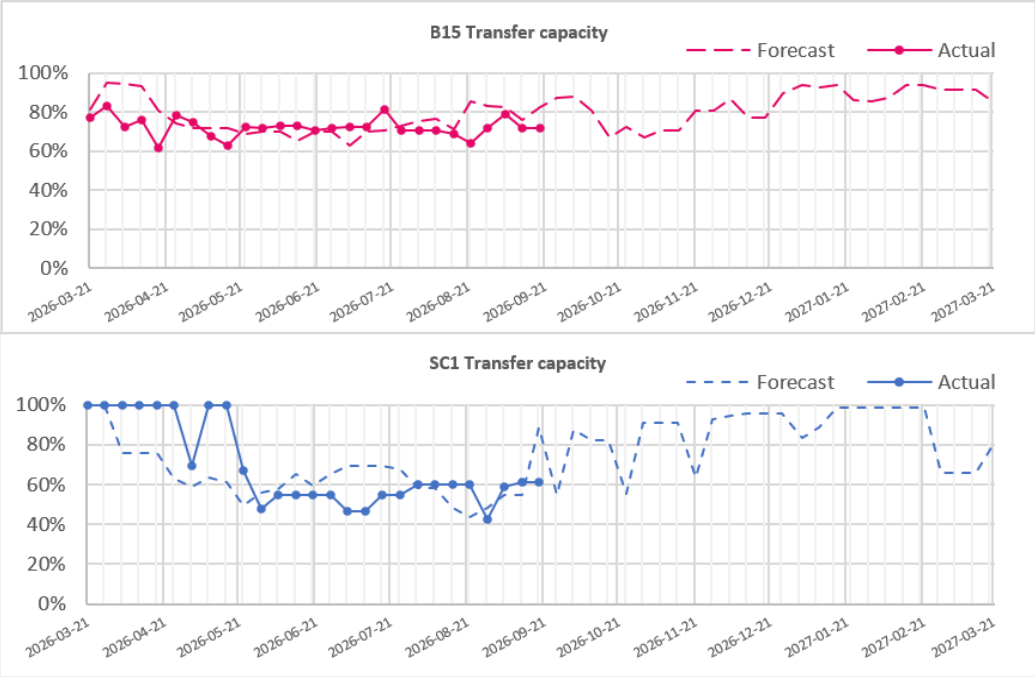
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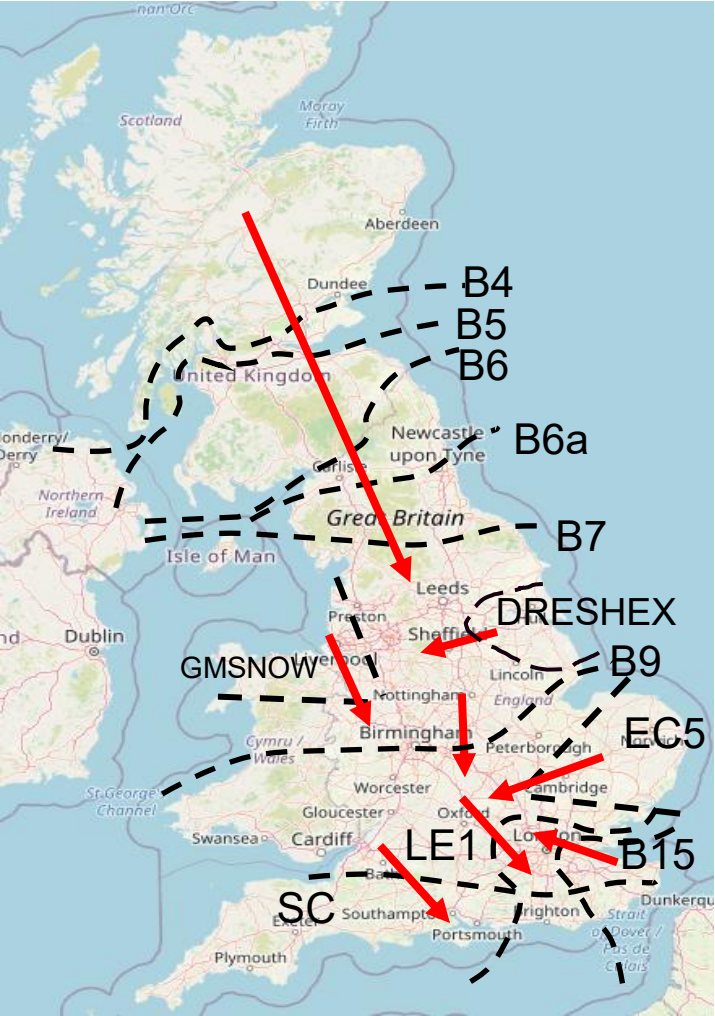


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Day ahead flows and limits, and the 24-month constraint limit forecast are published on the NESO Data Portal: [Constraints Management](#)

The dataset presented in the Network congestion is published on the NESO data portal . [Operational Transparency Forum – Network congestion data | National Energy System Operator](#)

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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.

PSA Skip Rates – bids & offers combined

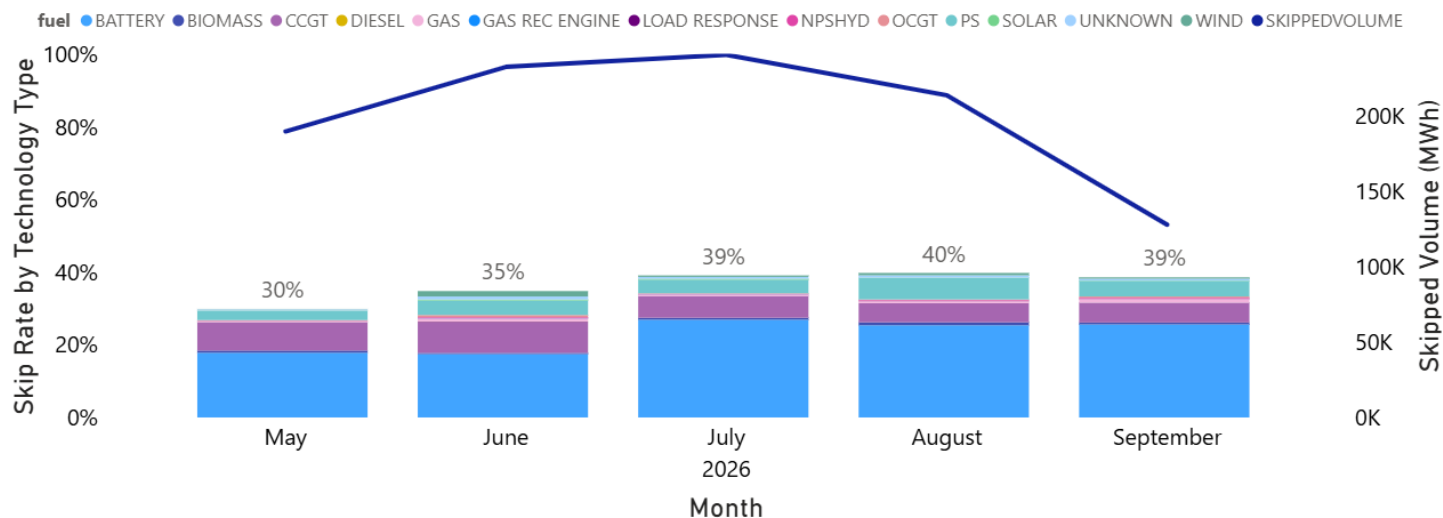
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The current skip rate methodology only considers energy actions within the BM

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

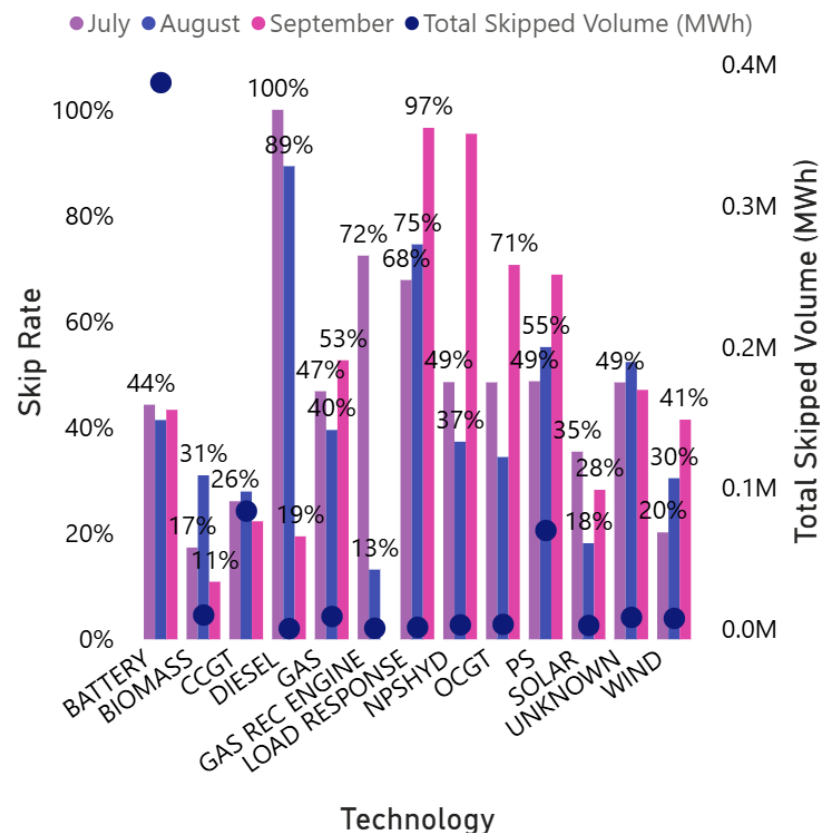
These graphs are based on stage 5 of the Post System Action definition.

Relative Technology Skip Rate



Weekly Average w/e	PSA Skip Rate (%)
23/08	37%
30/08	45%
06/09	43%
13/09	34%

Technology Specific Skip Rate – last 3 months



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](#)

Previously Asked Questions

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Slido Q (09.09.26) Benjamin Steed: Could we have some more detail on what's going on with the GMSNOW 5A boundary issue? What is causing the reduction in flow limit and when do we think it will be resolved? Thanks

A: The reduction in GMSNOW boundary capability is mainly due to an unplanned outage on one of the major routes associated with the boundary. The outage is expected to return in the second week of October, and we expect boundary capability to remain low until then.

Slido Q (09.09.26) Harry Parsons: For FPN accuracy, 60% of respondents supported fuel-specific thresholds. Why has NESO retained the intermittent/non-intermittent split without further exploring the majority-supported approach?

A: In the responses provided in support of fuel-specific thresholds, market participants mentioned generic challenges that each fuel type could face in achieving FPN accuracy. We would like to understand specific challenges that each fuel-type faces via 1-1 discussions with market participants over next year and if need be, we would be willing to modify the guidance note incorporate fuel specific thresholds from the 1st of January 2028.

Slido Q (09.09.26) Jonathan Leake: Why are the daily GB Electricity System Operator Daily Reports no longer being published the day after but instead several days later? <https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/industry-data-and-reports/gb-electricity-system-operator-daily-reports>

A: Thank you for raising this. The missing files have been uploaded. The reports are uploaded here:

[GB Electricity System Operator Daily Reports | National Energy System Operator](#)

Previously Asked Questions

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Slido Q (09.09.26) Michael Langdon-Davies: You bid off 850mw of an offshore wind farm across several units which were mel'd to 0 this made the SP artificially that amount longer – why did you bid off already tripped units?

A: Could you please confirm the date and time for this event so we can provide a full answer? Thank you.

Advance Q (09.09.26): Hi, I was wondering if NESO could provide some information regarding the BSUoS mods CMP474 and CMP475. There has been little said about how these could impact the Winter 2026/27 tariff. Should the industry expect the W26/27 tariff to be reopened, given the size of the under-recovery seen this week (>900m) or is NESO planning to extend its Working Capital Fund to absorb some of the costs?

A: The decisions regards CMP474 and CMP475 sit with Ofgem, they signalled earlier this year that they would defer the decision on those, we have no further insight beyond their last communication on these modifications. [CMP474 and CMP475 Connection and Use of System Code \(CUSC\) intended timelines | Ofgem](#)

We do not currently plan to re-open, Tariffs 7 and 8 for the 2026/27 charging year, we intend to carry the deficit this year and recover it within Tariffs 9 and 10 next year. The latest Revenue v Costs report shows a forecast position that exceeds the current working capital facility dedicated to supporting the BSUoS tariff. This is due mainly to higher-than-expected wholesale energy costs and a change to the constraint costs forecast. However, we are not currently planning to reset tariffs.

We are continuing to monitor the position closely and remain comfortable with NESO's overall working capital and cash position. Important to note that the revenue v costs report does not show NESO's overall cash position, just the BSUoS costs v revenue recovery.

As the deficit is expected to grow further this year, we are exploring options that would allow it to be carried into next year for recovery, helping to avoid a tariff reset.

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Slido Q (09.09.26) Mark Brown: There were disbsad actions across a number of periods yesterday across Greenlink that were £0 and system flagged. These can significantly affect the cashout price. Were they meant to be there? Are they likely to be removed and the cashout price recalculated?

A: Particularly with Interconnector actions, it is not unusual for the first submission to be £0 whilst waiting for costs and volumes to be agreed. A resubmission is then completed at the earliest opportunity. We can confirm that BSAD was submitted on 11th September for the Greenlink action. Volumes and costs can be seen in the table below.

Settlement Period – 8 th Sept	Volume (MW)	Reported cost in GBP
34	2.4	940.85
35	56.5	22,433.05
36	90.5	36,288.72
37	100.0	40,091.28
38	136.0	55,593.82
39	144.0	58,856.69
40	144.0	58,856.69
41	144.0	58,856.69
42	106.5	43,115.03
43	31.8	12,482.64

Outstanding Questions

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Advance Q (08.09.26): Appendix E of the SQSS “Modelling of Economy Planned Transfer” relates to boundary flows, connections and constraints. SQSS V2.2 5th March 2012 Microsoft Word – NETS SQSS version 2.2 FINAL changes removed.doc (<https://www.neso.energy/document/215581/download>) states that “The NETS SO will review the appropriateness of these factors and revise them where necessary, based on alignment with cost benefit analysis. The period between reviews shall be no more than five years, but may be less if required”. The current version V2.12 29th May 2026 NETS SQSS (<https://www.neso.energy/document/382381/download>) states “E.4 The ISOP will review the appropriateness of these factors and revise them where necessary, based on alignment with cost benefit analysis. The period between reviews shall be no more than five years, but may be less if required”. The factors concerned are currently set as follows “E.3.1 For nuclear stations, and for coal-fired and gas-fired stations fitted with Carbon Capture and Storage, $DT = 0.85$ E.3.2 For stations powered by wind, wave, or tides, $DT = 0.70$. E.3.3 For pumped storage based stations, $DT = 0.5$ E.3.4 For interconnectors to external systems regarded as importing into GB at the time of peak demand, $DT = 1.0$ ”. These factors are exactly the same as in 2012 and do not appear to include current plant types.

Since 2012, when has NESO carried out reviews with CBAs and where are these published?

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Advance Q (09.09.26): BESS was being skipped over wind on the weekend, Can NESO explain what conditions may lead to this, Or is there is active decision to bid wind at a higher price than storage

Advance Q (09.09.26): Hi. Please could you advise when / if the Sonar data (BM Start-ups, Additional GT, etc.) published on <https://extranet.neso.energy/NesoSonar> will be published on the NESO Data Portal – we cannot find this data currently in the data portal. Many thanks, James Mossop.

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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?

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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.

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- **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

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

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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.

$\text{In Merit Volume} = \text{Accepted Volume} + \text{Skipped Volume}$

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).