

Skips behind Constraint Webinar

Q&A Document

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Serial Number	Question	Answer
1	Why is the cadence monthly?	To align us with the security requirement. We assert that publishing granular constraint data could influence behaviour in ways that could compromise system security.
2	Are there plans for more granular data in the future?	We will revise whether we can publish at finer granularity once we have had more time to review the data.
3	What's the timeframe for setting the new skip rate target? And will it cover both energy and system skips. Thanks	The previous target was set to June to align with the implementation of GC0166 change, which we expected would have an impact on skip rate. We're currently monitoring the transition as storage assets apply the new MDO/MDB parameters and assessing the resulting impact on skips. We intend to review the data and then set revised targets for both the energy and system methods.
4	In the nested constraints example, I didn't quite follow. behind boundary 2, it said there was one skip. but then the next unit (£13) didn't seem to be taken, was there an error in the example, or am I misunderstanding the calculation approach?	The imbalance requirement for group 2 was 2 MWh. Therefore, only two units were required to resolve that boundary. So, the units that were required were only £11 and £12, £13 was not required. The key point is how we define the imbalance requirement!
5	Will this expand to include all constraints or at least help untangle the nested nature of some constraints. SCOTEX includes SSE-SP, how do we know when it is SCOTEX and not SSE-SP biting? (I might have missed this, was late joining call)	Yes, the method considers all active constraints, including constraints such as SCOTEX and SSE-SP. Each boundary is assessed independently against its own imbalance requirement, allowing skips to be attributed to the constraints driving the action. Considering that both of these constraints are publicly known, they could both appear in the published dataset for any month in which they were active.
6	Sorry I was late. This is great transparency. This sounds like an updated methodology. Will historic Behind Constraint exclusions be replaced? Or is this just confirmation of the current methodology?	This is a new method that aims to account for the constraint exclusions that we don't consider in the energy method. We will continue to report the existing energy skip rate metric in its current form, alongside this new 'skips behind thermal constraints' metric.

7	Thanks Katherine – on the data collection phase, could we expect 3-6 month data collection and analysis then move to set a target after this – so maybe 6 months from gc166 deadline of 6th of November? (Ballpark)	We aren't committing to a date as it depends when units transition to GC0166 and we want to ensure that any target is the right mechanism to drive the behaviours we are looking for to improve skip rates.
8	(when boundary 6 was assessed, I don't think £13 was shown as already taken from solving B5 with £12 skipped?)	£13 is shown to form part of the in-merit stack that could have been taken to solve for B6. We have detailed explanations for this worked example in the January forum. The recording can be found here: Dispatch Transparency Forum Breakout 2 - Nelson
9	Did I understand correctly earlier that you calculate based on all constraints but publish based on published constraints? Does this mean the breakdown we see won't resolve to the overall published skip rates?	We will publish 2 datasets – one at BMU level which doesn't include the constraint name, and another for known constraints plus an 'Other' bucket for all other constraints. This means all skipped volume will be included in both datasets so you can calculate the overall skip rate. We will also be updating the dashboard on our website which will show the overall skip rate and allow users to apply filters, as in the current dashboard.
10	Are you going to measure DSF skip rates behind thermal constraints?	All BMUs are included in the calculation so yes DSF units are included. When we update the dashboard, we can add a similar 'DSF' filter that we have in the existing dashboard
11	I understand it's already been published that skips were high in July and August – why were those data points not included in this analysis?	The July and August increases relate to overall energy skip rates, whereas this analysis focuses specifically on the new Skips Behind Thermal Constraints methodology.
12	Can you please explain again why some are not public?	There are some smaller constraints on the network that cannot be disclosed due to system security. These constraints are typically very localised.