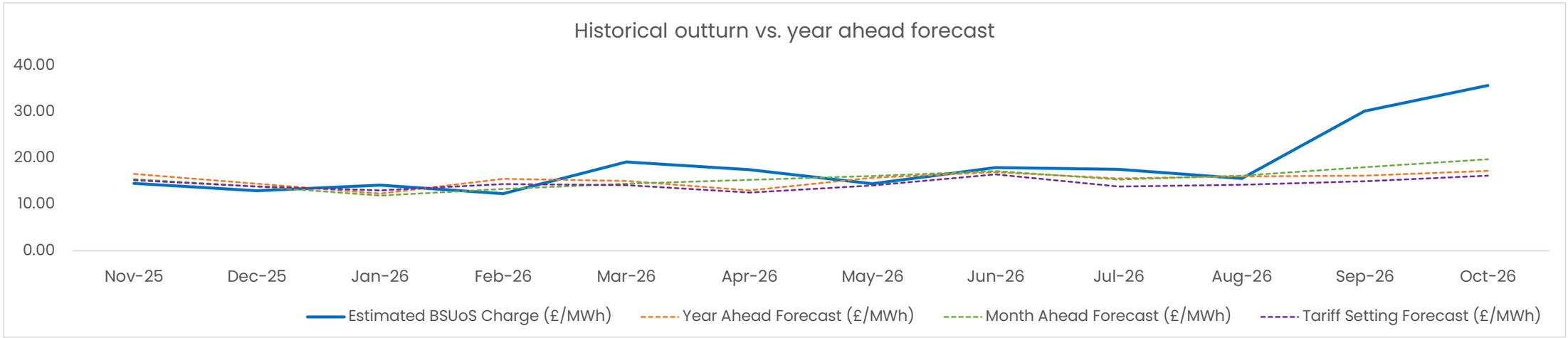
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BSUoS Outturn for Oct-26



	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26
Balancing Costs £m	268.57	234.70	300.49	203.09	371.73	309.02	235.69	302.30	298.10	247.20	541.10	740.40
Estimated internal BSUoS £m	93.91	97.04	97.04	87.65	97.04	65.57	67.75	65.57	67.75	67.75	65.57	67.75
BSUoS Cost Recovery £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALoMCP £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMP345 Deferred Costs £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMP381 Deferred Costs £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total BSUoS £m	362.48	331.74	397.53	290.74	468.77	374.59	303.44	367.87	365.85	314.95	606.67	808.15
Estimated BSUoS Volume (TWh)	24.88	25.65	28.02	23.58	24.48	21.39	20.98	20.47	20.78	20.15	20.12	22.65
Estimated BSUoS Charge (£/MWh)	14.57	12.93	14.19	12.33	19.15	17.51	14.46	17.97	17.61	15.63	30.15	35.68
Year Ahead Forecast (£/MWh)	16.59	14.49	12.34	15.55	15.08	13.02	15.73	17.01	15.60	16.08	16.21	17.26
Month Ahead Forecast (£/MWh)	15.49	13.85	11.91	13.30	14.44	15.27	16.12	17.18	15.38	16.19	18.04	19.75
Tariff Setting Forecast (£/MWh)	15.22	13.85	13.02	14.38	14.15	12.56	14.11	16.49	13.89	14.26	14.98	16.25

Chart Description

Blue line --- Estimated monthly BSUoS charge over the previous 12 months.

Orange line --- Year-ahead monthly forecast produced in March each year.

Green line --- Month-ahead forecast for each month.

Purple line --- Monthly BSUoS tariffs forecast at the point the final tariff for each relevant period was set.

Table Description

The table provides a breakdown of the cost and volume components used to calculate the estimated BSUoS charge.

The estimated average BSUoS charge is calculated as total BSUoS cost divided by volume.

October 2026 total balancing cost = £740m

Month-ahead forecast for October 2026 (published on 21 September) = £390m

October outturn costs were above the 95th percentile of the month-ahead forecast and were 37% (£199m) higher than September's outturn of £541m.

- Constraint costs outturned 65% (£200m) above the October forecast and were 31% (£121m) higher than the constraint costs outturn in September (£390m).
- Other costs, including Frequency Control and reserve services, outturned 187% (£150m) above the October forecast and were 52% (£78m) higher than the outturn in September (£151m).

Higher October costs were largely driven by high wind output, lower demand and network constraints, resulting in increased wind curtailment and replacement energy requirements. Higher wholesale market prices further increased the cost of the actions taken to balance the system.

The proportion of demand met by renewables decreased from 50% in September to 46% in October, which was in line with the month-ahead forecast of 46%.

Wholesale electricity market prices averaged £145/MWh in October, compared with a month-ahead forecast of £123/MWh, and £134/MWh in September.

We are continously 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. BSUoS.queries@neso.energy

As a result of the approval of CMP361/362, the BSUoS charge is a fixed tariff from 1 April 2023.

Final Tariffs 7 and 8 (Apr–Sep 2026 and Oct 2026–Mar 2027) were published on 29 December 2025 BSUoS Final Tariffs 7 and 8 - December 25

Draft Tariffs 9 and 10 (Apr 2027 - Sep 2027 and Oct 2027 - Mar 2028) was published 21 September 2026 BSUoS Draft Tariffs 9 and 10 - September 26

Historic BSUoS Fixed Tariff publications can be found on our website: neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges

Revenue vs Cost Report showing BSUoS outturn against the fixed tariff can be found on o neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges

Actual BSUoS half hourly cost data can be found on our data p neso.energy/data-portal/daily-balancing-costs-balancing-services-use-system

Monthly BSUoS forecasts can be found on our data portal: neso.energy/data-portal/bsuos-monthly-forecast