

# Firm Frequency Response

## Market Information for Tenders for November 2006

National Grid wishes to highlight to participants its overnight requirement for FFR. Participants are invited to note the inclusion of Figures 7 and 8 for this purpose, as well as the enhancement to the Price breakdown table on page 6.

## Total Frequency Response Requirements

Our indicative daily Total Requirement for Frequency Response in September is shown on a Settlement Period basis for weekdays, in Figure 1 and for Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, in Figure 2. The graphs show the requirement at maximum frequency deviation: 0.8 Hz for Primary and 0.5 Hz for Secondary and High Response.

*Indicative Total Response Requirement - Weekday*

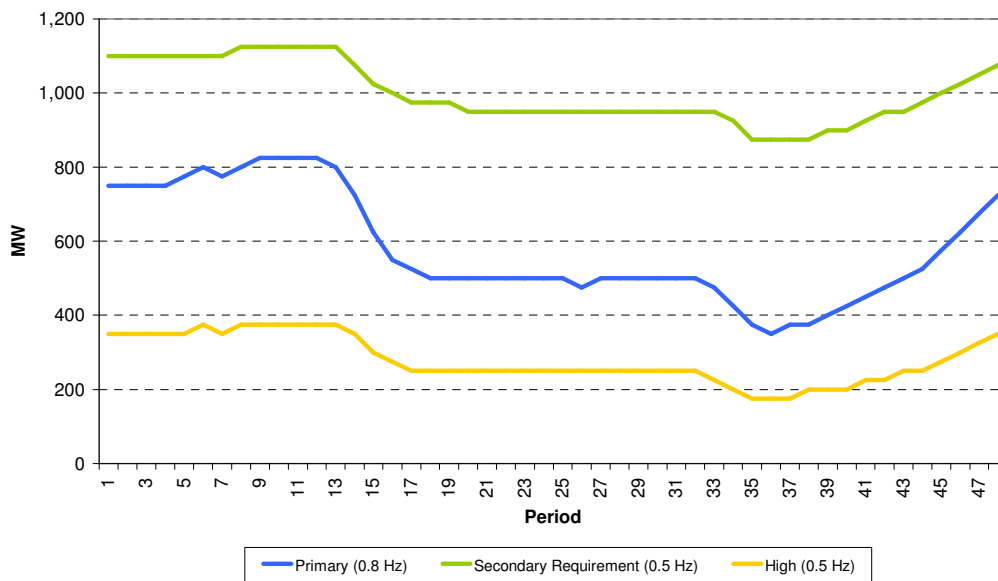


Figure 1

*Indicative Total Response Requirement - Weekend*

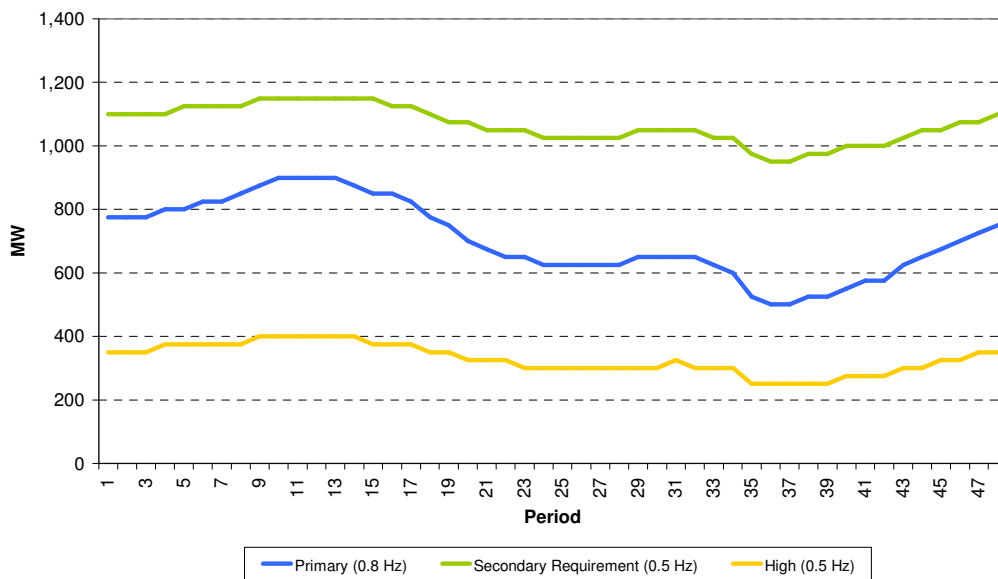


Figure 2

**Minimum Dynamic Response Requirement**

The indicative minimum required levels for Dynamic response are shown for Weekdays, Figure 3, and Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, Figure 4. The levels are shown for delivery at 0.5 Hz deviation, although 0.2 Hz is the largest frequency deviation within normal operational range. The total amount of response delivered by Dynamic providers contributes to meeting the Total Response Requirement, Figures 1 and 2, above.

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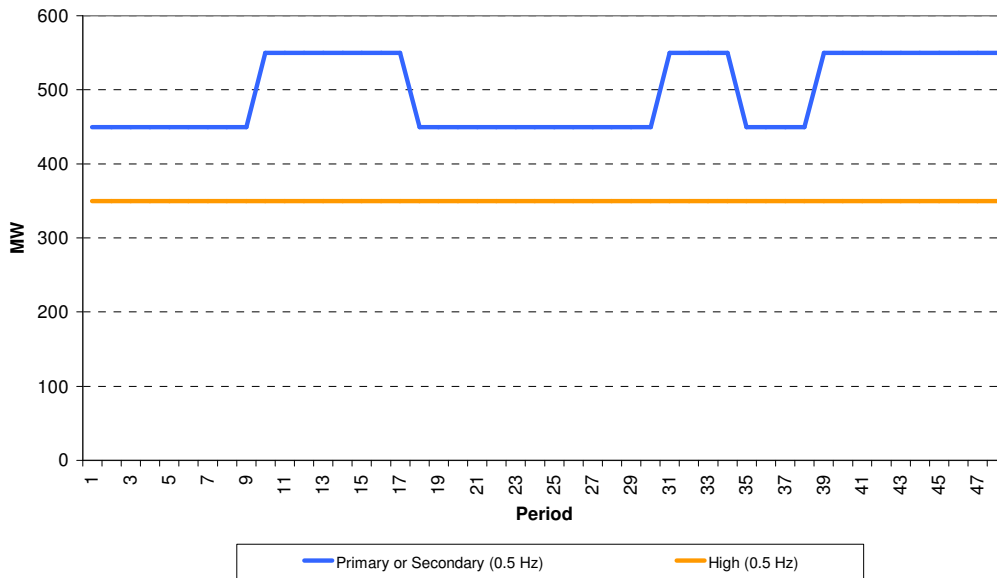


Figure 3

*Indicative Minimum Dynamic Response Requirement - Weekend*

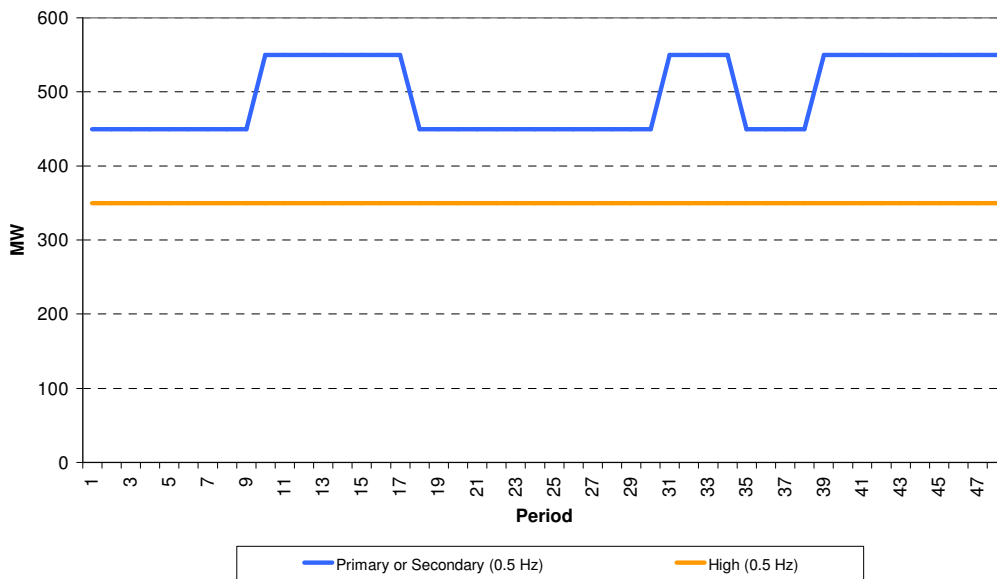


Figure 4

**Maximum Non-Dynamic Response Level**

The expected maximum level of Non-Dynamic Response is shown below for Weekdays, Figure 5, and for Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, Figure 6.

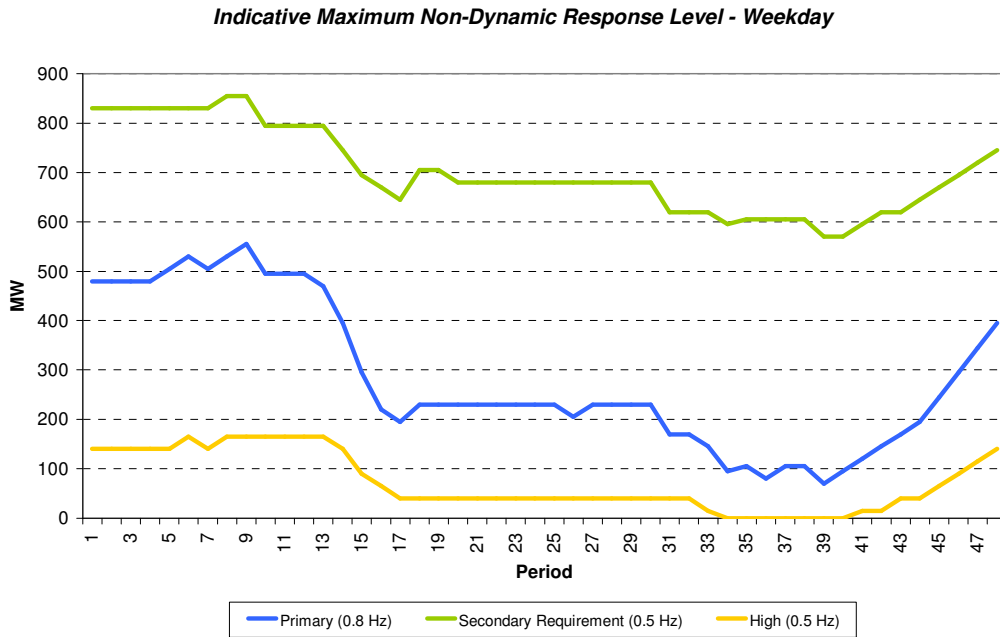


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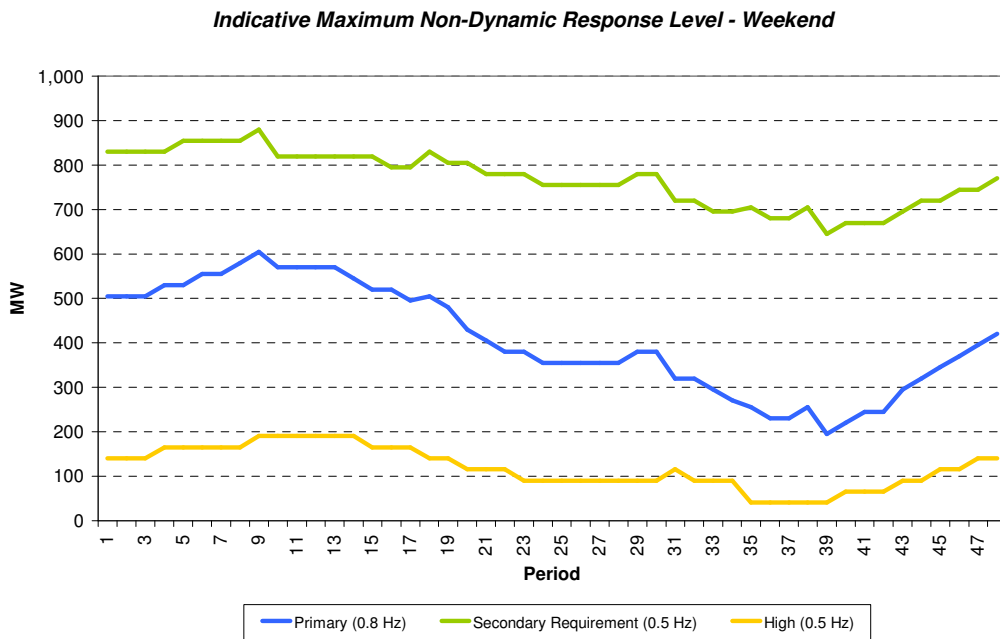


Figure 6

The maximum level of Non-Dynamic Response achievable is the Total Response Requirement (at 0.5 and 0.8Hz) less the Minimum Dynamic Response Requirement delivery (at 0.5 and 0.8Hz as appropriate).

**Balancing Mechanism instructions on Frequency Responsive plant**

Figure 7, below, shows a post-event analysis of the volume of Bid Offer Acceptances instructed on Balancing Mechanism Units that were, in conjunction with the delivery of the BOA energy, also providing Frequency Response. This analysis covers July 2006 (1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>) and August (1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>) on a daily basis. This data gives an indication of periods during which National Grid takes balancing actions which also contribute to the optimisation of the response holding across the system. However, readers should be aware that this is only indicative and actions may have been required for other reasons apart from (or as well as) Frequency Response optimisation (such as resolving energy imbalance or transmission system constraints).

*Average volume of BOAs on Frequency Responsive BM Units*

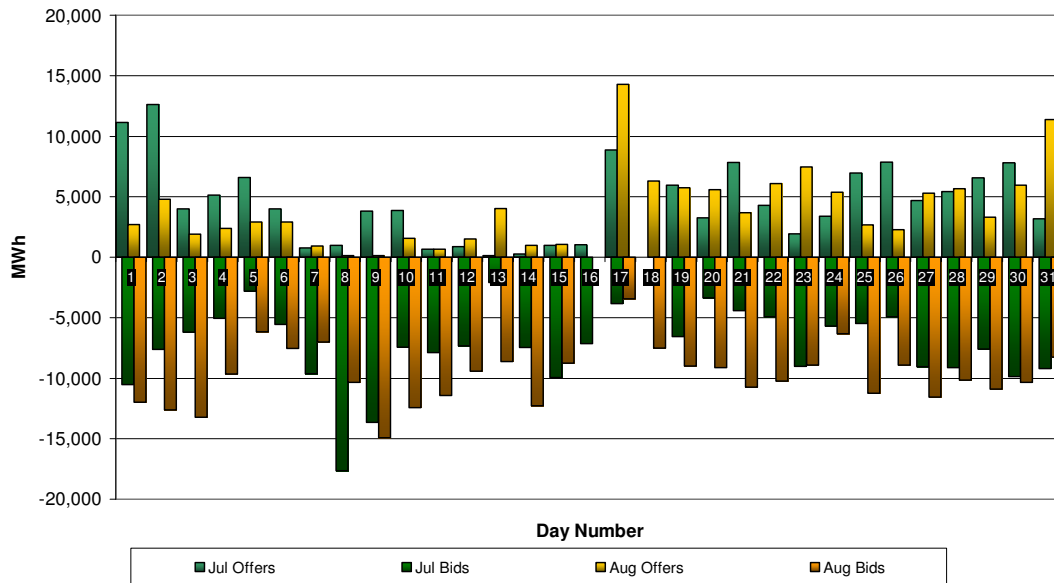


Figure 7

Figure 8 represents this data on a settlement period basis.

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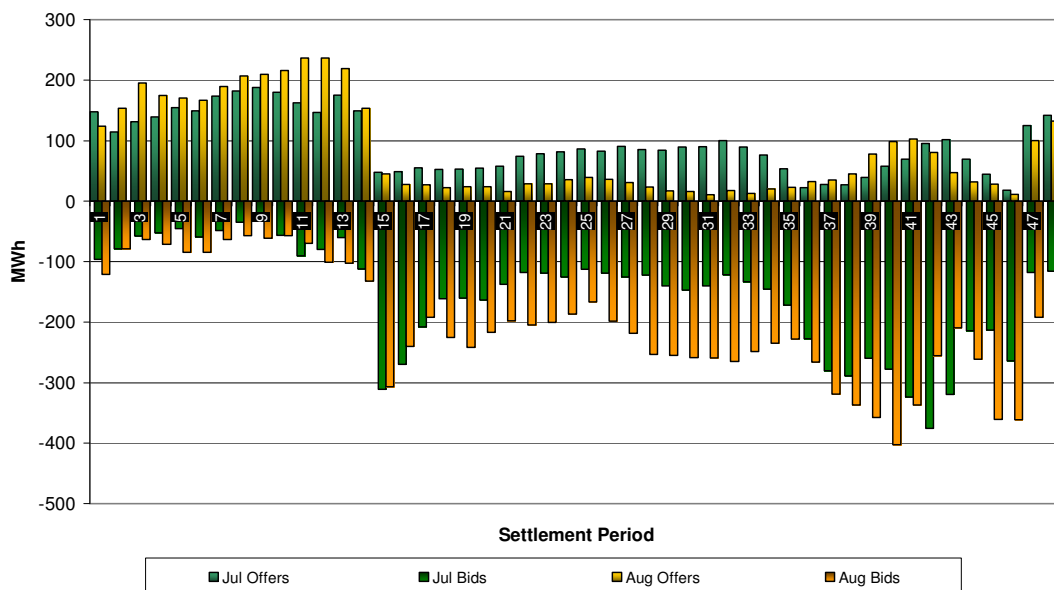


Figure 8

**Indication of Firm Contract Position**

Figure 7 below shows the aggregated firm position that National Grid has already procured for weekdays through a combination of non-dynamic and dynamic providers.

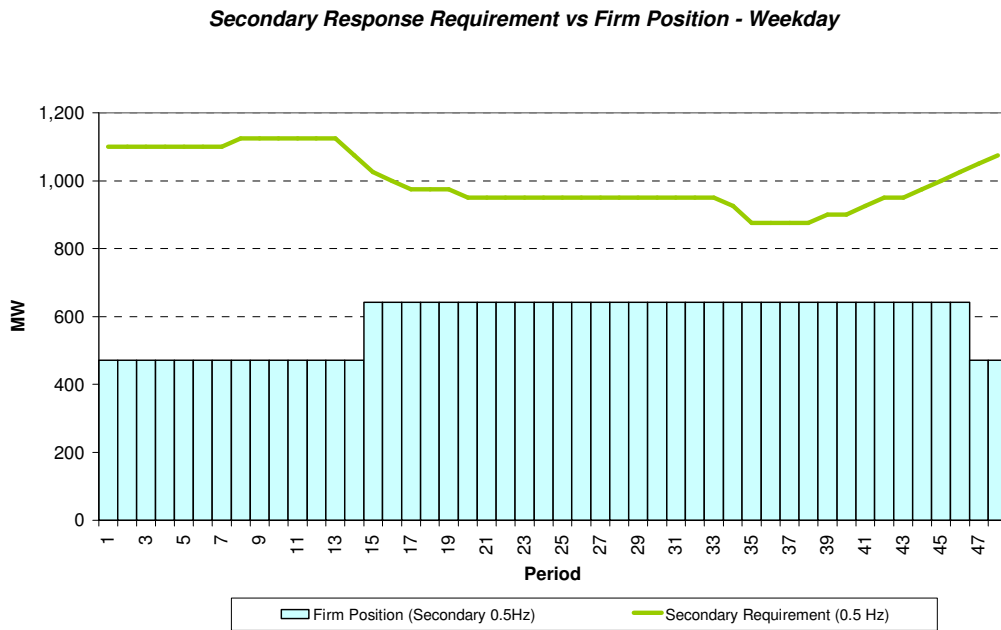


Figure 7

Figure 8 below shows the aggregated firm position that National Grid has already procured for weekend through a combination of non-dynamic and dynamic providers.

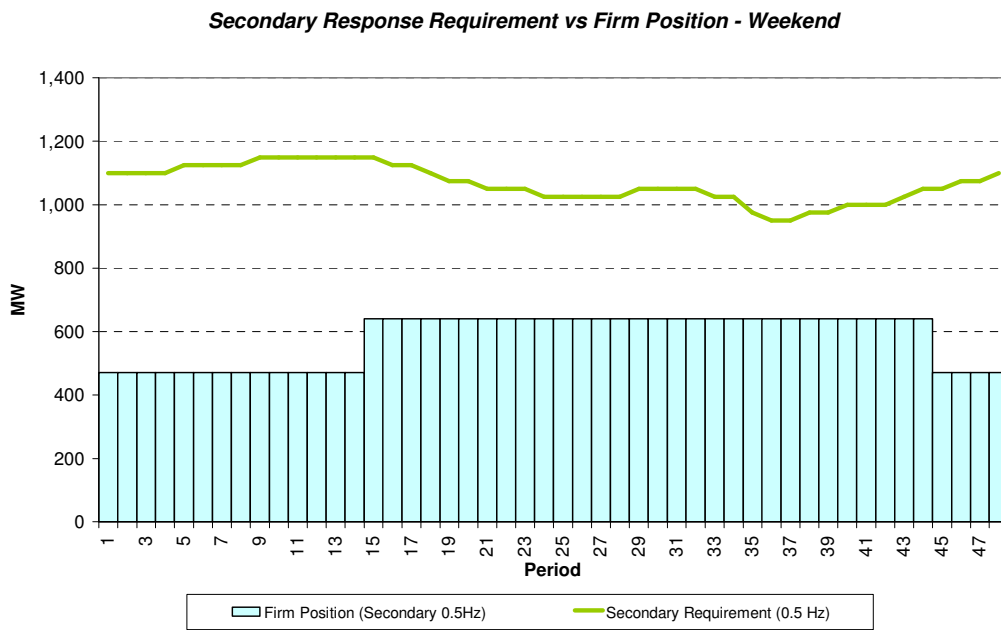


Figure 8

The total volumes for Frequency Response holding on Mandatory service providers are **1078 GWh** for August and **1074 GWh** for July, and break down into price bands as follows:

Jul 2006	Primary	Secondary	High
Price band (£/MW/h range)	Volume (MWh)	Volume (MWh)	Volume (MWh)
Greater than 8	15,023	2,534	91,322
6 to 8	19,047	5,803	30,376
4 to 6	94,262	122,035	261,827
2 to 4	55,809	34,202	54,643
0 to 2	116,214	51,201	119,903
<b>Totals</b>	<b>300.4 GWh</b>	<b>215.8 GWh</b>	<b>558.1 GWh</b>
<b>Costs</b>	<b>£1.20 m</b>	<b>£0.86 m</b>	<b>£3.36 m</b>
<b>Total Frequency Response Holding Volume</b>			<b>1,074 GWh</b>
<b>Total Frequency Response Holding Cost</b>			<b>5.42 £m</b>
<b>Aug 2006</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Price band (£/MW/h range)</b>	<b>Volume (MWh)</b>	<b>Volume (MWh)</b>	<b>Volume (MWh)</b>
Greater than 8	20,350	827	106,657
6 to 8	16,235	2,859	26,556
4 to 6	70,942	131,112	243,796
2 to 4	51,283	59,278	20,580
0 to 2	170,162	39,917	116,994
<b>Totals</b>	<b>329.0 GWh</b>	<b>234.0 GWh</b>	<b>514.6 GWh</b>
<b>Costs</b>	<b>£1.26 m</b>	<b>£0.96 m</b>	<b>£2.99 m</b>
<b>Total Frequency Response Holding Volume</b>			<b>1,078 GWh</b>
<b>Total Frequency Response Holding Cost</b>			<b>5.21 £m</b>

Please note that the MW/h units of payment are defined in the CUSC and do not relate to the units of 0.8Hz Primary and 0.5 Hz Secondary and High Response as quoted for the requirements, above.

For November 2006, Frequency Response Requirements are anticipated to be in line with the forecast figures 1 – 6, above. The availability of response services on optional contracts and on part loaded units means that it is unlikely that National Grid will seek to procure the entirety of its forecast requirement through this tender round. However, National Grid will procure in line with the principles laid out in the [Assessment Principles \[Hyperlink\]](#).

For the month of **November**, tenders from eligible Service Providers for Firm Frequency Response should be submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006. National Grid will notify Service Providers of the outcome of the tender assessment by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006. For successful tenders, National Grid will notify nominated windows, following assessment, by the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

Tenders should be sent for the attention of:

Bea Ennim  
Network Operations  
National Grid plc  
National Grid House  
Warwick Technology Park  
Gallows Hill  
Warwick  
CV34 6DA

Tenders can be sent by email to [Bea.Ennim@uk.ngrid.com](mailto:Bea.Ennim@uk.ngrid.com)