

Transmission Operational Forum Update

December 2009

The Operational Winter Update

The first Operational Winter Update for this winter has been published on National Grid's web site at: -

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Info/winterupdates/>

This shows historic operational information for the winter so far in chart form for 4 key areas: -

- Generation fuel mix - the generation from each type of fuel used to meet demand
- Weekly peak demand - actual and weather corrected compared to last winter
- Flow on the French Interconnector averaged over EFA block 5 and the price differential between Britain and France
- Availability of gas, coal and nuclear generation plant

Further updates will be published as the winter progresses. The next one is due early in January.

Review of Reactive Power MSA Data

We will shortly be undertaking a review of reactive power data that sits within Mandatory Services Agreements (MSAs). In particular we want to ensure that all reactive metering technical details are current and that we hold as much detail regarding reactive meters as possible in order to ensure accuracy of reactive power payments. A letter will therefore be sent to all providers which requests up-to-date information on reactive meters and we appreciate providers' support with verifying this information and completing additional fields where necessary.

Electricity SO Incentives Initial Proposals

National Grid published the Electricity SO Incentives Initial Proposals Consultation on Thursday 5th November 2009. This consultation is important as it sets out our forecast for Balancing Service Use of System (BSUoS) costs from 1st April 2010 and the incentives on National Grid to minimise these costs. The consultation offers the industry an opportunity to:

- understand the BSUoS forecast from April 2010, for which we are showing approximately a 50% increase on 2009/10 forecast outturn;
- offer feedback on our BSUoS forecast assumptions; and
- offer feedback on the way in that National Grid is incentivised to minimise costs in the future.

As part of the consultation process, National Grid presented the Electricity SO Incentives Initial Proposals at a workshop on Tuesday 10th November 2009 following the publication of the Electricity SO Incentives Initial Proposals Consultation on Thursday 5th November 2009. The presentation material and web casts from the workshop can be accessed at the following link

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/soincentives/IndustryWork/>

We are trialling the webcast of the workshop as a new way of engaging with a wider audience and would welcome feedback on this approach.

For further details, please contact [Malcolm Arthur](#) on 01926 654909.

The New Sound To The Interim Operational Forum

The Interim Forum takes place in between Full Forums and is facilitated by a Live Meeting link.

We have been working hard to develop the Interim Forum and exploring ways in which we can utilise the media of Live Meeting to its full potential.

December's Interim forum will be the first to be delivered in a new style which we hope you will like and find appealing.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday.

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