

Balancing Services Standing Group

Governance

- ◆ BSSG is a formal standing group under the governance of the CUSC
- ◆ Charged with considering the procurement of balancing services administered by the CUSC
- ◆ Mainly focused on frequency response and reactive power procurement
- ◆ BSSG is an open meeting with representatives from across the industry
- ◆ Can not in its own right raise a modification

Aims

- ◆ Initial aim is to consider the procurement of frequency response
- ◆ Determine what issues there are with the current procurement mechanism
- ◆ Decide if there are any improvements that may be developed to improve efficiency
 - ◆ Via a CUSC mod
 - ◆ Via another change e.g. information provision
- ◆ Raise a mod, if required in June / July

BSSG meetings

- ◆ First meeting held on 16 May 2007
 - ◆ Discussed high level issues
 - ◆ Potential changes / improvements outlined
- ◆ Second meeting held today
 - ◆ Discuss high level analysis of potential changes
 - ◆ Discuss benefits
 - ◆ Develop outline for potential change(s)

Feedback from first meeting

- ◆ Timing of information provision
 - ◆ Consider submission of prices
 - ◆ Consider when market information is provided
 - ◆ What additional info may be beneficial
- ◆ Change frequency of price submission
- ◆ Consider changing the products currently procured
 - ◆ Have a separate low and a high product
 - ◆ Different products for different periods e.g. peak / off peak
- ◆ Develop non delivery provisions

BSSG information

- ◆ Information is put onto the BSSG web site
- ◆ <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/workingstandinggroups/bssg/>

Next steps

- ◆ Meeting today to discuss potential improvements
- ◆ Determine, if any, which ones to take forward
- ◆ Aim is to raise mod for June CUSC panel if applicable