

Fast Reserve

Market Report of Tenders received for provision of service from April 2010

The Fast Reserve service was established by National Grid on 1 August 2001. Further details on this service can be obtained from our industry website at:

www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Balancing/services/reserveservices/fastreserve/

To be eligible to participate, all potential Service Providers are required to fulfil a pre-qualification process to demonstrate their capability to meet the service criteria. Upon successful fulfilment of this, terms for the provision of Fast Reserve are drawn up which establish the relevant Fast Reserve parameters and a fee for the provision of an optional service. In addition, these same terms permit the Service Provider to tender for a firm service in accordance with the timetable of the monthly tender process, which is set out in the terms.

Since October 2004, new changes were made to the Fast Reserve Tender that increases the flexibility for providers in an attempt to facilitate competition and enhance the existing process. To reiterate the changes as set out on the website, the changes are as follows:

- You may now tender for a Firm Fast Reserve Period covering a period of consecutive calendar months, if desired, rather than simply a calendar month.
- You now have the opportunity to aggregate more than one unit at station to meet a required deliverability of 50MW at an aggregated unit (the minimum 50MW still applies for single BM units). This facility allows stations that are comprised of a number of smaller BM units that would not otherwise meet the required deliverability, the opportunity to submit a tender.

Highlights of the tender round for a firm service from 1st April 2010 are as follows:

- On 24th February 2010 National Grid published (on its industry website) indicative requirements for the Fast Reserve service for the month of April 2010.
- One new multi month tender was received – this tender was accepted.
- Please note that the details of the other tenders for this month are long-term tenders that were previously accepted or rejected for the period up to 29th February 2012.

For **May 2010** tenders from eligible Service Providers for a firm Fast Reserve service should be submitted to National Grid as follows:

- By Thursday 1st April 2010 (business day 1) for multi-month tenders
- By Wednesday 7th April 2010 (business day 3) for single month tenders
- National Grid will notify Service Providers of the outcome of the tender assessment by Friday 16th April (business day 10).

Service Providers wishing to submit a tender should read the Market Information for Tenders from May 2010, which will be published on our industry website by Wednesday 24th March 2010.

Summary of Market Participation to date

The following table provides data relating to the Fast Reserve tenders accepted or rejected on a month by month basis.

	Dec '09	Jan '10	Feb '10	Mar '10	Apr '10
Eligible number of companies to tender (BM and non BM)	6	6	6	6	6
Eligible No. of units	18	18	18	18	18
No. of new units tendered	0	0	0	0	1
No. units accepted for month	3	3	3	3	1
MW total tendered	355	405	406	404	180
MW total taken	355	405	406	404	180
Max tendered volume (GWh)	138.66	153.38	139.32	153.81	84.60
Max accepted volume (GWh)	138.66	153.38	139.32	153.81	84.60

Please note that the table above also includes those units that have been previously tendered on a long term basis covering the period from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2011.

Note: Eligible means those providers who have units available to provide the service via a CSA (Commercial Services Agreement).

The graph below shows the maximum volume tendered and accepted on a month by month basis since April 2008.

