

Fast Reserve

Market Information for Tenders for June 2003

National Grid publishes this information, in order to inform potential participants for the Fast Reserve tender round for June 2003.

Fast Reserve Availability

Our indicative daily requirement for Fast Reserve in June is shown on a Settlement Period basis in Figure 1. This requirement covers weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

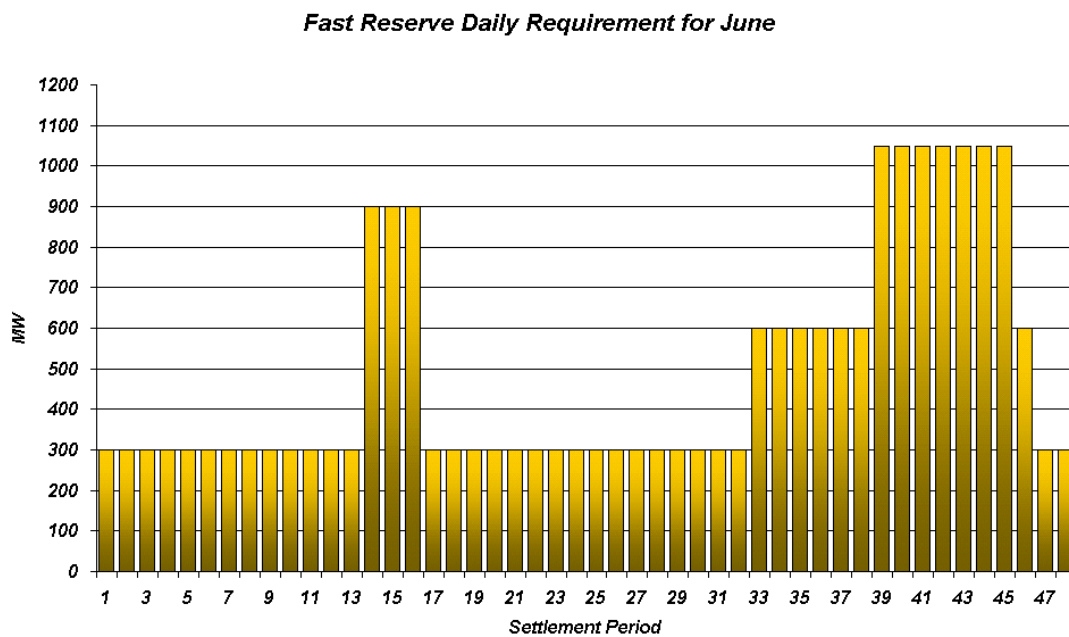


Figure 1

This figure gives an indication of the times of day when Fast Reserve is most useful to us. The actual amount of Fast Reserve "holding" varies from day to day, according to system conditions, but on average amounts to approximately one half of these requirements.

Fast Reserve Utilisation

Figure 2 shows the daily utilisation of Fast Reserve in the BM during March (1st – 31st March 2003) and April (1st – 30th April 2003). This information is based on the aggregate of Offers plus |Bids| accepted to provide Fast Reserve in the BM.

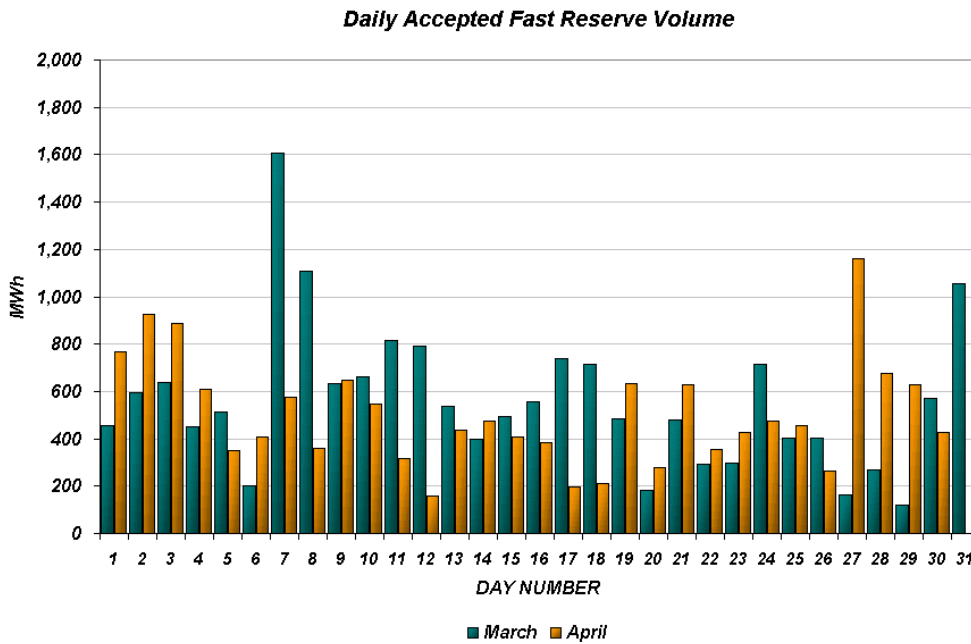


Figure 2

Figure 3 re-presents this data, as an average utilisation per Settlement Period across each month. This shows the daily profile of Fast Reserve utilisation.

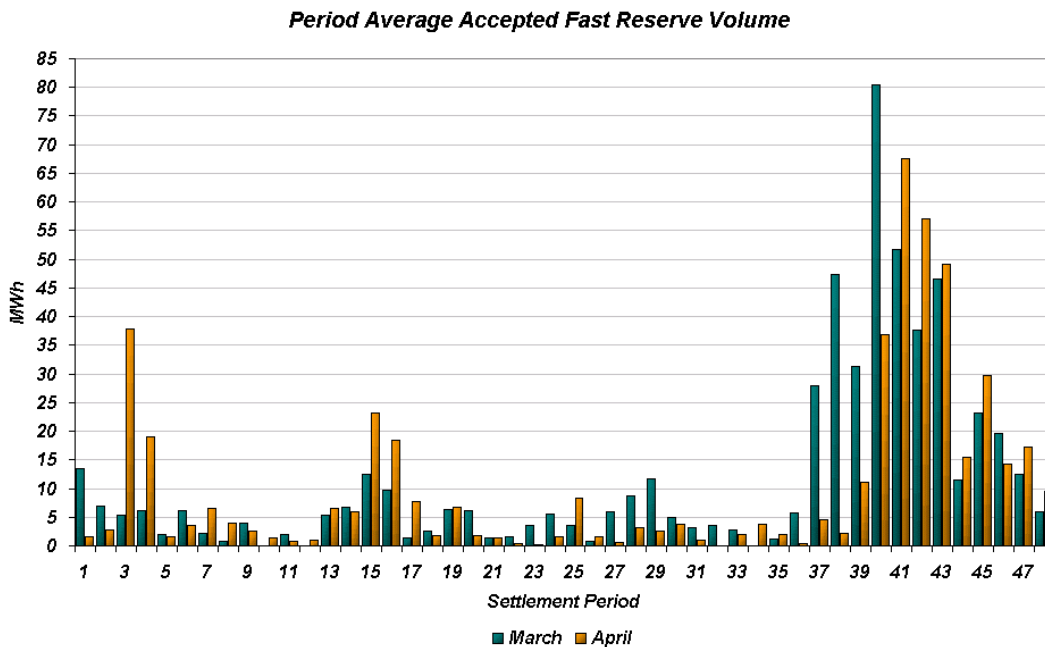


Figure 3

The total volumes of Fast Reserve utilisation of **17.3 GWh** for March and **15.1 GWh** for April break down into price bands as follows:

March	Price band (£/MWh range)	Volume (MWh)	Average Price (£/MWh)	Cost (£m)
OFFERS	2000 to 10000	0	n/a	n/a
	1000 to 2000	0	n/a	n/a
	300 to 1000	336	434	0.15
	0 to 300	15,286	147	2.25
Total		15.6 GWh		£2.4 m
BIDS	0 to 300	0	n/a	n/a
	-300 to 0	-1,422	-69	0.10
	-1000 to -300	-288	-513	0.15
	-2000 to -1000	0	n/a	n/a
	-10000 to -2000	0	n/a	n/a
Total		-1.7 GWh		£0.2 m
Total		17.3 GWh		£2.6 m

April	Price band (£/MWh range)	Volume (MWh)	Average Price (£/MWh)	Cost (£m)
OFFERS	2000 to 10000	0	n/a	n/a
	1000 to 2000	0	n/a	n/a
	300 to 1000	176	461	0.08
	0 to 300	13,637	130	1.77
Total		13.8 GWh		£1.9 m
BIDS	0 to 300	0	n/a	n/a
	-300 to 0	-1,028	-82	0.08
	-1000 to -300	-234	-514	0.12
	-2000 to -1000	0	n/a	n/a
	-10000 to -2000	0	n/a	n/a
Total		-1.3 GWh		£0.2 m
Total		15.1 GWh		£2.1 m

The above charts and tables show that from March to April Fast Reserve utilisation decreased by 13%. Overall Fast Reserve spend also fell as a result of lower utilisation and also lower average prices.

For June, the demand shape follows a summer trend. As such Fast Reserve utilisation patterns for June are expected to be similar to those seen in late May - July 2002 (ignoring the World Cup effects in June 2002). Overall Fast Reserve utilisation for June is forecast to fall from levels seen in April and May.

For the month of **June**, tenders from eligible Service Providers for a firm Fast Reserve service should be submitted to National Grid by close of business on Thursday 15th May 2003. National Grid will notify Service Providers of the outcome of the tender assessment by Thursday 22nd May 2003.

Tenders should be sent for the attention of:

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