

# **Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data Methodology Statement**

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## **PART A: INTRODUCTION**

### **1. Purpose of Document**

This document sets out the Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data Methodology that The National Grid Company plc is required to establish in accordance with Special Condition AA4 of the Transmission Licence. The purpose of this Statement is to set out the information on Applicable Balancing Services that will be taken into account under the Balancing and Settlement Code for the purposes of determining Imbalance Volumes.

This Statement has been developed in consultation with the industry and the Authority. The Statement may only be modified in accordance with the processes set out in Special Condition AA4 of the Transmission Licence. Where we buy, sell or acquire a Balancing Service of a kind or under a mechanism which potentially affects a Party's imbalance position, and it is not covered by this Statement then we shall promptly seek to establish a revised Statement covering such Balancing Services and/or mechanisms in accordance with the relevant provisions of Special Condition AA4 of the Transmission Licence.

The Statement makes reference to a number of definitions contained in the Grid Code, the Connection and Use of System Code and the Balancing and Settlement Code. In the event that any of the relevant provisions in the Grid Code, the Connection and Use of System Code or the Balancing and Settlement Code are amended it may become necessary for us to modify the Statement in order that it remains consistent with the Grid Code, the Connection and Use of System Code and the Balancing and Settlement Code.

In any event, where our statutory obligations or the provisions of the Grid Code are considered inconsistent with any part of this Statement,

then the relevant statutory obligation and/or Grid Code provision will take precedence.

Unless defined in this Statement, terms used herein shall have the same meanings given to them in the Transmission Licence, the Grid Code, the Connection and Use of System Code and/or the Balancing and Settlement Code as the case may be. In this statement, all references to 'National Grid' shall mean The National Grid Company plc, being the Transmission Company for the purposes of the Balancing and Settlement Code.

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## **PART B: APPLICABLE BALANCING SERVICES VOLUME DATA ‘ABSVD’**

### **1. Basis of Calculation**

#### **1.1 Variables included in the ABSVD**

The ABSVD is specified in Section Q, Paragraph 6.4 of the Balancing and Settlement Code and consists of  $QAS_{ij}$ , being the *Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data* in respect of BM Unit  $i$ , in Settlement Period  $j$ , determined in accordance with this statement.

The inclusion of any individual Applicable Balancing Service within the Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data is at the discretion of the Lead Party of the relevant BM Unit (see part C, section 2). Where an Applicable Balancing Service provider is not the Lead Party of the BM Unit to which the energy is attributed, the inclusion or exclusion of the energy is a matter of negotiation between the service provider and the Lead Party of the BM Unit.

The Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data is used in the calculation of Period BM Unit Balancing Services Volume,  $QBS_{ij}$ .  $QBS_{ij}$  is the volume of all energy associated with balancing services used in the determination of imbalance. It consists of the volume of Bid Offer Acceptances plus the Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data. The determination of  $QBS_{ij}$  is specified in Section T, Paragraph 4.3.2 of the Balancing and Settlement Code:

$$QBS_{ij} = \sum^n (QAO^n_{ij} + QAB^n_{ij}) + QAS_{ij}$$

where  $\sum^n$  represents the sum over all Bid-Offer Pair numbers for the BM Unit.

$QBS_{ij}$  is the volume of Balancing Services per BM Unit. For determination of the account's imbalance volume, it is necessary to determine the balancing services volume delivered across the account,

QABS<sub>aj</sub> (the Account Period Balancing Services Volume). This is determined as the sum across the energy account of the Balancing Services volume for each BM unit, multiplied by the applicable loss factor, as specified in Section T, paragraph 4.6.2 of the Balancing and Settlement Code.

$$QABS_{aj} = \sum_i QBS_{ij} \times TLM_{ij}$$

where  $\sum_i$  represents the sum over all BM Units for which such Energy Account is the corresponding Energy Account of the Lead Party.

The Account Energy Imbalance Volume, QAEI<sub>aj</sub>, is the difference between the energy credited to the account, less the contract position and the Account Period Balancing Services Volume, as specified in accordance with section T, paragraph 4.6.3 of the Balancing and Settlement Code.

$$QAEI_{aj} = QACE_{aj} - QABS_{aj} - QABC_{aj}$$

The Account Energy Imbalance Volume is then multiplied by System Sell Price for positive imbalance volume and System Buy Price for negative imbalance volume to give the Energy Imbalance Cashflows as specified in Section T, Paragraph 4.7 of the Balancing and Settlement Code.

## **1.2 Balancing Services for inclusion in the ABSVD**

Balancing Services are defined in the Transmission Licence and described in more detail in the Procurement Guidelines, which National Grid is required to establish in accordance with Special Licence Condition AA4 of the Transmission Licence. The purpose of the Procurement Guidelines is to set out the kinds of Balancing Services which we may be interested in purchasing, together with the mechanisms by which we envisage purchasing such Balancing

Services. ABSVD covers a subset of the Balancing Services that we intend to procure.

In general, Balancing Services, deemed to be Applicable will be those services required by the System Operator for economic operation of the Transmission System, that result in the service provider being exposed to imbalance charges whilst assisting in system balancing. For the avoidance of doubt a consultation will be carried out prior to any further Balancing Services being included in the calculation of ABSVD.

The following Applicable Balancing Services contracts will be included in the calculation of the ABSVD:

- **Standing Reserve** – Utilisation volumes for participants within the Balancing Mechanism will be dealt with automatically via the BM and will feed into the energy imbalance position via the acceptance of an Offer. Utilisation volumes for non-BM participants will not be subject to the acceptance of an Offer.

The calculation of ABSVD will include the instructed volume from non-BM providers in relation to the utilisation of Standing Reserve.

- **Mode A Frequency Response** – Energy volumes will be determined in accordance with paragraph 4.1.3.9A of the Connection and Use of System Code.
- **Frequency Response other than Mode A Frequency Response** – Utilisation volumes will be determined in accordance with system frequency and the characteristic of the response service.
- **Fast Reserve** – Utilisation volumes for participants within the Balancing Mechanism will be dealt with automatically via the BM

and will feed into the energy imbalance position via the acceptance of an Offer. Utilisation volumes for non-BM participants will not be subject to the acceptance of an Offer.

The calculation of ABSVD will include the instructed volume from non-BM providers in relation to the utilisation of Fast Reserve.

### **1.3 ABSVD Provision**

ABSVD will be submitted in accordance with section Q, Paragraph 6.4 of the Balancing and Settlement Code. In outline this entails the submission of ABSVD within two Business Days following the relevant Settlement Day.

### **1.4 Re-submission of ABSVD**

In the event that an error is identified in the ABSVD, the data will be re-submitted, as soon as reasonably practicable, once the corrected data is available.

## PART C: ABSVD Methodology

### 1. Principles

$QAS_{ij}$  will be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$QAS_{ij} = \sum_{s \in i} (SE_{sj} \times SF_{sm})$$

where:

$\sum_{s \in i}$  is the summation across all Ancillary Service and Other Service provision (as referred to in the definition of Balancing Services within the Transmission Licence and described more fully in Parts B and C of the Procurement Guidelines),  $s$ , that contribute to the production or consumption of BM Unit  $i$ .

$m$  is the relevant calendar month

$s$  is the number of a discreet Ancillary Service or Other Service provision.

$SE_{sj}$  Is the expected energy delivered by Ancillary Service or Other Service,  $s$ , in Settlement Period  $j$  as indicated below.

$SF_{sm}$  is the Service Flag for site  $s$  in calendar month  $m$ . It takes a value of 0 or 1 as notified by the lead party of the BM Unit which incorporates service  $s$ , in accordance with the Notification Procedure.

#### Determination of $SE_{sj}$

Where service  $s$  is a Mode A Frequency Response service or service  $s$  is a response service delivered by free governor action, other than a Mode A Frequency Response service:

$$SE_{sj} = \int_0^{SPD} FR_{ij}(t) dt$$

where

$FR_{ij}(t)$  is defined in accordance with section 4, sub section 1, paragraph 4.1.3.9A of CUSC, except that:

- i. Reference to i should be construed as referring to the relevant service, s;
- ii. Reference to the Mandatory Service Agreement should be construed as the relevant service agreement; and
- iii. Reference to Mode A Frequency Response should be construed as the relevant frequency response.

Where service s is fast reserve, standing reserve, or occasional (non-dynamic) response (and a bid offer acceptance is not issued in respect of the service call off):

$$SE_{sj} = \int_0^{SPD} E_{sj}(t) dt$$

Where

$E_{sj}(t)$  is the required energy from service s, time t from the start of settlement period j. The required energy is determined with reference to Figure 1 below.

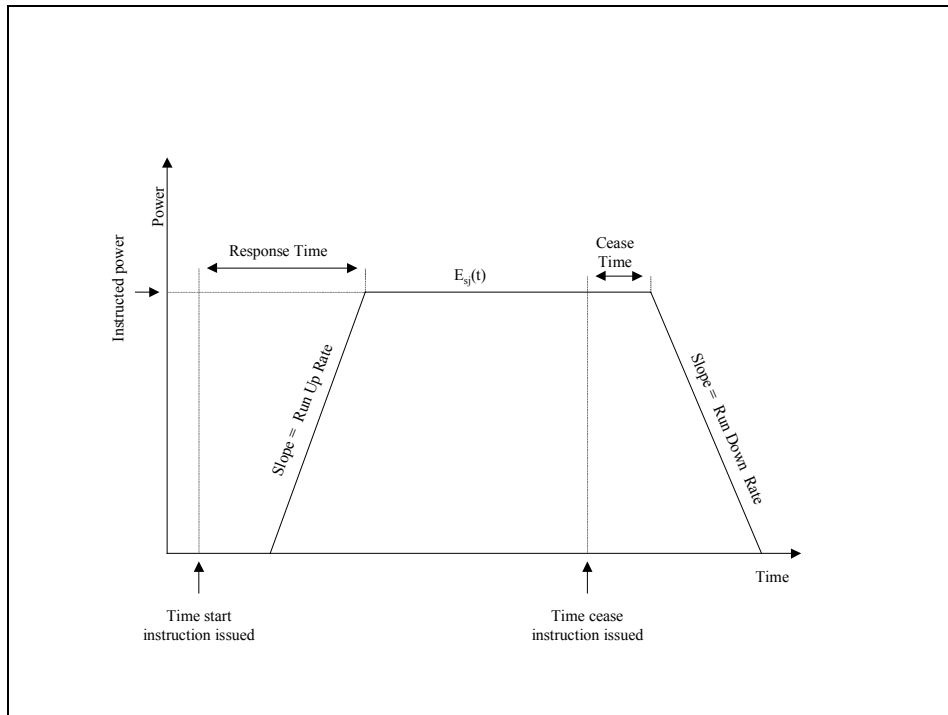


Figure 1 Graph showing determination of  $E_{Sj}(t)$

where

Time start instruction issued

Is the time that National Grid issues an instruction to the service provider to start delivering the service, and the instruction is not subsequently rejected as being incorrectly issued. For the avoidance of doubt, instruction includes a signal from a relay (or other equipment) owned by National Grid to initiate the delivery of an occasional (non-dynamic) response service.

Time cease instruction issued

Is the time that National Grid issues an instruction to the service provider to cease delivering the service.

Response time

Is the time agreed between the provider and National Grid that it will take for the service to be fully delivered from the time the start instruction is issued. In the event that no time has been agreed,

it will take the value 0 seconds.

Cease time	Is the time agreed between the provider and National Grid that it will take between a cease instruction been issued and the provider starting to cease delivery. In the event that no time has been agreed, it will take the value 0 seconds.
Run Up Rate	Is the rate agreed between the provider and National Grid that the provider will change load at, in response to a start instruction. In the event that no value has been agreed, it will be deemed to be infinite.
Run Down Rate	Is the rate agreed between the provider and National Grid that the provider will change load at, in response to a cease instruction. In the event that no value has been agreed it will be deemed to be infinite.
Instructed Power	Is the change in power production or consumption instructed by National Grid in accordance with the agreement between the provider and National Grid.

For all other services:

$$SE_{sj} = 0$$

## 2. Notification Procedure

This procedure allows the Lead Party of a BM unit to notify National Grid, monthly in advance, which (if any) services should be included in the determination of  $QAS_{ij}$  for the BM unit(s) in respect of which they are the Lead Party.

The Lead Party of the BM Unit that incorporates service  $s$  may notify National Grid that the value of  $SF_{sm}$  to be 1 or 0.

The notification must be made in writing to:

The Settlement Manager  
Operations and Trading  
The National Grid Company plc  
Kirby Corner Road  
Coventry CV4 8JY

For the notification to be valid, it must either:

- i. be received by National Grid more than 10 business days before the start of calendar month  $m$ ; or
- ii. be received by National Grid prior to the commencement of the contract for service  $s$ .

In the event that no notification is received for the initial value of  $SF_{sm}$ , National Grid will allocate values as follows:

- i. In the event that service  $s$  is Mode A Frequency Response,  $SF_{sm}=1$ ; otherwise
- ii.  $SF_{sm}=0$ .

For subsequent months where a notification is not received, National Grid will allocate a value to  $SF_{sm}$ , such that  $SF_{sm}=SF_{s(m-1)}$ .

These rules imply default initial notification of 'opt-in' for Mode A Frequency Response, and 'opt-out' for all other types of Balancing Services.

### 3. Disputes

A dispute arises where the Lead Party of the relevant BM Unit disagrees with the value of  $QAS_{ij}$  notified by National Grid. Where such a dispute arises, a representative of National Grid and each BSC Party concerned who has authority to resolve the dispute shall meet (including by agreement by telephone) within 10 Business Days of a request by either party (or within such longer period as may be agreed, acting reasonably) and seek to resolve it. If the parties to the dispute are unable to resolve it within 10 Business Days of the meeting (or within such longer period as they may agree within that initial 10 Business Day period, both parties acting reasonably as to the length of the period), then the parties' obligations under this paragraph to undertake such discussions shall no longer apply in relation to that dispute. Either party may then refer the dispute to arbitration pursuant to the rules of the Electricity Arbitration Association in force from time to time.

The laws of England shall be the proper law of reference to arbitration under this paragraph and in particular (but not so as to derogate from the generality of the foregoing) the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996 shall apply to any such arbitration wherever it or any part of it shall be conducted.

Any arbitrator or panel of arbitrators appointed under this Paragraph 3 shall determine such issues as are referred to him or them consistently with any determination by the Authority, whether or not relating to the same or different facts.

For the avoidance of doubt, a party may only raise a dispute in respect of  $QAS_{ij}$  where they are Lead Party of the relevant BM Unit.

## 4. Worked Examples

### 4.1 Provision of Mode A Frequency Response

Note that this example would apply equally to a commercial response service delivered by free governor action.

A generator delivers response as illustrated in Figure 2.

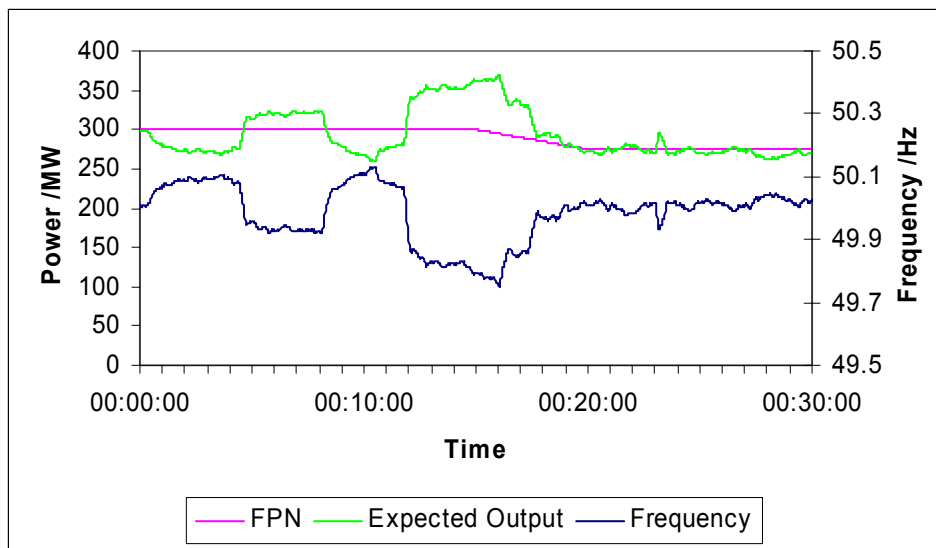


Figure 2 Example of response delivery

In accordance with this methodology and the provisions in section 4, sub section 1, paragraph 4.1.3.9A described in CUSC,  $QAS_{ij}$  is determined to be 2.5 MWh (meaning that in the relevant half hour, as a result of providing response, an additional 2.5 MWh of energy was required to be produced).

If this party operated a single BM Unit with the following parameters for this settlement period, the impact on central settlement would be as follows:

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Contracted Position (QABC <sub>aj</sub> )	137 MWh
Final Physical Notification (FPN <sub>ij</sub> )	145 MWh
Metered Production (QM <sub>ij</sub> )	147.5 MWh
Applicable Balancing Services Volume (QAS <sub>ij</sub> )	2.5 MWh
Transmission Loss Multiplier (TLM <sub>ij</sub> )	0.95
Bid Offer Acceptances	0 MWh

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The credited energy volume QCE<sub>aj</sub> is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.5.1(b):

$$\begin{aligned}
 QCE_{aj} &= QM_{ij} \times TLM_{ij} - \sum_a QCE_{aj} \\
 &= 147.5 \text{ MWh} \times 0.95 - 0 \text{ MWh} \\
 &= 140.13 \text{ MWh}
 \end{aligned}$$

(where  $\sum_a$  is the sum over Energy Accounts of Subsidiary Parties – in this example it is assumed that all energy is credited to the lead party.)

The account credited energy volume QACE<sub>aj</sub>, would be calculated in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.6.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 QACE_{aj} &= \sum_i QCE_{aj} \\
 &= 140.13 \text{ MWh}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Balancing Services Volume is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.3.2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 QBS_{ij} &= \sum^n (QAO^n_{ij} + QAB^n_{ij}) + QAS_{ij} \\
 &= 0 + 2.5 \text{ MWh}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Account Period Balancing Services volume is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.6.2:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{QABS}_{aj} &= \sum_i \text{QBS}_{ij} \times \text{TLM}_{ij} \\ &= 2.5 \text{ MWh} \times 0.95 \\ &= 2.38 \text{ MWh} \end{aligned}$$

The Account Energy Imbalance Volume (QAEI<sub>aj</sub>) is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.6.3:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{QAEI}_{aj} &= \text{QACE}_{aj} - \text{QABS}_{aj} - \text{QABC}_{aj} \\ \text{QAEI}_{aj} &= 140.13 \text{ MWh} - 2.38 \text{ MWh} - 137 \text{ MWh} \\ &= 0.75 \text{ MWh} \end{aligned}$$

In this example, the account would receive a payment for 0.75 MWh at System Sell Price, in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement code, section T, paragraph 4.7.1.

## 4.2 Provision of Standing Reserve

Note that this example would apply equally to Fast Reserve or Occasional (non-dynamic) Response.

Consider a standing reserve provider with the following parameters:

Response Time	15 minutes
Run Up Rate	10 MW/minute
Run Down Rate	– 5 MW/minute
Cease Time	5 minutes

At 00:00 National Grid instructs 50 MW of standing reserve from the provider.

At 01:00 National Grid instructs the provider to cease delivery.

This leads to the delivery profile shown in figure 3:

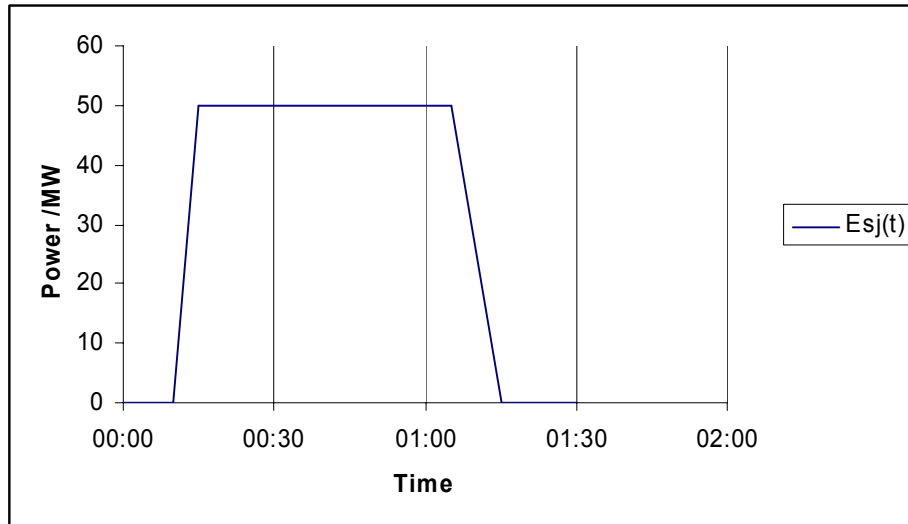


Figure 3 Example Standing Reserve Delivery

Settlement Period (Start time)	00:00	00:30	01:00	01:30
$SE_{sj}$ / MWh	14.58	25	8.33	0

If this were the only Applicable Balancing Service provision within the BM unit with the service flag set to 1, then  $QAS_j$  would take the same values.

If this party operated a single BM Unit with the following parameters for the settlement period starting 00:30, then the impact on central settlement would be as follows:

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Contracted Position (QABC <sub>aj</sub> )	-200 MWh
Final Physical Notification (FPN <sub>ij</sub> )	-190 MWh
Metered Consumption (QM <sub>ij</sub> )	-165 MWh
Applicable Balancing Services Volume (QAS <sub>ij</sub> )	25 MWh
Transmission Loss Multiplier (TLM <sub>ij</sub> )	1.05
Bid Offer Acceptances	0 MWh

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The credited energy volume QCE<sub>aj</sub> is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.5.1(b):

$$\begin{aligned}
 QCE_{aj} &= QM_{ij} \times TLM_{ij} - \sum_a QCE_{aj} \\
 &= -165 \text{ MWh} \times 1.05 - 0 \text{ MWh} \\
 &= -173.25 \text{ MWh}
 \end{aligned}$$

(where  $\sum_a$  is the sum over Energy Accounts of Subsidiary Parties – in this example it is assumed that all energy is credited to the lead party.)

The account credited energy volume QACE<sub>aj</sub>, would be calculated in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.6.1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 QACE_{aj} &= \sum_i QCE_{aj} \\
 &= -173.25 \text{ MWh}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Balancing Services Volume is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.3.2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 QBS_{ij} &= \sum^n (QAO^n_{ij} + QAB^n_{ij}) + QAS_{ij} \\
 &= 0 + 25 \text{ MWh}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Account Period Balancing Services volume is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.6.2:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{QABS}_{aj} &= \sum_i \text{QBS}_{ij} \times \text{TLM}_{ij} \\ &= 25 \text{ MWh} \times 1.05 \\ &= 26.25 \text{ MWh} \end{aligned}$$

The Account Energy Imbalance Volume ( $\text{QAEI}_{aj}$ ) is determined in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code, section T, paragraph 4.6.3:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{QAEI}_{aj} &= \text{QACE}_{aj} - \text{QABS}_{aj} - \text{QABC}_{aj} \\ \text{QAEI}_{aj} &= -173.25 \text{ MWh} - 26.25 \text{ MWh} - (-200 \text{ MWh}) \\ &= 0.5 \text{ MWh} \end{aligned}$$

In this example, the account would receive a payment for 0.5 MWh at System Sell Price, in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement code, section T, paragraph 4.7.1.