## Control Room difficult day

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**Scheduling and Real Time Operation on Easter Sunday 2019** 

• How do we plan and what do we plan.

• Toolkit.

• Actions taken and Consequences

# How do we plan and what do we plan.

### • Energy Balancing

- Analysis of BMU Data (from 11:00 at Dayahead stage)
- Analysis of contracted Ancillary Services.
- Analysis of predicted Interconnector flows.
- Demand Forecasting.
- Transmission System Planning
  - Outage Planning
  - Contingency Off-line and On-line analysis of Transmission System
  - Voltage support requirements from BMUs. (Use of MVARs)

# **Demand Forecasting**

## • Use of historical days:

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Good Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> March
BST Starts	31 <sup>st</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> March	27 <sup>th</sup> March

## **Historical Demand Profiles for Easter Sunday**



- Yellow – actual profile from Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Red – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 Purple – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Grey – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016

# **Demand Forecasting – What factors do we look at?**

#### • Weather

- How does this effects people's behaviour and actions.
  - Temperature.
  - Illumination.
  - Wind Speed and direction.
  - Precipitation type and amount.
- Wind output (Embedded and BMU Wind).
- PV output.

#### • Other factors:

- Effect of change to British Summer Time.
- Special events.
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# **Demand Forecasting – What factors do we look at?**

	2019	2018	2017	2016
PV Max (GW)	8.1	3.1	4.3	3.8
Wind Emb	3.1	1	1	2.2
Av GB Temp – C Degrees	20	6	10	9
Illumination	-10	-25	-25	-30

Illumination: -5 change equates to 70MW change during the daytime. Temperature: 1 degree equates to 730MW during the daytime.

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## **Demand Forecasting – What factors do we look at?**



#### GMT 2018/2019 Seven Day Coventional Models Relative Temperature Effects

These plots are indicative only. Please refer to EFS Weather Equation for precise data on model response.

# **Toolkit**

- Information from Transmission System analysis to determine most effective BMUs to give system security support.
- Use of Trading.
- BMUs utilised through Balancing Mechanism.
- Demand Forecast output:
- Production of demand profile with confidence levels and continuous reassessment.
- Energy Balancing Requirements meet demand and margin requirements.
- Frequency Response.
- Largest loss assessment (response and RoCoF)
- Potential requirements for trading on Interconnectors.

# **Actions taken and Consequences**

- Actions taken on Easter Sunday 2019
- Units acquired through Trading and BM for system security
- Congestion through Transmission system out of Scotland
- Trading on Interconnectors
- Consequences
- Lowest demand was afternoon trough and not the overnight trough.
  - Daytime demand 18.2GW
  - Sunday morning demand 19.2GW
  - Demand Forecast errors of upto 1GW seen throughout the daytime.