BSUoS Outturn for Feb-24





The blue line on the chart shows the estimated monthly average BSUoS charge for the past 12 months. The red line shows our forecast for each month, made at year ahead in the forecast produced in March. The green line shows our forecast for each month made at the month ahead stage.

The table shows a breakdown of the elements that make up the BSUoS charge (including volume). The total cost divided by the volume gives the estimated average charge.

February total balancing cost =£169m

Forecast for February published on 15th of January = £250 million.

February outturn costs were around the 10th percentile of the forecast published on 15th of January.

The outturn cost for February was 18% lower than the outturn for January (£206 million).

The average wholesale electricity price decreased by 18% between January (£72/MWh) and February (£59/MWh).

The average wholesale electricity price decreased by 30% between the January forecast for February (£85/MWh) and February outturn (£59/MWh)

We are continously working to improve our BSUoS forecasting methodology. Any major changes to methodology will be communicated to industry.

This dataset is designed to give an indicative review of the estimated monthly BSUoS charge against the forecast at year ahead and the forecast made at month ahead.

We welcome your feedback on what would be valuable to be included in this dataset as we develop the process. Please contact us at bsuos.queries@nationalgrideso.com

As a result of the approval of CMP361/362, the BSUoS charge is a fixed tariff from 1 April 2023. Fixed Tariff 1 for Apr 2023 – Sep 2023 and Fixed Tariff 2 for Oct 2023 – Mar 2024 were published by the end of June 2023. Fixed Tariff 3 for Apr 2024 - Sep 2024 was published at the end of June 2023. The Fixed Tariff 4 for Oct- 2024 to Mar- 2025 and the Draft Tariff 5 for Apr- 2025 to Sep- 2025 were published on the 22nd of December 2023.

Report showing BSUoS outturn against the fixed tariff can be found on our website: https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges

Actual BSUoS half hourly data can be found on our data portal: https://data.nationalgrideso.com/balancing/current-balancing-services-use-of-system-bsuos-data

Actual outturn Balancing Costs is published at a daily granularity on our data portal: https://data.nationalgrideso.com/balancing/bsuos-monthly-cost