



Western Link status: Available

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Commentary

The market was short by up to 1GW overnight, requiring additional units to be kept on. Into early morning, trades on interconnectors were required for margin in addition to ~200MW of STOR being run. Optional SpinGen was run throughout the day to cover wind volatility. Despite the market being mostly long over the evening peak, changes to interconnector flows, constraints in the South East and North East, and loss of some generation, required ~490MW of STOR to be utilised.

Overnight voltage requirements were met through trades on generation in the North West, Midlands and South East. ROCOF issues required trades on interconnectors and a BM unit. BM actions were also required in Scotland for security reasons. For morning pick up through to evening peak, a South East constraint required numerous trades on interconnectors to resolve, with some additional offers on BM units through the morning. Throughout the day, high winds in Scotland required significant bid volumes on wind, hydro and conventional units to resolve a Scotlish constraint, with some additional actions to resolve the Scotland-England border constraint. Trades were also completed to resolve a localised constraint within Scotland, all day. Over the evening peak, some bids were required on generation in the North East for a localised constraint.