Electricity Operational Forum

July 2019

Host – Ben Smith

Start: 10:00am

Electricity Operational Forum							
10:00	Welcome and Introduction	Paul Lowbridge					
10:15	Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) update	Nigel Swan					
10:50	Control Room - Difficult Day Analysis	Paul Corrie					
11:20	Break						
11:45	Operability Strategy Report	Will Kirk-Wilson					
12:15	Platform for Ancillary Services (PAS) Update	Matt Hopkins					
12:40	Questions						
13:00	Finish – Lunch / Networking						

Our Canadian Geese....



Balancing Service Use of System (BSUoS) Update

Nigel Swan







Blackstart £3.4 RoCoF £7.0 Energy £24.9 Constraint £42.4

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Reactive

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March 2019 : £3.99/MWh Total Cost: £145.3m, Volume: 41.2TWh

Constraint £71.2

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April 2019 : £2.80/MWh Total Cost: £81.5m, Volume: 38.2TWh

Constraint £32.6

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May 2019 : £2.41/MWh Total Cost: £63.8m, Volume: 36.7TWh

Blackstart £3.5 Reactive £6.5 F6.5 F0CoF £10.5 Constraint £13.2 Energy £30.1

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Month ahead forecast vs actual



Cost performance vs benchmark





2019 April to May compared with last year

Comparing 2019 with 2018

- £8.6m more on energy balancing, reserve and response
- £10.3m more on constraints
- £5.3m more on RoCoF
- £0.3m less on Blackstart
- £1.4m less on Reactive



Proportional balancing costs

Wind volume driving constraint costs



Scottish Wind Output (TWh)

- Scottish wind volume increasing year on year
- This chart illustrates why WLHVDC unavailability had a much greater effect in September, October and March than in April and May.



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- We have seen RoCoF limits as low as 670MW during periods of high wind and low synchronous generation

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Stability Strategy

Inertia

There are four ways to manage system inertia

- 1. Increase system inertia by replacing self-despatched generation with ESO despatched generation with a higher inertia
- 2. Reduce the largest infeed loss on the system to reduce the rate of change of frequency for any loss
- 3. Review the consumer benefit of faults which are secured for under the SQSS
- 4. Introduce Stability products to manage increase inertia, fault level in-feed and reactive capability.

Option 3 is being actively reviewed to ensure the SQSS reflects consumer benefit. Option 4 is not currently available and is being developed through the stability pathfinder.

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	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
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Actions	Loss of Mains Protection Changes (Power Protect)				
	Stability Pathfinder				
				'Stability	' Markets

February 2019 : £2.45/MWh Total Cost: £83.7m, Volume: 40.6TWh















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Blackstart

Feb Mar Apr May

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Forecast Accuracy – BSUoS Report





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