

CAP107 - Redefinition of Response Energy Payment (REP) for Mandatory Frequency Response

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# CAP107

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#### Frequency Response

- Frequency Response covered by 4.1.3 of the CUSC.
- CAP107 is about payments for "Mode A Frequency Response".
  - ➡ Primary Response
  - Secondary Response \_

Require increase in output to increase frequency

High Frequency Response - Requires decrease in output to reduce frequency



# **Frequency Response**



Source: National Grid presentation to Ops Forum 27/11/2002



#### **Present Payment Arrangements**

- Two payments defined under 4.1.3.9 and 4.1.3.9A.
  - ➡ Holding Payment

A payment per minute for providing service (dependent on combination of response being provided).

⇒ Response Energy Payment

Payment per MWh for deviations in output as a result of providing response.



# **Holding Payments**

- Calculated from Holding Payment rates submitted by Users.
- Calculated in 4.1.3.9 of CUSC:





## **Energy Payments**





# **Energy Payments**

• Calculated in 4.1.3.9A of CUSC:

 $REP_{ij} = RE_{ij} \times Reference Price$ 

Estimated net change in energy in half hour as result of responding

 Reference Price = Average of SBP and SSP for previous calendar month



# Timings

Preceding Month	Month Service to be Provided
Submit Holding payment rates 15th	Holding payment rates
Average of SBP and SSP for calendar month	Reference Price



#### The Issue

• Generators face risk as:

Average Reference Price cannot reflect wide range of costs of individual generation plant providing the service.

⇒ Retrospective price cannot reflect real time position of generators.

- Therefore, incentive is to reflect additional risk in Holding payment rates.
- As Holding payment rates are set up to a month and a half before relevant date, this poses an additional risk.



# **Proposed Solution**

- Use the relevant BMU's first Bid Price instead of the Reference Price.
- Full solution would be for to define BMU specific Frequency Response Bid and Offer Prices, to cover payments from and to the User respectively.
- Aim of CAP107 is to keep implementation costs down and use an existing variable.
- Using one price also reduces gaming opportunities:
  May not know which way BMU will have to respond
  - Therefore, could end up paying or being paid



# Issues to Consider at Working Group

- Considered raising standing issue, but wanted to get the ball rolling.
- Is first Bid Price the correct variable to use?
  - $\Rightarrow$  PB<sup>1</sup><sub>ii</sub> is actually the first 'undo' Bid.
  - $\Rightarrow$  Issue in relation to Standing Reserve Contracts (PO<sup>1</sup><sub>ii</sub> = PB<sup>1</sup><sub>ii</sub>).
  - Could use PB<sup>-1</sup><sub>ii</sub> or PO<sup>-1</sup><sub>ii</sub>.
- Will this get in the way of 'normal' use?

⇒ Can minimal sized MW Bid/Offer be used?



### Recommendation

- CAP107 is sent to working group for consideration.
- The BSSG would be the most obvious choice.
- The above issues are added to the Terms of Reference for the Working Group.