2019 Future Energy Scenarios

Electricity supply

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Electricity dispatch modelling

BID3 pan-European market model with FES data inputs:

- Capacity projections
- Demand
- Fuel prices

Economic dispatch model optimising the generation needed to meet demand at lowest cost with 1 - 6 hour granularity

Scenarios from ENTSO-E and / or European TSOs used to model Europe

Summary of main modelling assumptions

3 hours loss of load expectation Internal Energy Market or similar arrangements No unabated coal after 2025 No network or operability constraints Perfect market, perfect foresight

What's changed since FES 2018?







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Generation output: Community Renewables











The growth of low carbon capacity will contribute to periods of oversupply of electricity, potentially reaching 20 – 25 TWh (around 6% total output) by 2040.

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Higher generation capacity

Increased decentralisation









Balancing high renewables



Over 200 GW in both Community Renewables and Two Degrees Up to 58% of total capacity could be decentralised by 2050

Decarbonised scenarios have combined total of over 40 GW of storage and interconnectors Potentially 20 – 25 TWh of excess electricity after 2040 in Community Renewables

