Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR)

Procurement requirement – 1 April 2021 to 1 April 2022

October 2021 Update

This document sets out our best forecast daily STOR requirement. Whilst this forecast is unlikely to change much during each STOR year, NGESO may update this document from time to time by publication of an updated version on our website.

STOR is procured to meet some of our reserve requirement through balancing services when it is economic to do so. This requirement is to provide additional energy in megawatts (MW) in short timescales.

Reserve is needed for frequency management when there is an imbalance between supply of energy and demand for energy. When the instantaneous supply is not enough to meet the demand, the frequency falls and extra energy is needed very quickly to re-establish this balance. This can be supplied by additional generation or demand reduction. Initially this is provided by frequency response which initiates automatically. Response is only maintained for a maximum of 30 minutes. Reserve is then instructed within 2-30 minutes in order to replace the frequency response.

Forecast STOR daily requirement

We currently hold a small number of firm long-term STOR contracts for approximately 400MW which endure out to 2025. All other STOR requirement is procured through our daily auctions. The following table sets out our daily procurement requirement by STOR season. Please note that we have increased the overall MW requirement for Season 15.5 (31 October 2021 onwards) and for Season 15.6

STOR Season	Date from	Date to	Long-Term contracted MW	Overall MW Requirement	MW Remaining (Daily Auction)
15.1	01-Apr-21	03-May-21	389	1700	1311
15.2	03-May-21	23-Aug-21	387	1700	1313
15.3	23-Aug-21	27-Sep-21	388	1700	1312
15.4	27-Sep-21	25-Oct-21	389	1700	1311
15.5	25-Oct-21	31-Oct-21	390	1700	1311
15.5	31-Oct-21	24-Jan-22	390	1730	1340
15.6	24-Jan-22	01-Apr-22	390	1730	1340