

Note for GCRP on Market Information Changes

Industry feedback was received from demand side users at the OFGEM Demand Side Working Group in early 2007 relating to the publication of additional market information and National Grid subsequently carried out a detailed consultation exercise with the industry in summer 2007. The feedback received was that the BMRS has lots of data, but it is not always easy to find. There was also an issue with publishing demand to a consistent definition.

Users expressed a clear need for key information to be “all in one place” and on a single platform. The requirement was to provide a single page to summarise the most important information already on BMRS and also to provide additional new information from National Grid (e.g. wind generation forecasts, generation by fuel type, temperatures, daily energy, non-BM STOR, frequency, interconnector flows).

As a result of this, two Modification Proposals P219 and P220 were raised by National Grid at the November 2007 meeting of the BSC Panel.

P219 covers the publication of two different streams of forecast and actual demand data:

- Including Interconnectors, pumped storage, station demand (Transmission System Demand) – Grid Code term is GB Transmission System Demand)
- Excluding Interconnectors, pumped storage, station demand (National Demand / INDO) – Grid Code term is GB National Demand)

The rationale for this solution was:

- Continue to provide all current data
- Provide additional data to facilitate comparison of forecasts and out-turns by publishing two consistent streams of demand data – one INDO-based and the other TSD-based.

P220 puts in place the governance for National Grid to provide additional data items for publication:

- Outturn and reference temperatures;
- Wind generation forecasts;
- Instantaneous and half-hourly generation by fuel type (including ‘real-time’ total demand outturn data);
- Daily energy volumes transported across the Transmission System;
- Non-Balancing Mechanism (BM) Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) Instructed Volumes
- Frequency
- Interconnector flows (France and Northern Ireland)

A new version of the BMRA and SSA Interface Specification Issue 11 dated 22 May 2008 has been produced to reflect these changes. The version currently published on our website at: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/associateddocs/> is Issue 10 – 21 July 2004.