

C/11 BMU Data from Intermittent Generation: Further Meeting

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- The C/11 Grid Code Working Group was reconvened on 07th November to clarify the proposed changes of C/11, following the consultation responses received, and experience of events over the summer.
- At the reconvened meeting number of working group members confirmed their understanding that one of the key intentions of C/11 was to remove the obligation for intermittent generation to follow PN.
- It was claimed that this was necessary, as otherwise the provision of more accurate (i.e. P50) PNs would increase exposure to losing opportunities to generate when the wind speed was higher than expected.
- Some Generators said that moves to enforce the obligation to follow PN would drive them to submit high PNs which would negate the objective of increasing PN accuracy.

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- Following events in the summer, where a number of users were generating in excess of PN, and were advised of their Grid Code obligation to follow PN, National Grid expressed concern that the C/11 proposals, if implemented, would remove this obligation, and thus leave no clear mechanism of dispatching (curtailing) intermittent generation where output was above PN.
- Discussion was made as to whether, in such circumstances, a zero bid volume could be used, but concerns were raised regarding the fact that such volumes would be uncompensated.
- Whilst it was generally recognised that, from time to time (generally under constraint scenarios) dispatch of intermittent generation would be necessary, concern was raised that the zero cost of bid volume to PN would be utilised when other options were available.
- It was questioned where such zero cost volume would be considered to reside in the dispatch sequence outlined in the current BPS.

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- As an interim solution, consideration was given to a situation where ability to instruct intermittent Generators back to PN (with no compensation) should be made possible in the BPS where a warning (similar to an NRAPM warning) had been made in advance. This warning was to provide some comfort to Users that dispatch of the 'free' volume would be preserved for use in transmission constraint scenarios.
- NGET took an action to consider this option further, and to consider any necessary changes to the BPS