

# **ESO** August Forecast Explained

We produce monthly BSUoS forecasts which detail forecast costs over the coming year. This slide provides an explanation of the forecast in August and the underlying assumptions used.

### August Forecast for 2021/22

The average charge is based on dividing

Average BSUoS charge for 2021/22 =

£2357.8m (Total Costs) 512.4TWh (Total Volume)

= £4.60/MWh

#### **Deferred BSUoS Costs**

The deferred BSUoS costs relating to CMP345/350 are included in 21/22 forecasts when the deferred costs will be re-charged.

### **BSUoS Cost Recovery**

The under-recovered BSUoS costs are included in 21/22 forecasts following the approval of CMP373.

# **Explanation & Insight**

The outturn BSUoS for July was slightly lower than June as a result of marginally lower costs and higher total costs by total volumes over the period. volume than June. Constraint costs and Energy Imbalance costs fell whilst Operating Reserve costs increased. The total BSUoS volume was slightly higher than June as a result of being a longer month.

> Slight adjustments have been made to the Fast Reserve and Response costs as a result of observed trends in the data. ESO Incentive has been removed from the forecast as a separate cost and is now included in the ESO internal costs as part of the Price Control Financial Model. The ALoMCP costs have been revised and following the approval of CMP373 the under-recovered costs have been profiled in the forecast, further details can be found here:

# https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/192426/download/

In March for the FY21/22 forecast we re-costed the outage plan and adjusted the constraint costs accordingly. When producing a forecast of constraint costs, we apply a historical wind profile for each month. Variations in the constraint costs month on month will therefore be driven by the reduction in constraint limits due to outages in addition to the wind level applied. As such these are indicative of where costs may outturn but variations are expected due to outturn wind not following a particular historical profile exactly.

