

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	Commercial Balancing Standing Group (CBSG)
<b>Date of meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2014
<b>Location</b>	National Grid House, Warwick

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Mike Edgar	ME	National Grid
Jade Clarke	JC	National Grid (Technical Secretary)
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid
Eleanor Brogden (Part meeting)	EB	National Grid
Zoltan Zavody	ZZ	RenewableUK
Paul Hinksman	PH	RWE
Peter Bolitho	PB	Waters Wye Associates
Paul Jones	PJ	E-ON
Simon Lord	SL	GDF Suez
Hannah McKinney	HM	Dong
Simon Reid	SR	Scottish Power
Bjarne Beck	BB	Dong

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Cem Suleyman (Dial-in)	CS	Drax
Campbell McDonald (Dial-in)	CM	SSE

## Apologies

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All presentations and supporting papers for the CBSG meeting can be found at:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/Standing-groups/Commercial-Balancing-Services-standing-group/>

## 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1. The Chair welcomed the group, giving timescales.

## 2 Review of Actions & Minutes from previous meeting

2. JC noted that that the previous minutes had been approved prior to the meeting and published on the National Grid website.
3. **Action: RY to ask EU colleagues advice on how an interim GB service for Frequency Response would work and how it would influence frequency in the future.** – Complete
4. **Action: EB to revisit the timescales taking on board comments from the CBSG (following specific feedback re timing of specific auctions).** – Complete  
– Post meeting note included in Januarys CBSG minutes.
5. **Action: EB to check the effect of services on temperature controlled devices.**  
– Complete

## 3 Commercial Rapid Frequency Response

### Commercial Procurement

6. EB stated that as discussed previously at CBSG and Ops Forum, the requirement for Rapid Frequency Response was forecast to arise in late summer 2014, although to date we do not have a quantifiable requirement to procure or to communicate with the industry but this work is ongoing and the CBSG will be updated as it progresses.
7. EB also stated that the modelling for the different frequency response requirements is currently ongoing and that the primary response model has now been finished and National Grid are at the next stage, reviewing how that may influence the procurement of dynamic and static provision of the same.
8. EB noted that it was agreed that the most appropriate route for procurement of commercial rapid frequency response was through the FFR service and the review that took place last year. EB stated that this provides for new matrices for interested parties and once there is a requirement to procure against, National Grid will be updating the industry through forums including the CBSG. The internal processes and changes to National Grid are in place to contract for the new services under the FFR review once requirements have been finalised, and together with other industry changes to the service, these will be communicated to all providers and industry as they take effect.
9. ME noted that National Grid understand some plant capability because of testing they have already done, although they could do further testing on plant that they don't quite understand yet. ME stated that throughout the coming year, there is a

need for some pre-work in preparation for any future tender to make sure that parties are eligible and that National Grid understands what their plant capability is.

10. ZZ questioned whether there was a requirement yet for Rapid Frequency Response. EB stated that they do not have a set volume, although National Grid know that there are providers of less than 10 seconds and it is just about finalising this so that they can come up with a definitive requirement that the industry can meet. ME stated that there are some challenges at low periods of demand and that realistically National Grid may be in a position to procure this service late 2014 but the need to procure will depend on the market position.
11. CM questioned whether National Grid would be holding a workshop to explain this service to the industry. ME stated that it will be National Grid's intention to broaden this out to parties that can usefully participate.

## 4 Enhanced Containment Services

### Enhanced Frequency Containment Capability

12. GS presented to the CBSG the terminology of a new specialist service called Enhanced Frequency Containment Capability which would be faster than Rapid Frequency Response and would include full delivery of active power in less than 2 seconds.
13. GS noted that this new service would be used for containment of frequency after large losses (which may be 10 to 20 times a year). The next steps are to gauge interest and development requirements from potential providers in summer 2014 and to identify gaps in capability which might benefit from development.
14. ME stated that this is just for information at the moment and there is ongoing work in this area.

## 5 Future meetings and discussion topics

15. ME welcomed thoughts on future discussion topics for the CBSG.
16. HM asked what progress had been made with a Power Available proposal? ME stated that this had been taken through by the Grid Code Working group and will be taken to the Grid Code Panel.
17. ME stated that National Grid also have some involvement with the UK demand side response association and also run workshops in the end of the Ops forums. ME suggested using the CBSG for developing new products and think about industry engagement to get new products.
18. ME stated that the CUSC Panel had asked the BSSG to review the frequency of meetings and suggested that the current meetings 6 weeks apart are too frequent and the BSSG agreed that CBSG should be held less frequently such as quarterly. The BSSG welcome feedback from the industry on the proposed frequency of meetings.
19. SL suggested that this may have been a suitable forum to develop Strategic Balancing Reserve (SBR) products. ME acknowledged this and noted that there was limited CBSG engagement in this area.

## 6 AOB

20. There was no AOB at this meeting

## 7 Next meeting

21. The CBSG agreed that the currently the meetings were held too frequently and that a quarterly meeting should allow sufficient work to be done to allow effective discussions within the meetings.

22. Proposed meeting dates will shortly be circulated to CBSG members, the next meeting will be planned for early September 2014.