

## Minutes

**Meeting name** Commercial Balancing Services Group  
**Date of meeting** 30 October 2013  
**Location** National Grid House, Warwick

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Mike Edgar	ME	Chair
Eleanor Brogden	EB	Technical Secretary
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid
Rebecca Yang	RY	National Grid
Campbell McDonald	CM	SSE
Guy Philips	GP	E.ON
Hannah Mckinney	HM	DONG Energy - Teleconference
Lee Taylor	LT	GDF SUEZ - Teleconference
Simon Reid	SR	Scottish Power
Stephen Galsworthy	SG	Open Energi
Raoul Thulin	RT	RWE - Teleconference
Simon Lord	SL	GDF Suez
Sam Wither	SW	UKPR – Teleconference

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Cem Suleyman	CS	Drax
Louise McGoldrick	LM	SSE
Lisa Waters	LW	Waters Wye
Garth Graham	GG	Soni Ltd
Jacques Arbeille	JA	Energy Pool
John Costa	JC	EDF Energy

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

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Balancing/CommercialBalancingServicesGroup/>

## 1 Introductions/Apologies for Absence

1. The Chair reintroduced everyone.

## 2 Review of Actions

2. The Chair confirmed that all the actions from the previous meeting had been completed via post meeting updates and summarised in the June 2013 meeting minutes.

## 3 Commercial Rapid Frequency Response Service

3. RY recognised that the BSSG meeting had in-depth discussions on the proposed rapid frequency response service. She confirmed the intention to introduce commercial rapid frequency response service through the existing FFR terms. She also responded to SL's earlier comments concerning a potential capability payment for generators who needs to invest in the required capability. She confirmed that the FFR service allows generators to recover their cost through availability payments.
4. RY confirmed again that FFR service is available for non-BM providers, such as battery storage suppliers mentioned by JP.

## 4 Firm Frequency Response Procurement Development

5. EB delivered a presentation on the Outlined Change Proposal for FFR Service. She highlighted that the area that attracted the most interest and comments from the industry was the proposed introduction of the weekly tender.
6. SL suggested that weekly tenders may cause short term liquidity issues and impact on the market energy price. He suggested that an alternative is two weeks ahead and generators successfully tendering needs to be communicated with the suppliers and the market at the same time.
7. RY responded that the week ahead tender is one of the recommendations from the Grid Code Frequency Response Work Group to incentivise demand side and renewable generators to participate in the frequency market. The current monthly tender process will continue and the week ahead tender is intended to enable NG to fine tune the frequency requirement. Therefore it is not envisaged to procure significant response at a week ahead.
8. SL commented that a week ahead tender would be reasonable for demand side or renewables but not suitable for BM participants.
9. SR suggested that the weekly tender timescale should align with industry trading timescale i.e. 11am on Thursday. He also highlighted the importance to nominate the windows by Thursday rather than Friday.
10. SL suggested that a capability matrix needs to be revised to include tested 5 seconds rapid frequency response capability.
11. ME summarised the comments and issues and suggested that it may be prudent to run weekly tender initially on a trial basis.

## 5 Any Other business

12. SL requested an update on BELLA participation following the letter published by NGET on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

**Action: RY to provide an update.**

Post Meeting Response: BELLA generators can apply to be BM participants. They can approach their connection account manager to progress the request. Since the publication of the letter, no BELLA generators have become BM active.

## 6 Next Meeting

13. The next CBSG meeting is to be confirmed.