

Decision to manage local network maintenance with contract with EDF Torness nuclear power station

National Grid ESO has agreed a one off, fixed term contract with EDF to partially reduce output from Torness Nuclear Power Station for 3 weeks, allowing essential maintenance to take place on the local transmission network. Output will reduce by 200MW for this period, 15% of the station's capacity.

Maintenance schedules at Torness and on the nearby electricity transmission network had been arranged so works on both could be carried out at the same time to minimize operational impacts. Lockdown restrictions imposed by COVID19 means schedules have been altered and the works can no longer be carried out simultaneously.

Unlike the agreement with EDF to reduce the output of Sizewell B this decision and contract is not related to reduced demand for electricity driven by COVID19. This is a one off, short term solution to work around the revised maintenance on this particular part of the transmission network and is in the best interests of consumers, ensuring continued safe and secure operation of the Scottish network.