

Mersey High Voltage pathfinder

Summary of RFI responses for long term reactive power services

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RFI summary

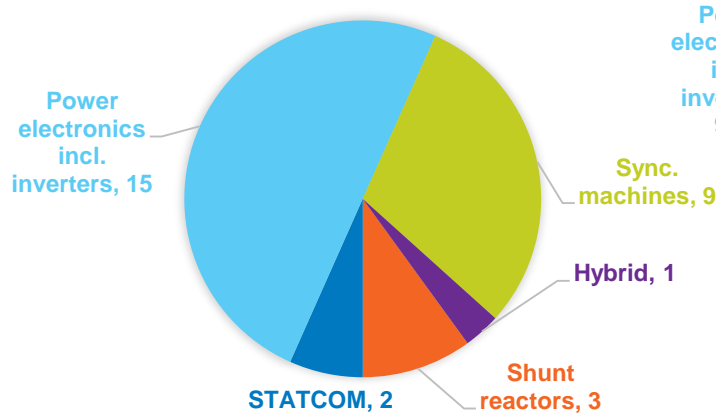
We published a Request for Information (RFI) at the end of March as part of the Mersey voltage pathfinder. The voltage pathfinder presents an opportunity for market-based options to compete with network owner options to provide reactive power service.

The RFI looks specifically for options to control high voltage, a reactive power (absorption) requirement of up to 200MVar, within the Mersey region for a period of up to 10 years from 28 March 2021.

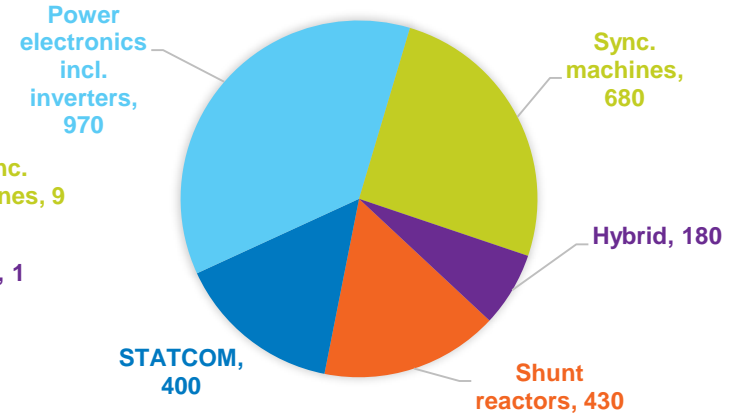
The RFI closed on 24 May. We have received responses from 17 potential providers.



NUMBER OF OPTIONS BY ASSET TYPE



SIZE OF OPTIONS (MVAR) BY ASSET TYPE



RFI feedback summary

We have received some comprehensive feedback from potential providers. A few common themes are observed:

- Welcome the ESO offering opportunity for longer contracts
- Request more information on network data, effectiveness, utilisation, penalty terms etc.
- Generally support the assessment criteria and principles
- Emphasize the importance of allowing stacking of services and/or being clear on future opportunities on other services
- Concern that ETO is being treated favourably in the process and/or has unfair advantages
- Request the ESO to be fully transparent with all results and analysis following tender conclusion, including the economics of all submitted bids and how they were assessed in relation to other participants in the process (e.g. TOs, generators)
- Prefer being able to tender the utilisation rate rather than using the ORPS rate