A landscape photograph featuring snow-capped mountains in the background and a valley in the foreground. Several bright, glowing yellow light trails curve across the valley floor, suggesting a long-exposure shot of a light source moving through the scene. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden-hued clouds, indicating a sunrise or sunset.

# ESO Operational Transparency Forum

1 June 2022

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your camera turned off

## Introduction | Sli.do code #OTF

Please visit [www.sli.do](http://www.sli.do) and enter the code #OTF to ask questions & provide us with post event feedback.

We will answer as many questions as possible at the end of the session. We may have to take away some questions and provide feedback from our expert colleagues in these areas during a future forum. **Ask your questions early in the session to give more opportunity to pull together the right people for responses.**

To tailor our forum and topics further we have asked for names (or organisations, or industry sector) against Sli.do questions. If you do not feel able to ask a question in this way please use the email: [box.NC.Customer@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:box.NC.Customer@nationalgrideso.com)

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### Regular Topics

Questions from last week  
Demand review  
Costs for last week  
Constraints

### Focus Areas

Response Reform Webinar Link

## Questions outstanding from previous weeks

**Q: When will you provide us a Dynamic Regulation (DR) excel tool for performance monitoring?**

A: The DR (low and high) and Dynamic Moderation (DM) (low and high) performance monitoring excel calculations have been uploaded on the ESO website. If you are a service provider, you should have been contacted by us informing the recent upload. Please also find the relevant templates from the hyperlinks:

DR: [Dynamic Regulation – document library | National Grid ESO](#)

DM: [Dynamic Moderation – document library | National Grid ESO](#)

If you have any queries regards to the calculators, please get in touch with [settlement.queries@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:settlement.queries@nationalgrideso.com)

**Q: Can you please publish live frequency response signals?**

A: Thanks for bringing this up for us again. We are unable to publish these with our current systems and we are looking into alternative options that could be available.

**Q: Not a question - the system events slide from the previous weeks were very useful can we get these back?**

A: Thanks for the suggestion, we will include this slide for any significant system events in the future.

## Questions outstanding from previous weeks

**Q: Is the Q+A log any closer to becoming a reality?**

A: Yes, we hope to have something to share with you shortly. We are currently working through our internal governance processes having spent time collecting questions and answers from the last 2 years.

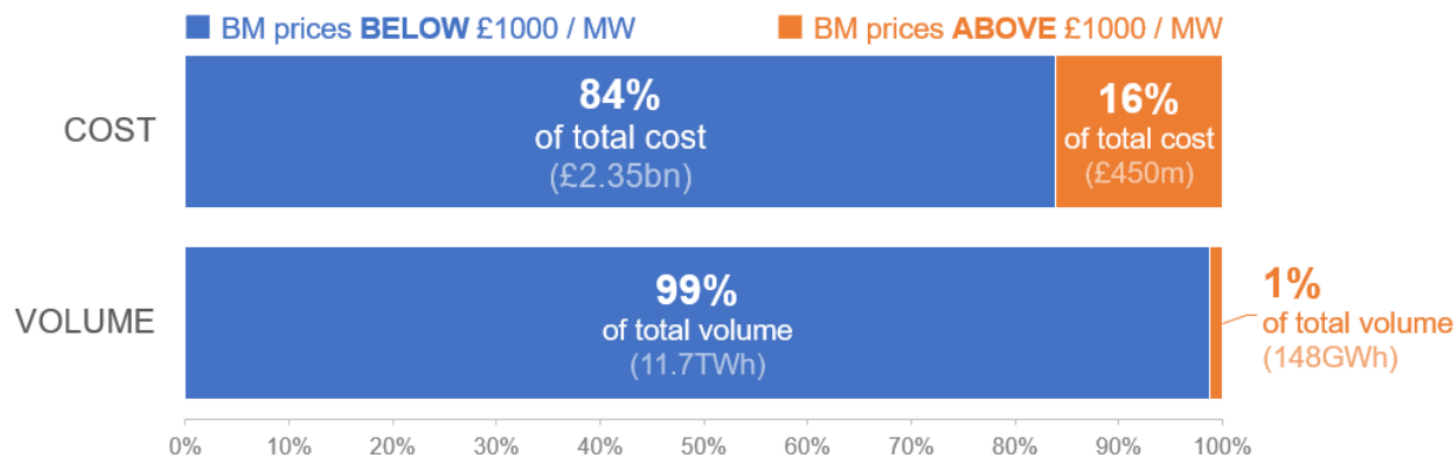
**Q: Balancing costs reached an all time high of £3.4bn in the last year to Apr.22. How much of this was from increase in Volumes and how much from higher power prices (from higher gas prices?)**

A: More information on Balancing Costs can be found in Metric 1A and throughout [the 2021-23 Mid Scheme Report](#).

Included in there is a graphic showing the proportion of actions taken when BM prices were high which goes some way to answering this question. If it would be of benefit for us to talk through any of the content within this metric then please get in touch with us and we can arrange a session.

**16% of the year's balancing costs were spent on the 1% of actions that were taken when the BM price was above £1000 per MW**

The graph below shows the total 2021-22 balancing costs and volumes, split by actions taken when BM prices were **below** or **above** £1000 / MW



## Questions outstanding we are still working on






Q: Re ESO interconnector register: how did you arrive at the 'MW Effective From' dates? These seem v optimistic, with a further 24GW of interconnectors coming on by 2029. E.g. Neuconnect online from Dec 2023 in register but on Neuconnect website they say not operational until 2028?

# Wind Record on 25<sup>th</sup> May

It's been a record-breaking week for wind generation!

On Wednesday, 25 May we saw 19.835GW of wind on the system – the highest amount ever recorded.



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	Max Wind	May 25 2022	19916 MW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Max Solar	Apr 20 2020	9680 MW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Max No Coal	Jun 16 2020	1630.5 Hours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Min Carbon Intensity	Apr 05 2021	39 gCO2/kWh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Max Zero Carbon	Aug 17 2019	85.2 %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Upcoming events

### OTF Stakeholder workshop

*Come and meet the face behind the voice on the OTF*

- We would like to gather ideas and feedback to continue improving the OTF
- Lunch will be provided
- Visit to control room viewing gallery with some of our regular OTF experts

24 June 1100-1300

*In person at our Wokingham offices*

Sign up by 17 June



<https://forms.office.com/r/G1M277Eqng>

### Demand Forecasting Consultation

For historical reasons, the Grid Code requires ESO to publish forecasts of quantities called National Demand and Transmission System Demand

- In the current system, these quantities are neither 'National' nor 'Demand'
- We want to **engage with stakeholders** to explain what we are forecasting
- To explore what stakeholders would **find most useful**
- To discuss how forecasts interact with the market mechanisms, and what constraints it puts on forecasting
- To discover routes to realising an **improved service**

24 June 1330-1530

*In person at our Wokingham offices*

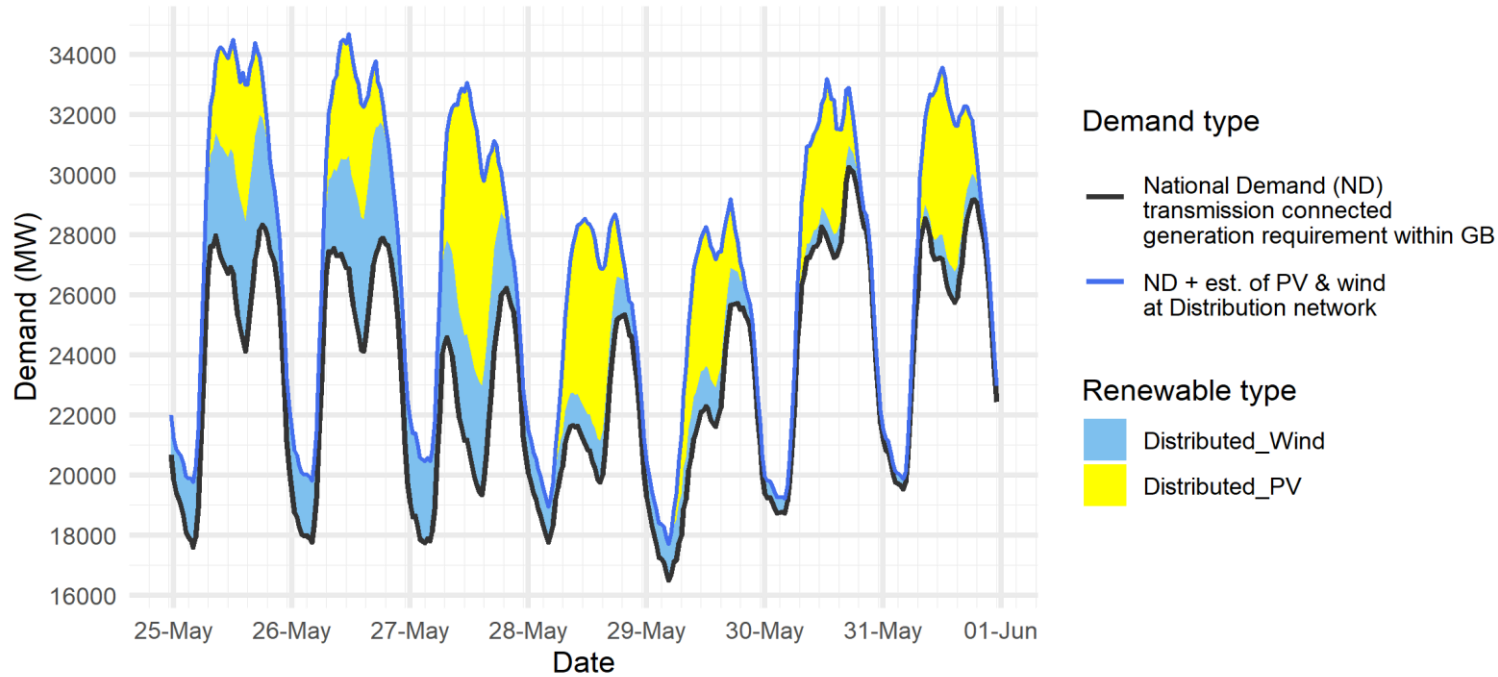
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# Demand | Last week demand out-turn

ESO National Demand outturn 25-31 May 2022



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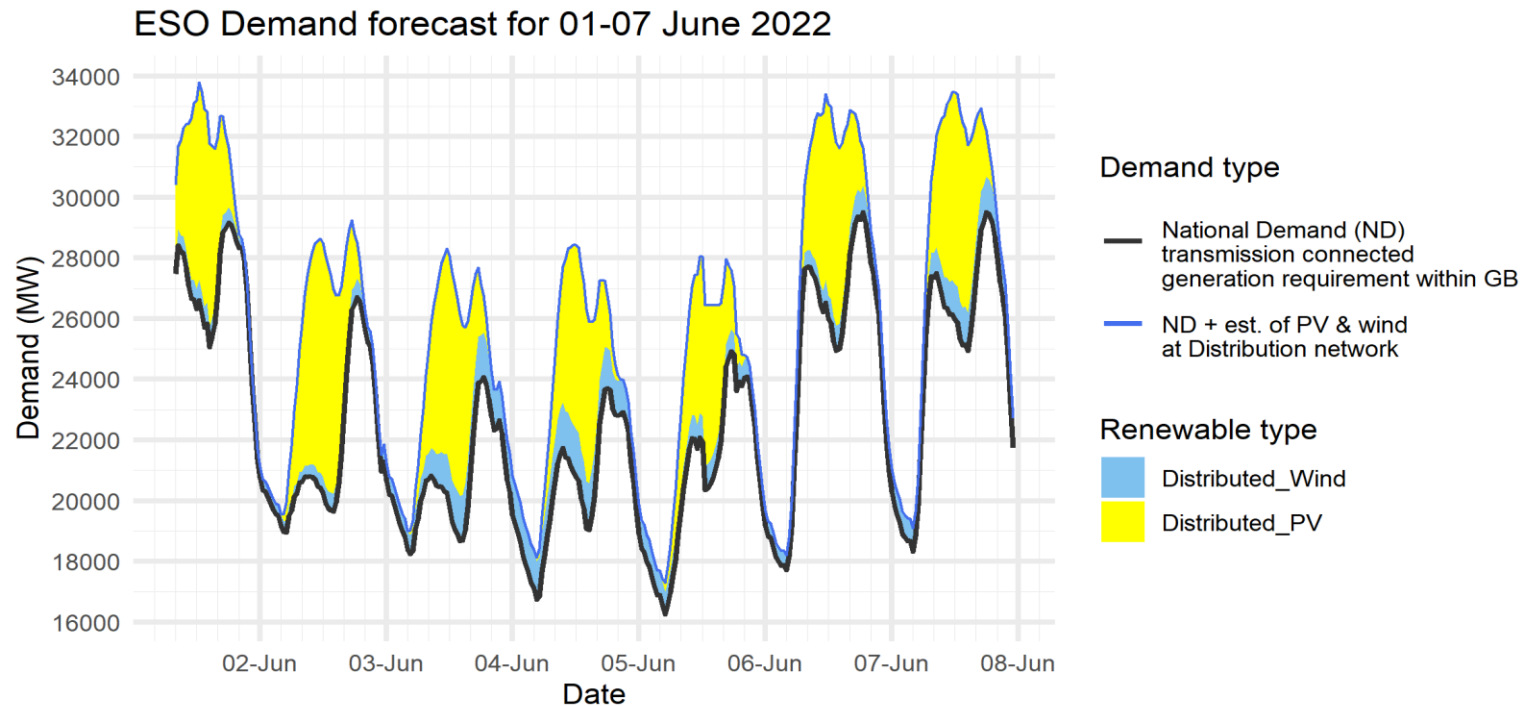
Blue line serves as a proxy for total GB customer demand. It includes demand supplied by the distributed wind and solar sources, but it **does not include** demand supplied by non-weather driven sources at the distributed network for which ESO has no real time data.

Historic out-turn data can be found on the [ESO Data Portal](#) in the following data sets: [Historic Demand Data](#) & [Demand Data Update](#)

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 25 May)			OUTTURN		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
25 May 2022	Afternoon Min	23.2	4.3	4.7	24.1	4.3	4.5
26 May 2022	Overnight Min	17.8	2.0	0.0	17.8	2.1	0.0
26 May 2022	Afternoon Min	23.3	4.3	4.6	24.1	4.4	3.7
27 May 2022	Overnight Min	17.1	2.7	0.0	17.7	2.7	0.0
27 May 2022	Afternoon Min	20.3	3.2	8.0	19.3	3.7	7.0
28 May 2022	Overnight Min	17.5	1.1	0.0	17.8	1.2	0.0
28 May 2022	Afternoon Min	19.1	0.9	7.1	19.8	1.4	5.7
29 May 2022	Overnight Min	16.8	0.8	0.0	16.5	1.2	0.0
29 May 2022	Afternoon Min	20.2	1.3	5.3	21.6	1.3	4.3
30 May 2022	Overnight Min	17.9	0.9	0.0	18.7	0.5	0.0
30 May 2022	Afternoon Min	25.7	1.2	4.7	27.2	0.8	4.5
31 May 2022	Overnight Min	18.7	0.9	0.0	19.5	0.3	0.0
31 May 2022	Afternoon Min	25.1	1.1	5.5	25.7	1.0	4.9



# Demand | Week Ahead



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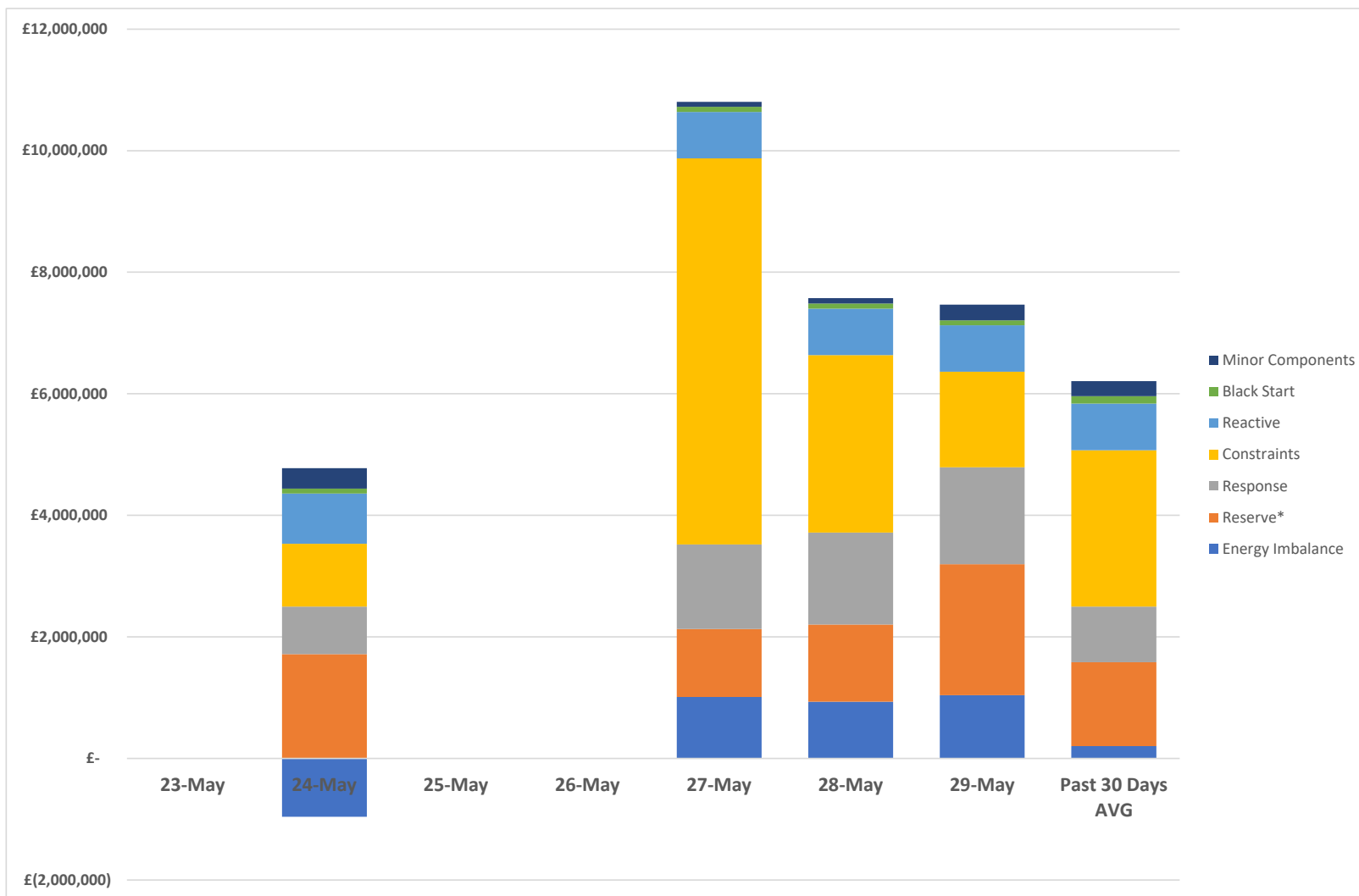
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Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 01 Jun)		
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
01 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	25.1	0.7	6.0
02 Jun 2022	Overnight Min	18.9	0.4	0.0
02 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	19.6	0.6	6.7
03 Jun 2022	Overnight Min	18.2	0.6	0.0
03 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	18.7	1.5	6.0
04 Jun 2022	Overnight Min	16.7	1.3	0.0
04 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	19.0	1.5	5.3
05 Jun 2022	Overnight Min	16.2	0.8	0.0
05 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	20.3	0.8	5.3
06 Jun 2022	Overnight Min	17.7	0.5	0.0
06 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	24.9	0.8	6.0
07 Jun 2022	Overnight Min	18.3	0.7	0.0
07 Jun 2022	Afternoon Min	24.9	1.3	5.5

# ESO Actions | Category costs breakdown for the last week



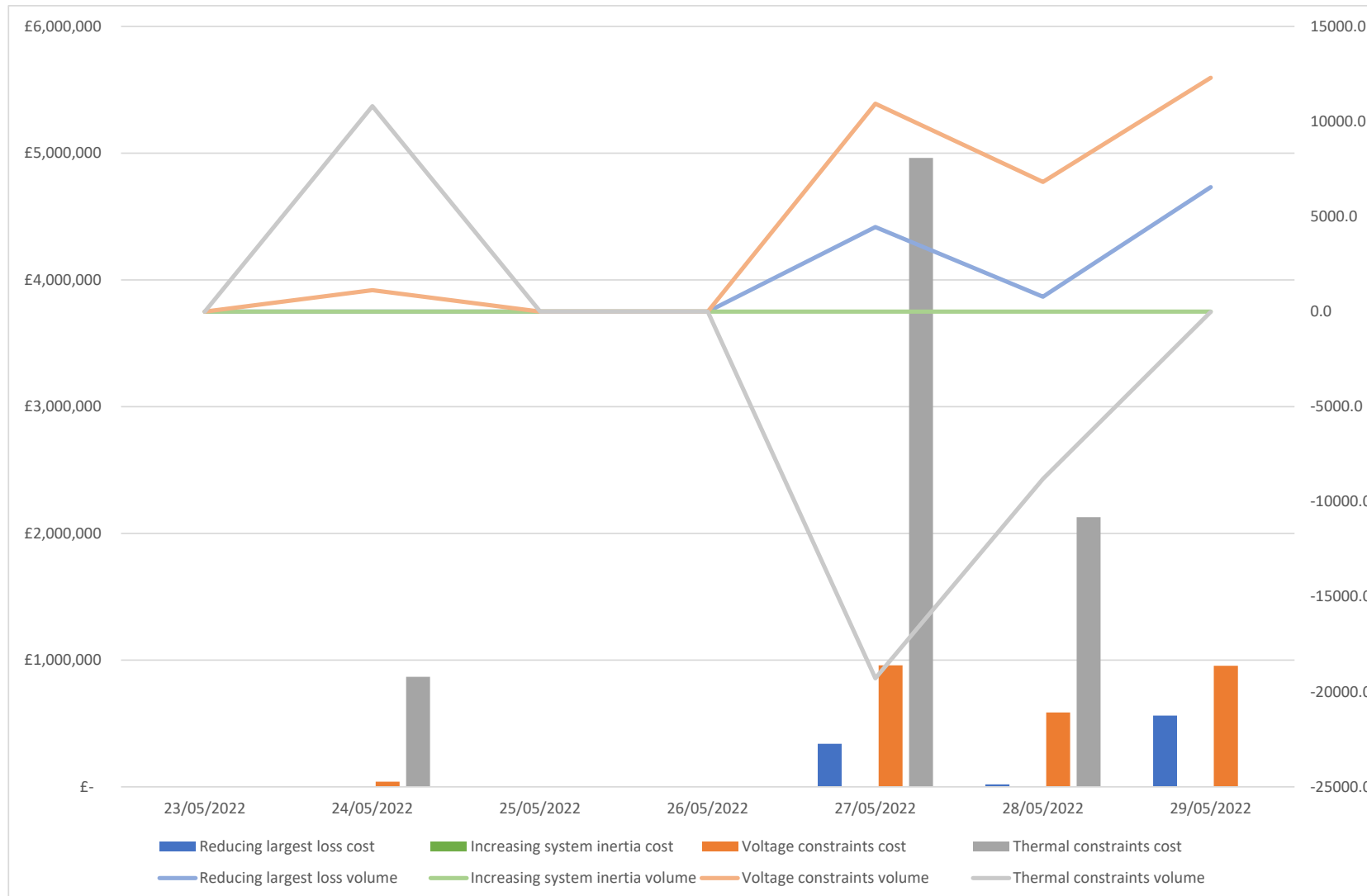
Date	Total (£m)
23/05/2022	5.9
24/05/2022	3.8
25/05/2022	7.1
26/05/2022	11.6
27/05/2022	10.8
28/05/2022	7.6
29/05/2022	7.5
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>54.3</b>

\*Reserve includes Operating Reserve, STOR, Fast Reserve, Negative Reserve, Other Reserve

Please note that the costs for 23th, 25th and 26th have been given as indicative figures as we have been unable to process due to an IT fault we are looking to resolve

Past 30 Days Average is displayed in the chart

# ESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown



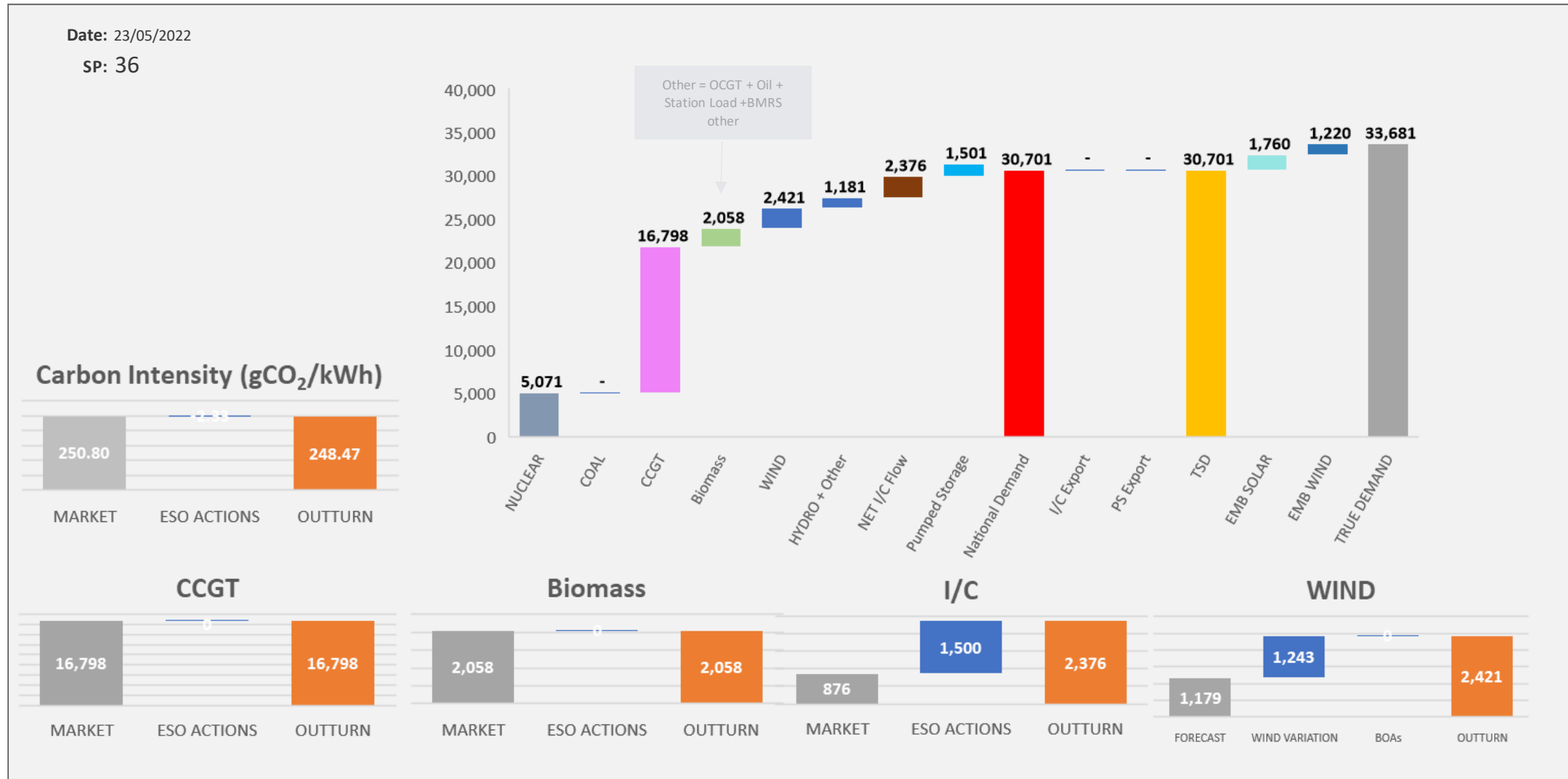
**Thermal – network congestion**  
 Actions required to manage Thermal Constraints throughout the week

**Voltage**  
 Actions taken to synchronise generation to meet voltage requirements were taken on most days of the week

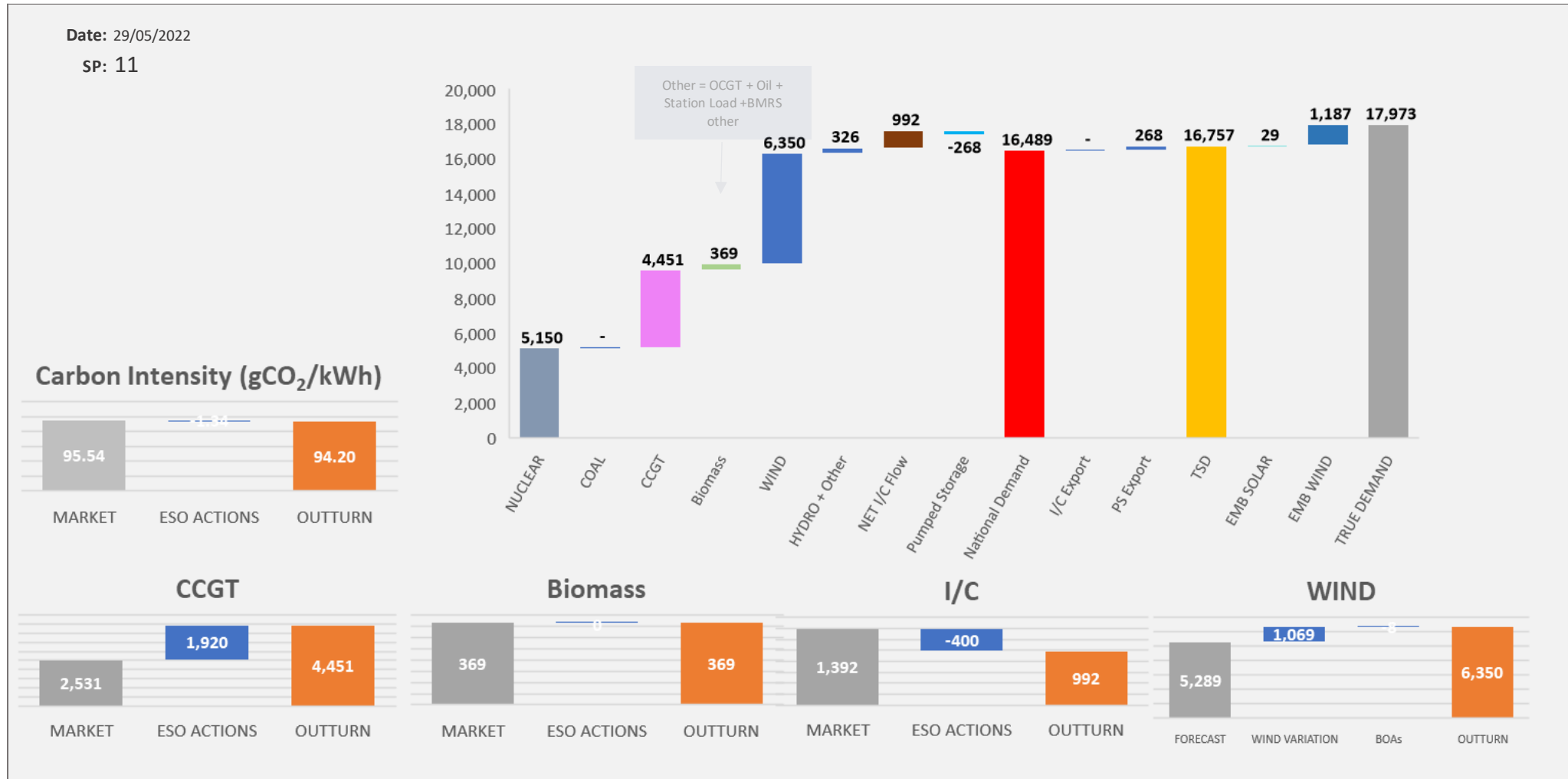
**Managing largest loss for RoCoF**  
 Intervention required to manage largest loss between Friday and Saturday

**Increasing inertia**  
 No Intervention required to increase minimum inertia

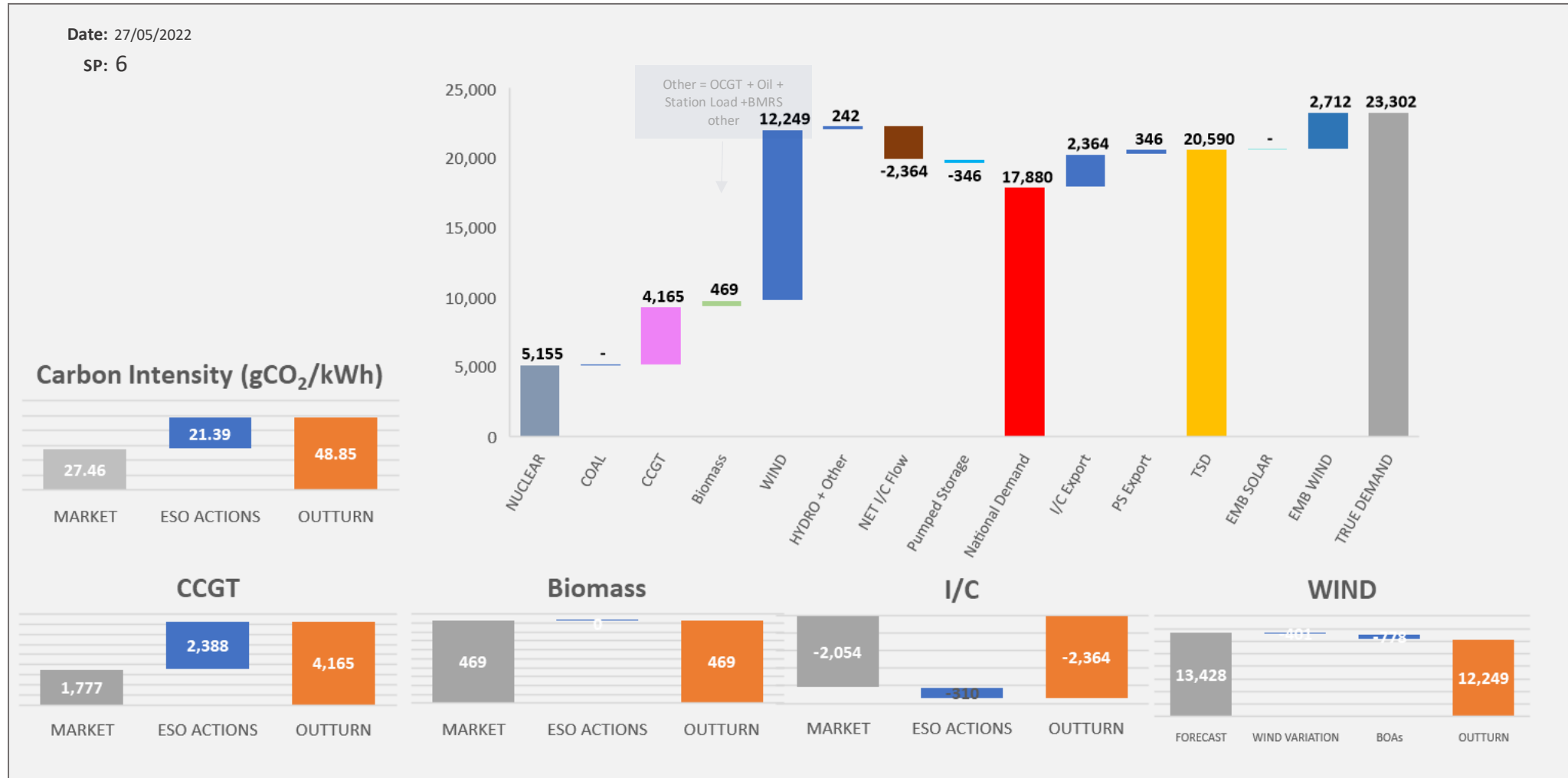
# ESO Actions | Monday 23 May Peak



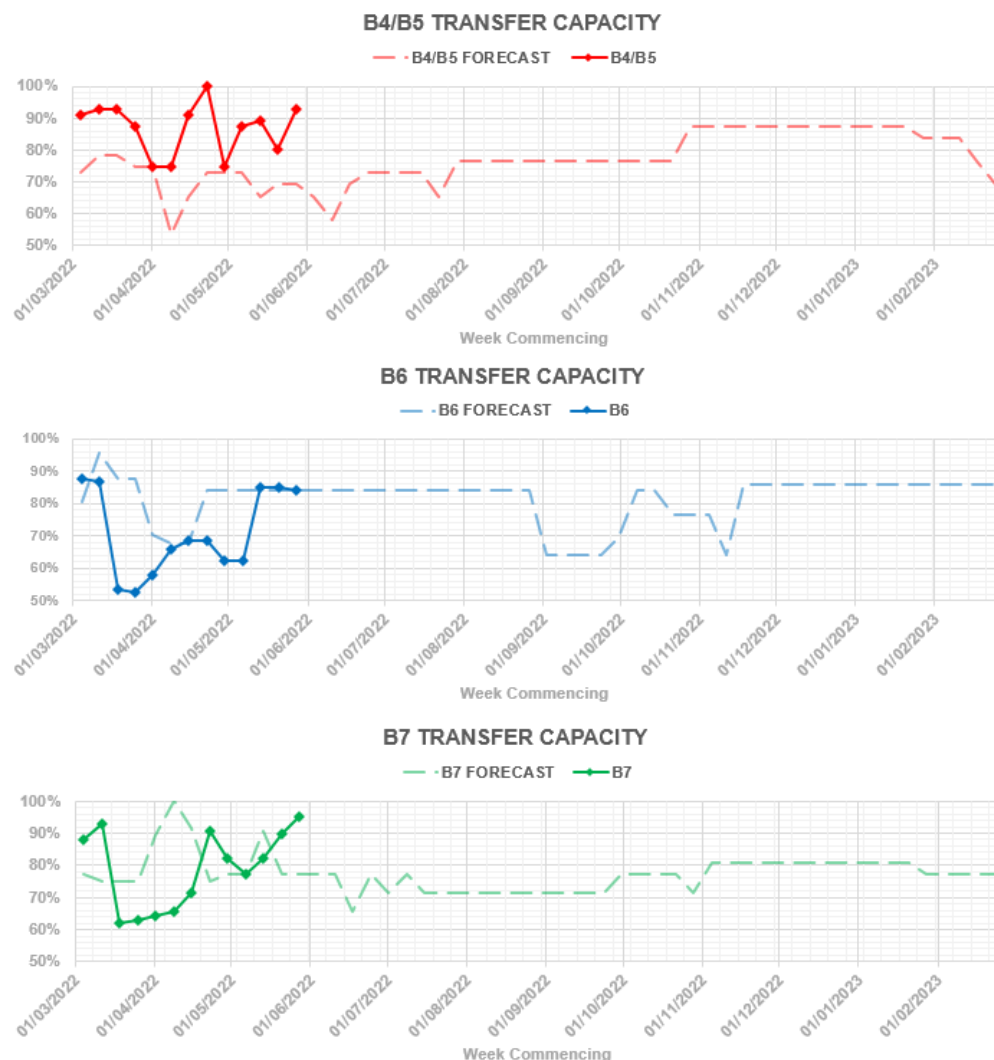
# ESO Actions | Sunday 29 May Minimum



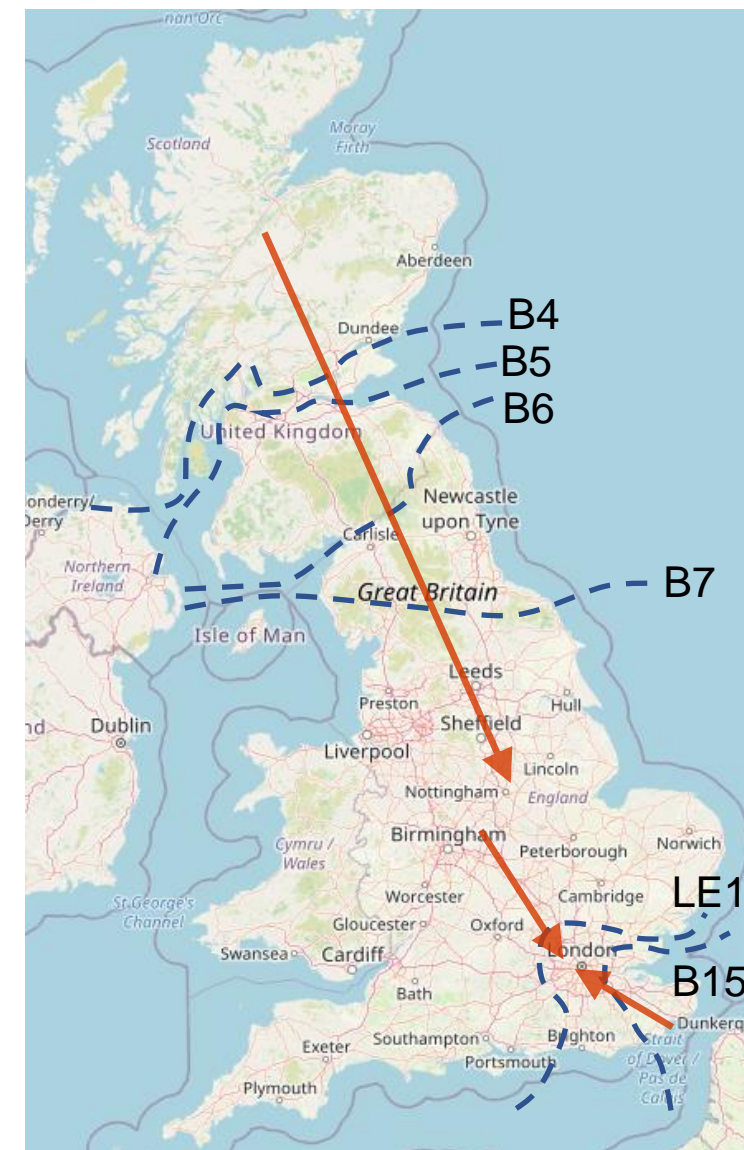
# ESO Actions | Friday 27 May Highest Spend ~£0.3m



# Transparency | Network Congestion



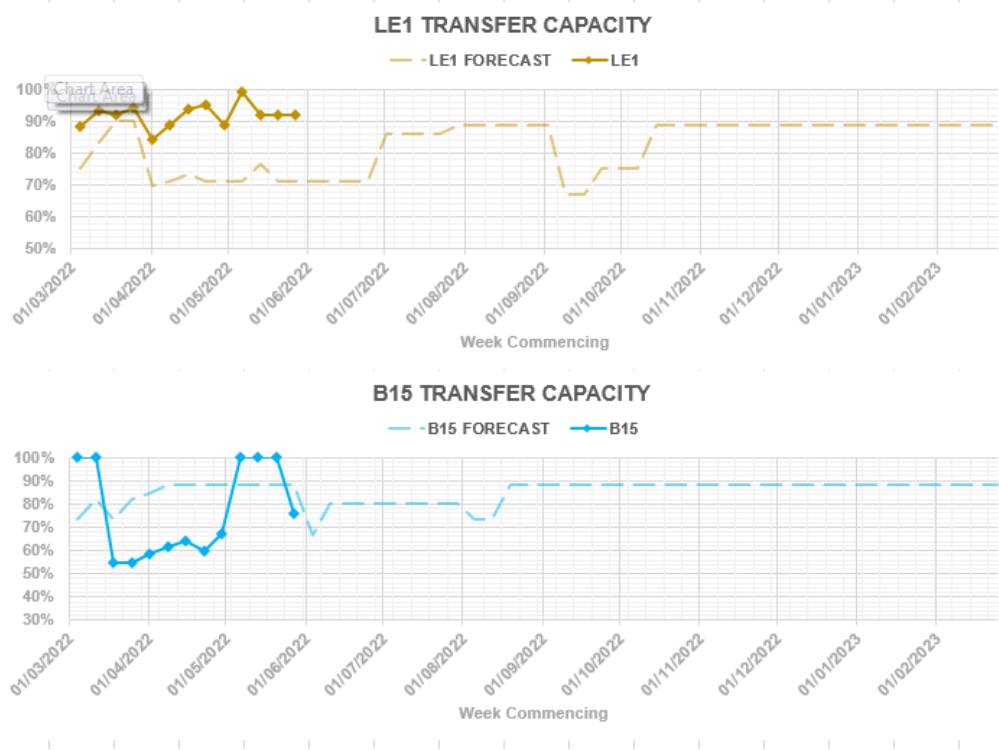
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B15	7500



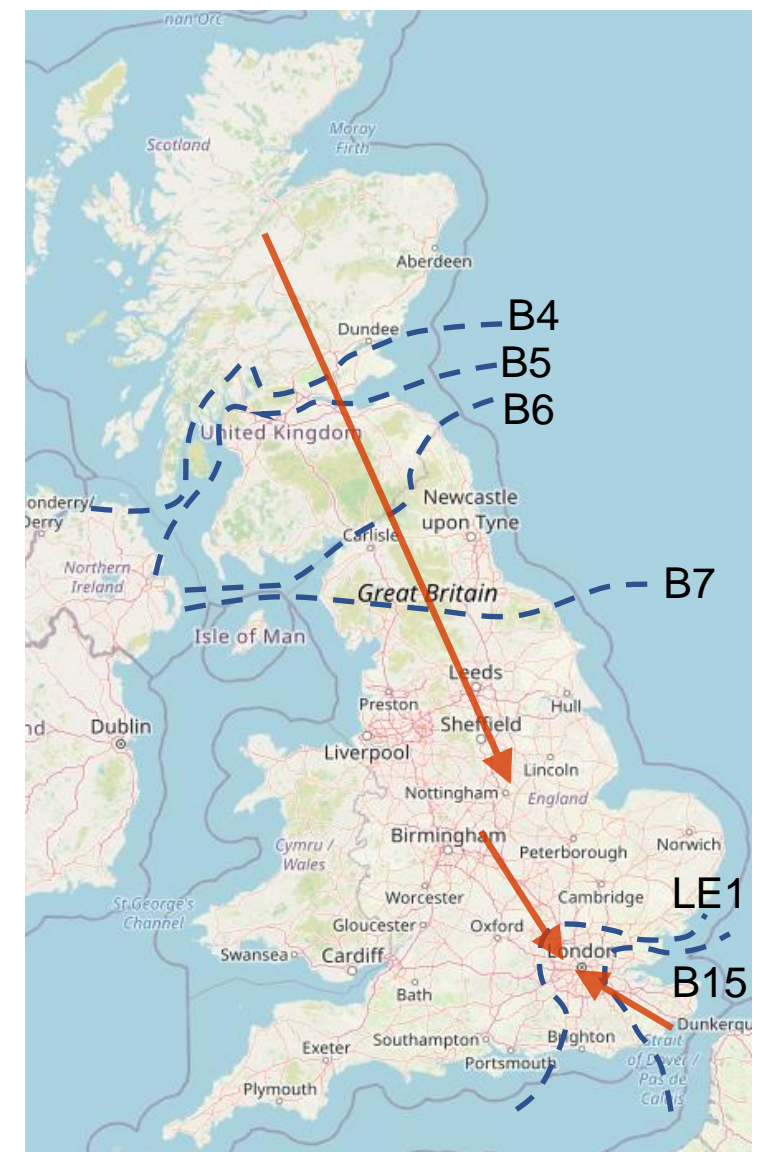
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## Response Reform Webinar

Webinar Link: [Frequency Response Reform Market Insights and Procurement Webinar May 2022 \(brightcove.net\)](#)

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## **Audience Q&A Session**

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## Q&A

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