

Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) Procurement requirement

1 April 2024 to 1 April 2025

April 2024 update

This document sets out our best forecast daily STOR requirement. Whilst this forecast is unlikely to change much during each STOR year, NGENSO may update this document from time to time by publication of an updated version on our website.

STOR is procured to meet some of our reserve requirement through balancing services when it is economic to do so. This requirement is to provide additional energy in megawatts (MW) in short timescales.

Reserve is needed for frequency management when there is an imbalance between supply of energy and demand for energy. When the instantaneous supply is not enough to meet the demand, the frequency falls and extra energy is needed very quickly to re-establish this balance. This can be supplied by additional generation or demand reduction. Initially this is provided by frequency response which initiates automatically. Response is only maintained for a maximum of 30 minutes. Reserve is then instructed within 2-30 minutes in order to replace the frequency response.

Forecast STOR daily requirement

We currently hold a small number of firm long-term STOR contracts for approximately 390MW which endure out to 1 April 2025. All other STOR requirement is procured through our daily auctions. The following table sets out our daily procurement requirement by STOR season.

STOR Season	Date from	Date to	Long-Term contracted MW	Overall MW Requirement	MW Remaining (Daily Auction)
18.1	1 April 24	29 April 24	390	1600	1210
18.2	29 April 24	19 Aug 24	390	1600	1210
18.3	19 Aug 24	23 Sept 24	390	1600	1210
18.4	23 Sept 24	21 Oct 24	390	1700	1310
18.5	21 Oct 24	20 Jan 25	390	1700	1310
18.6	20 Jan 25	1 April 25	390	1700	1310