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ESO Operational Transparency Forum  
18 September 2024

## Introduction | Sli.do code #OTF

To ask questions live & give us post event feedback go to Sli.do event code #OTF.

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**Stay up to date on our webpage:** <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/OTF> (OTF Q&A is published with slidepacks)

## Future deep dive / focus topics

### Today

None

### Future

Space Weather – October

Winter Outlook – October (report will be published on 8<sup>th</sup> October)

Initial National Demand Outturn – TBC

If you have suggestions for future deep dives or focus topics please send them to us at:  
[box.NC.customer@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:box.NC.customer@nationalgrideso.com) and we will consider including them in a future forum

## Becoming the National Energy System Operator (NESO)

Energy Secretary Ed Miliband has confirmed that the National Energy System Operator (NESO) will launch on 1 October following the government agreeing to acquire the Electricity System Operator (ESO) from National Grid, transferring the ESO into public ownership.

As NESO, we'll be a new independent organisation responsible for planning Britain's entire energy system, operating the electricity network and offering expert advice to the energy sector's decision makers.

More information about NESO can be found [here](#) including past webinar recordings.

**Please subscribe to our new NESO mailing list [here](#) and select 'Operational Transparency Forum (OTF)' to continue receiving future OTF meeting invites and other communications.**

- **Balancing Reserve**

- Timeline for implementation of Incremental Volume Cost
- How is the IVC calculated including examples
- Dispatch Flexibility review methodology

- **Quick And Slow Reserve**

- Outline of the proposed service designs for Quick Reserve phase 2 and Slow Reserve
- Update on Quick Reserve phase 1 timeline and consultation process

**Balancing Reserve Webinars - starting 23 Sept**

Sign up for our series of Reserve webinars in the events tab on our future reserve webpage

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/balancing-services/reserve-services/future-reserve-services#Events>

**Quick Reserve (Phase 1) drop-in sessions- starting 26 Sept**

Join our series of weekly drop-in sessions where we'll run through and demonstrate some of the key requirements for registering and taking part in the Quick Reserve service prior to go live. Each session will include time for Q&A on all aspects of the service. Sign up in the events tab on the Quick Reserve webpage

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# Markets Forum- September 2024

## 18 September

### Publication of pre recorded webinar

Including topics, such as:

- Introduction from Rebecca Beresford as new Director of Markets
- Becoming NESO (National Energy System Operator)
- Whole energy update
- Constraints Collaboration Project
- Latest on Product Development

Access the webinar recording [here](#).

## 25 September

### 10am – Live Q&A

To sign up to the webinar please [Register Here](#) or follow the QR code



We welcome any questions before the Live Q&A via **Slido** using **#MFSEP24**

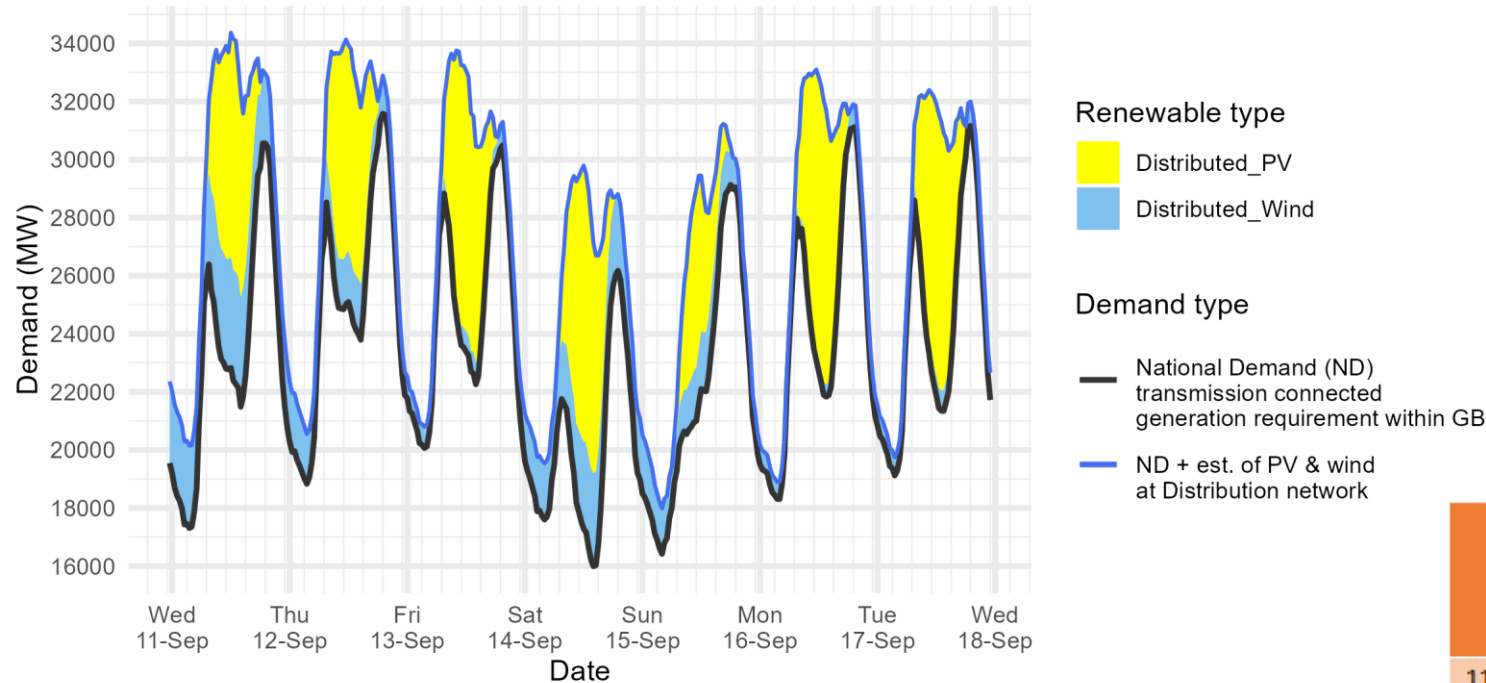
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## Future Event Summary

Event	Date & Time	Link
Markets Forum (publication of pre-recorded webinar)	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	
2024 Revenue and Charging Forum – Online	24 <sup>th</sup> September 9:00-15:00	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Markets Forum (Live Q&A)	25 <sup>th</sup> September 10:00	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Monthly Reserve Webinars	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<a href="#">Register here</a>
Quick Reserve Webinars	26 <sup>th</sup> September	<a href="#">Register here</a>

# Demand | Last week demand out-turn

ESO National Demand outturn 11-17 September 2024



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

## Distributed generation

Peak values by day

Date	OUTTURN	
	Daily Max Dist. PV (GW)	Daily Max Dist. Wind (GW)
11 Sep 2024	8.0	3.9
12 Sep 2024	7.4	2.2
13 Sep 2024	9.0	1.3
14 Sep 2024	9.5	3.3
15 Sep 2024	6.2	2.1
16 Sep 2024	9.8	0.7
17 Sep 2024	9.4	0.9

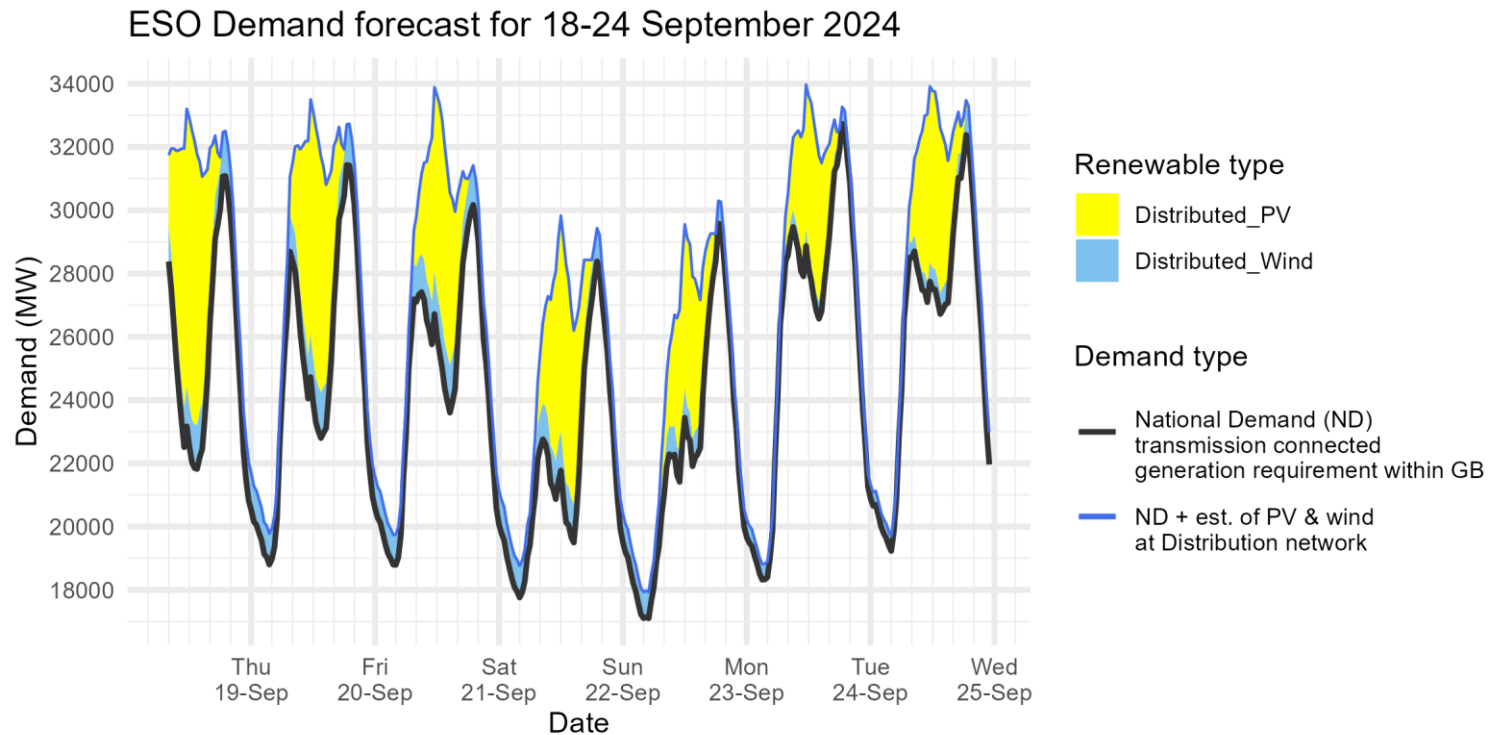
## National Demand

Peaks and troughs

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 11 Sep)		OUTTURN	
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)
11 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	30.1	2.6	30.6	2.5
12 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	18.8	2.0	18.8	1.7
12 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	31.5	1.2	31.3	1.1
13 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	20.5	0.7	20.1	0.7
13 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	30.8	0.7	30.1	0.7
14 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	17.9	1.7	17.6	1.9
14 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	26.5	2.5	26.0	2.7
15 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	16.6	1.7	16.4	1.6
15 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	29.2	1.0	29.1	1.2
16 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	18.4	0.6	18.3	0.6
16 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	31.9	0.7	31.1	0.7
17 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	19.0	0.8	19.1	0.6
17 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	31.9	0.7	31.1	0.8



# Demand | Week Ahead



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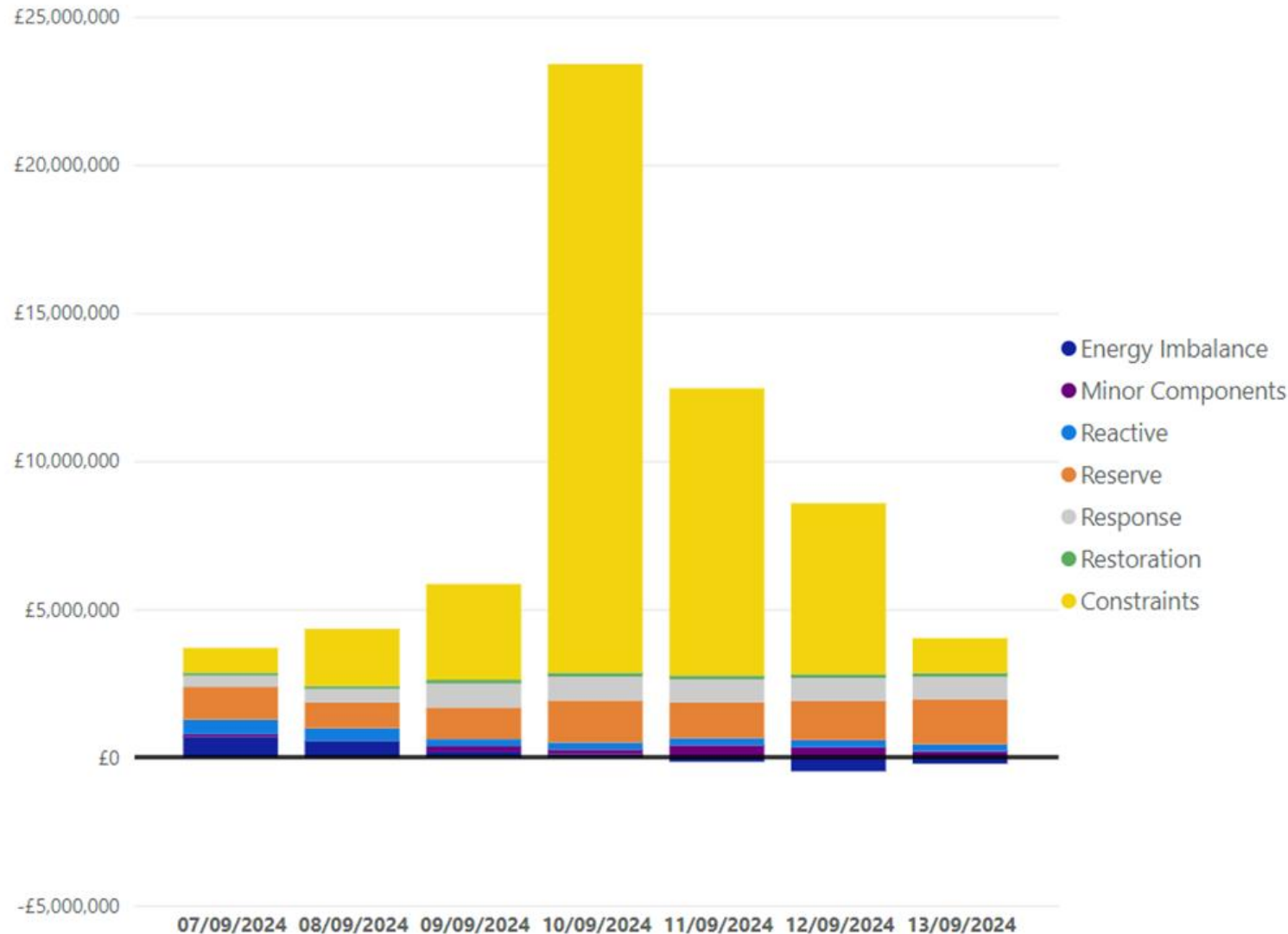
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22 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	17.1	0.8
22 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	29.6	0.7
23 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	18.3	0.5
23 Sep 2024	Evening Peak	32.7	0.5
24 Sep 2024	Overnight Min	19.2	0.5
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## ESO Actions | Category Cost Breakdown



**£61.46M**

Weekly Total

**£33.55M**

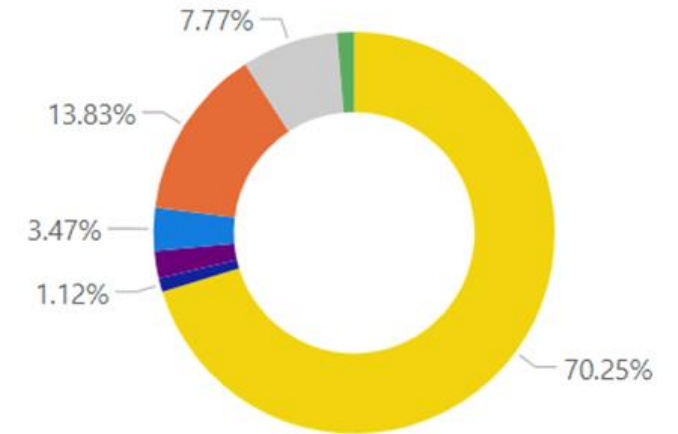
Previous Week Total

**£9.37M**

Past 30 Days Average

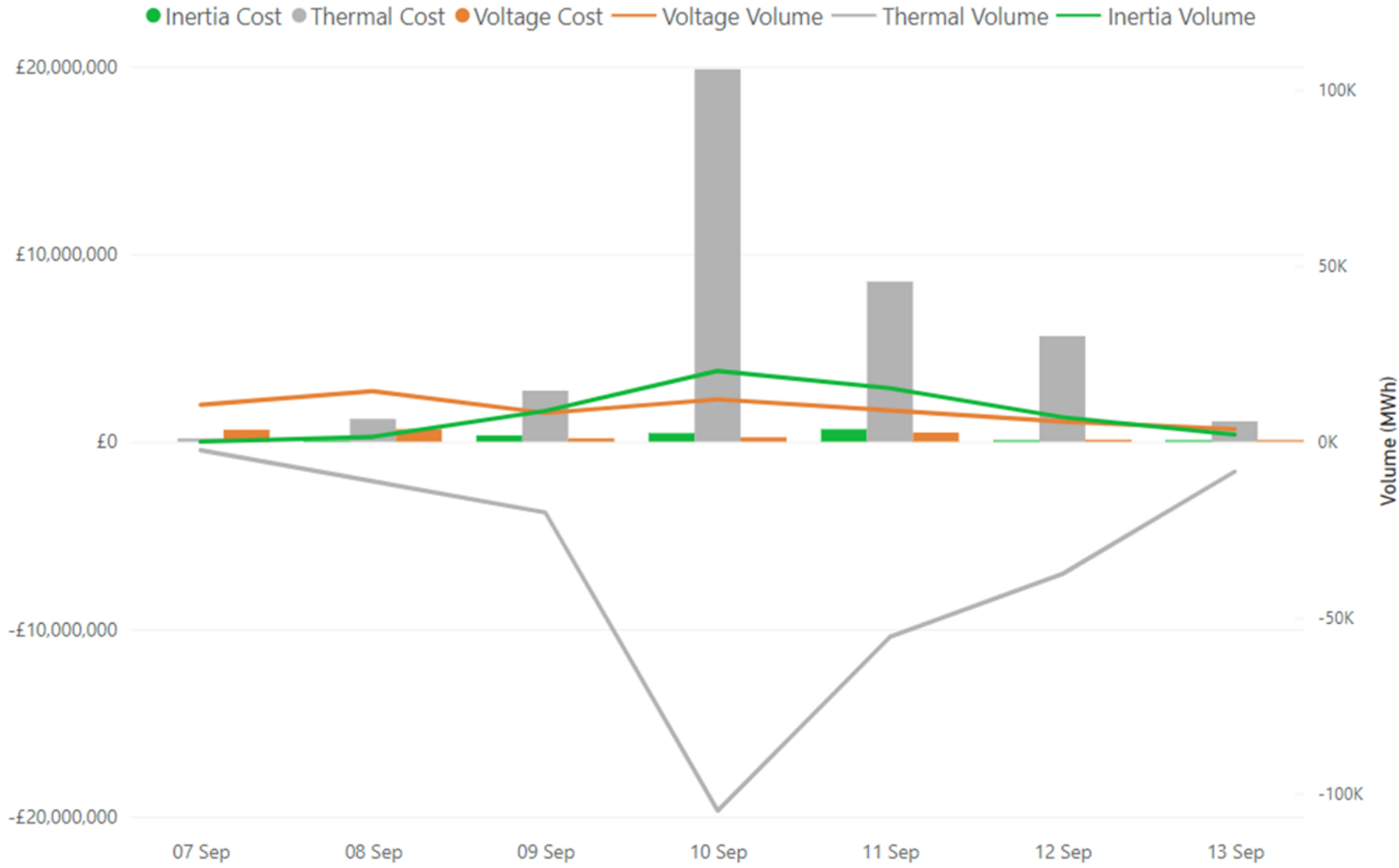
Date	Total (£)
07/09/2024	£3,691,113
08/09/2024	£4,318,085
09/09/2024	£5,846,470
10/09/2024	£23,404,259
11/09/2024	£12,303,502
12/09/2024	£8,101,271
13/09/2024	£3,800,169
<b>Total</b>	<b>£61,464,869</b>

Share of Cost



# ESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown

07/09/2024 13/09/2024



## £2.4M

Sum of Voltage Cost

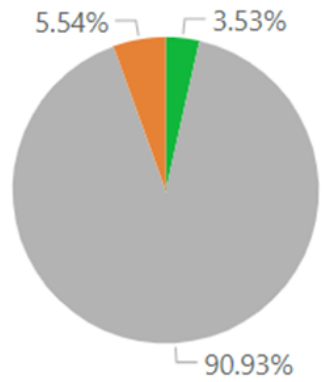
## £1.5M

Sum of Inertia Cost

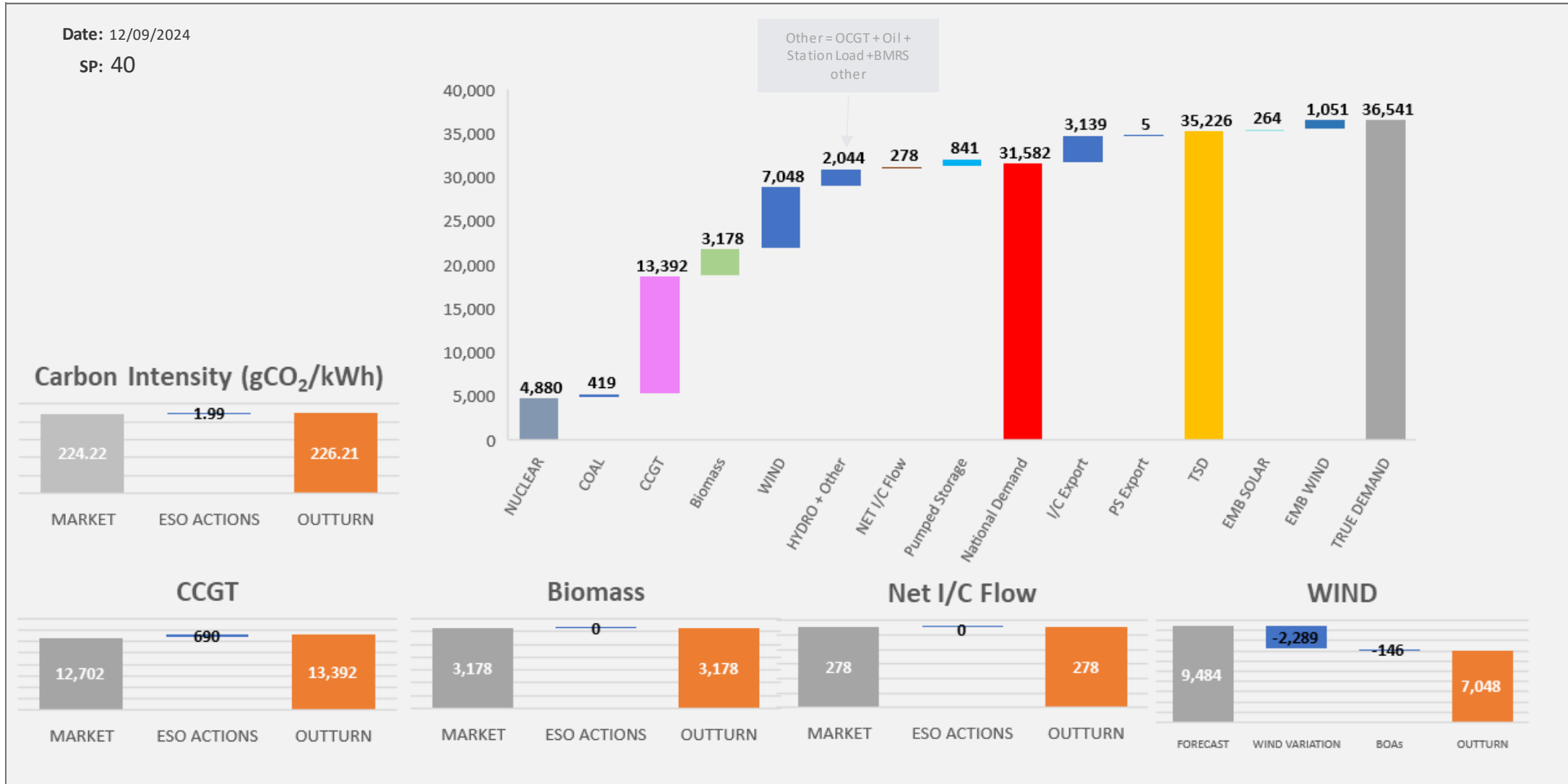
## £39.2M

Sum of Thermal Cost

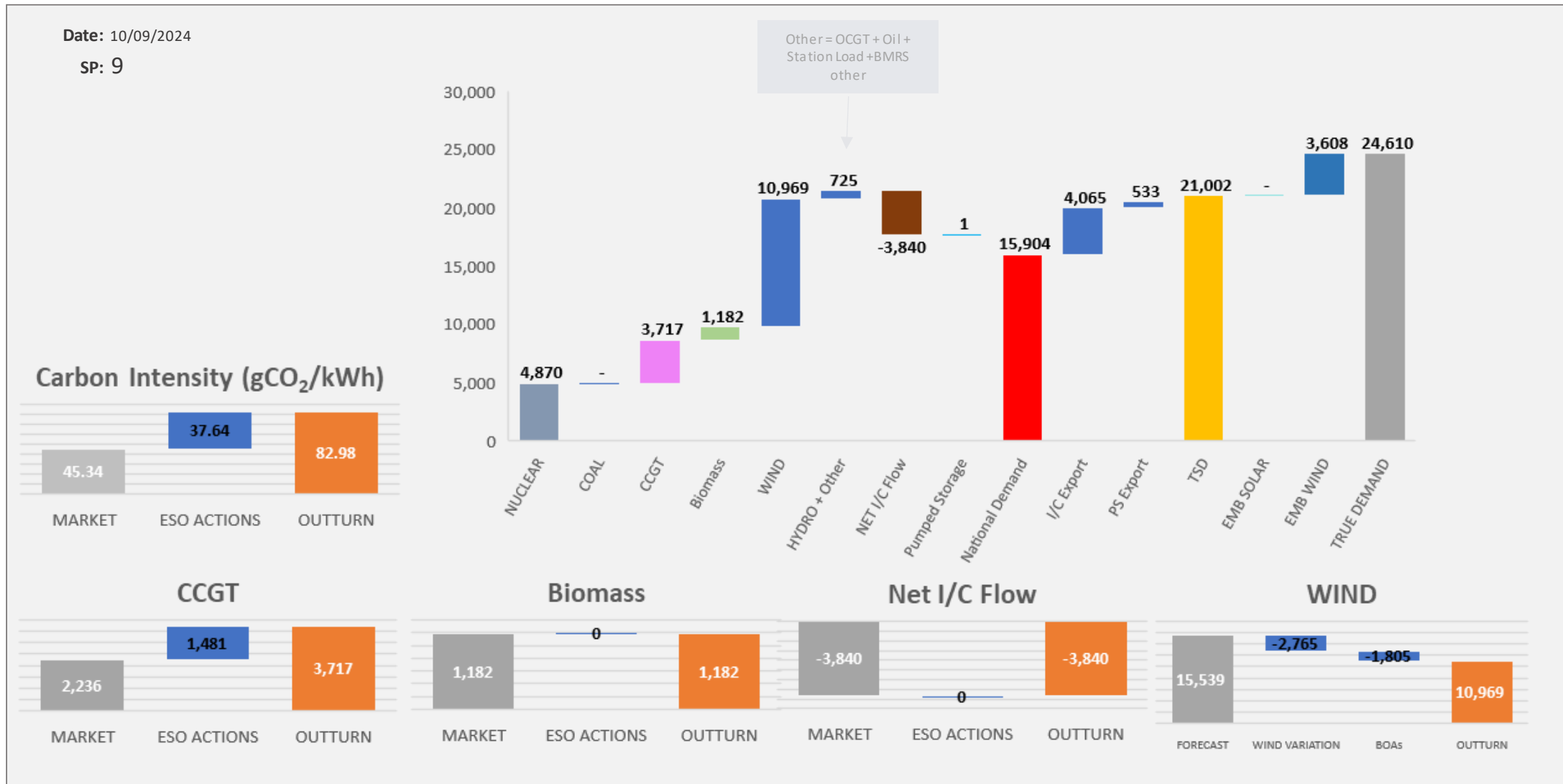
Share of cost



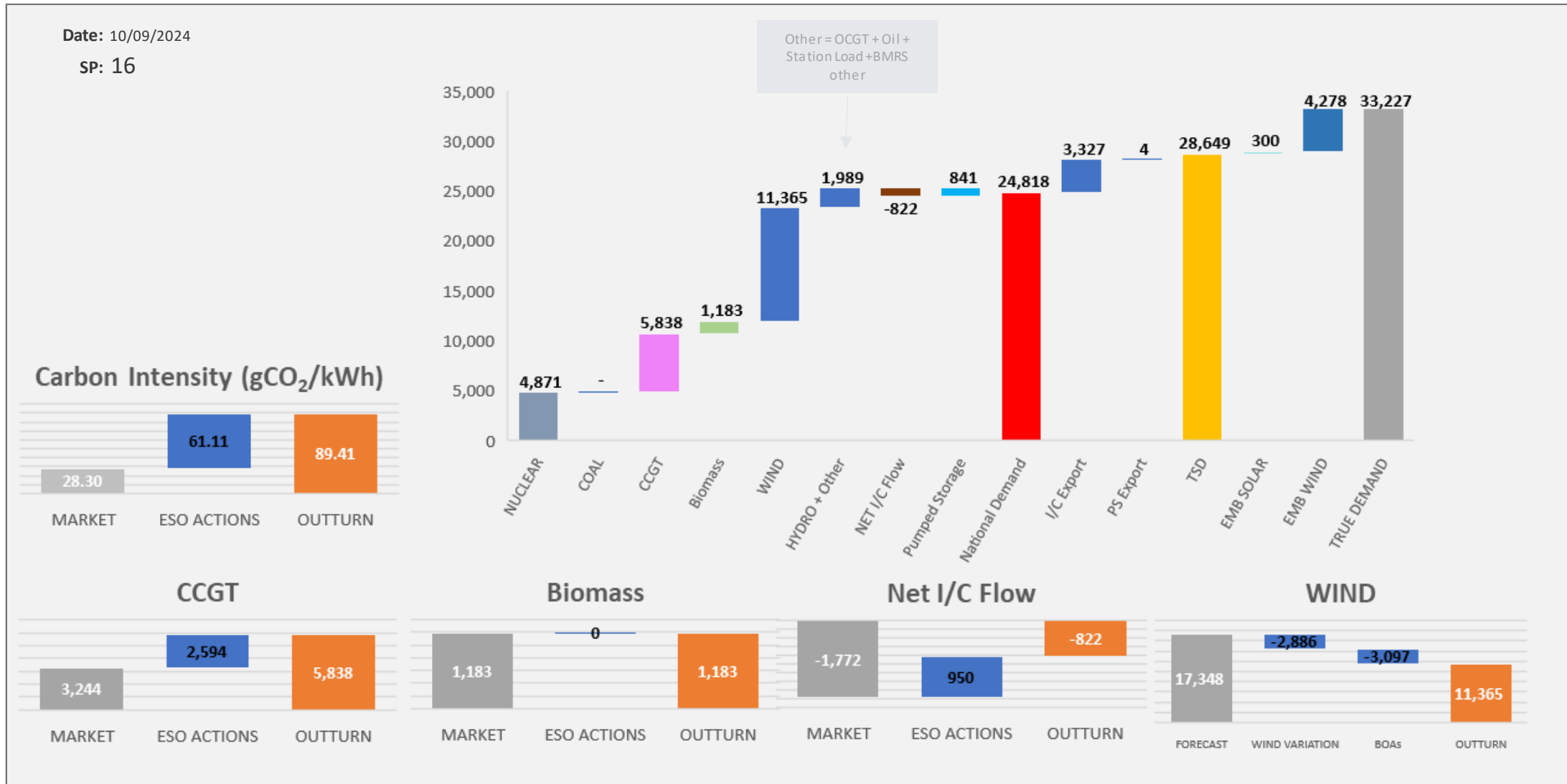
# ESO Actions | Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Peak Demand – SP spend ~ £72k



# ESO Actions | Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Minimum Demand – SP Spend ~ £406k

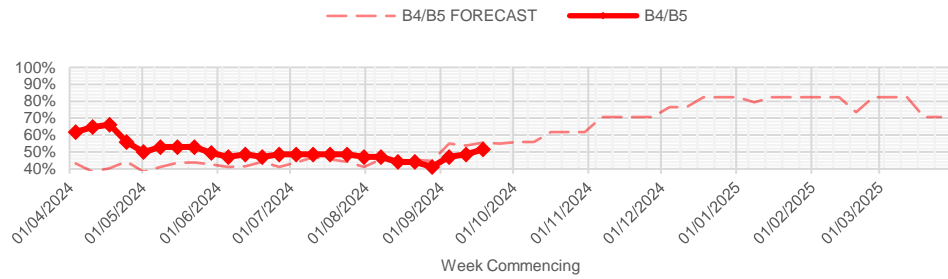


# ESO Actions | Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Highest SP Spend ~ £666k

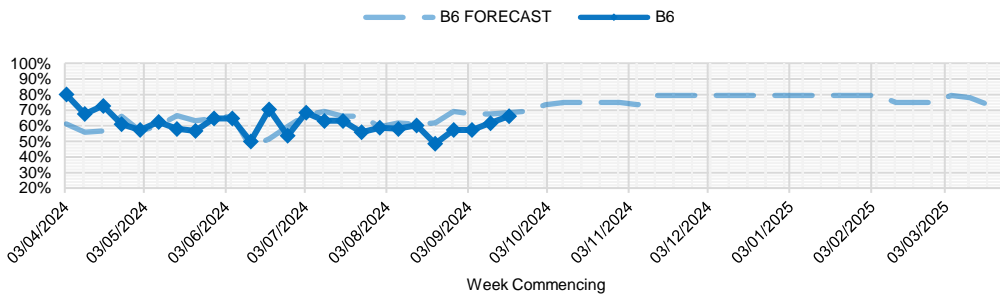


# Transparency | Network Congestion

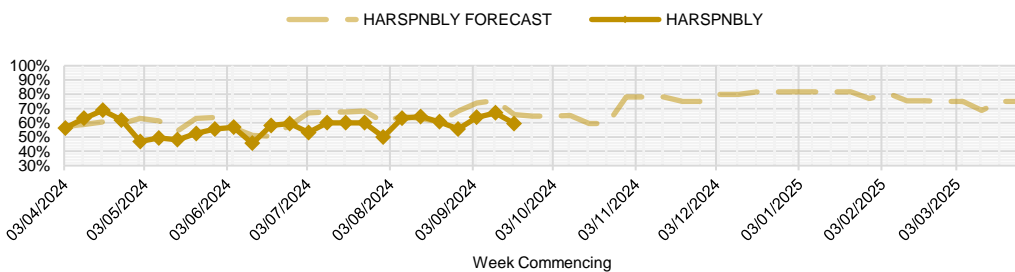
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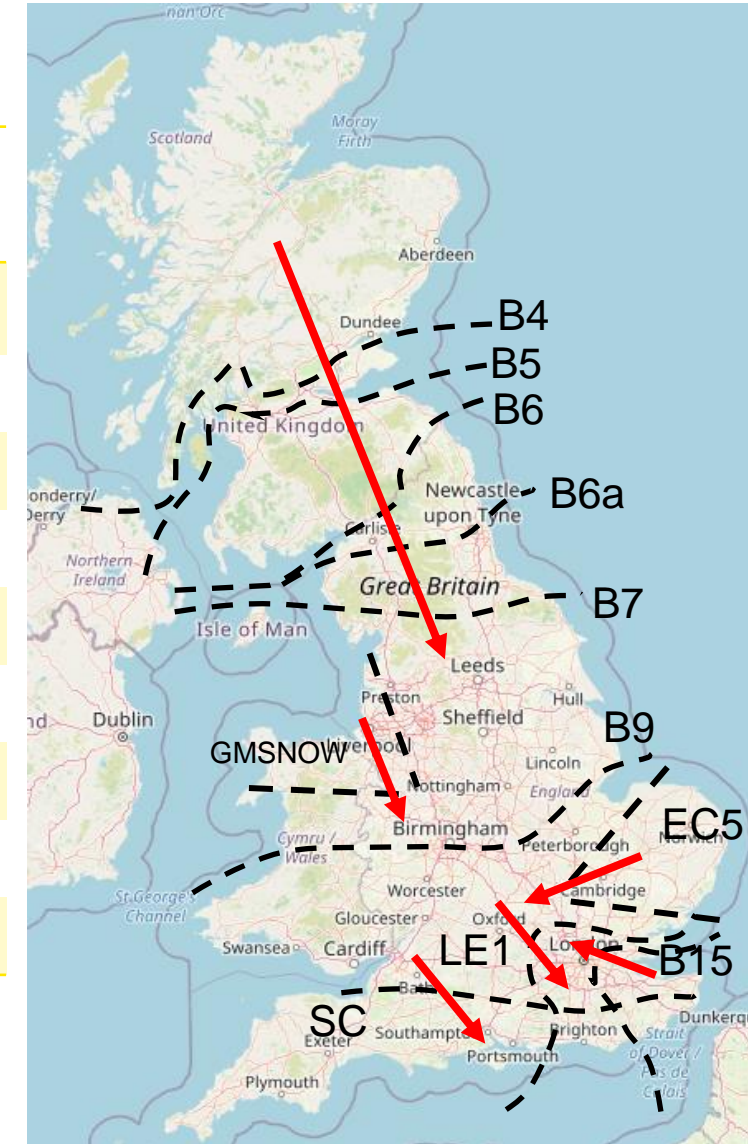
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B6a (HARSPNBLY) TRANSFER CAPACITY



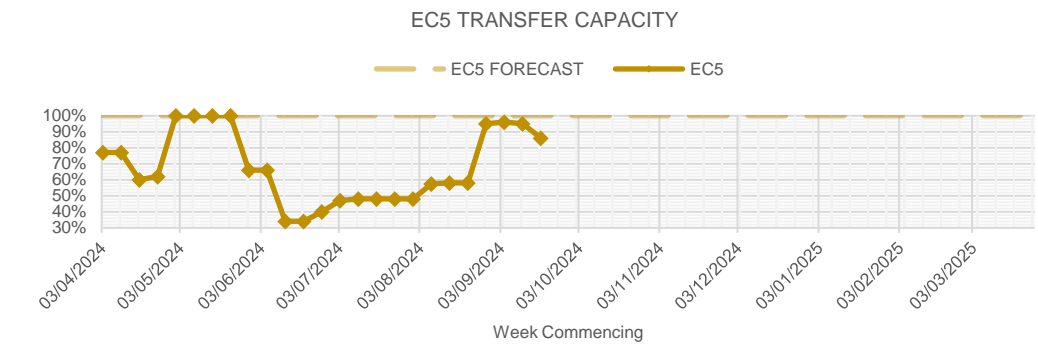
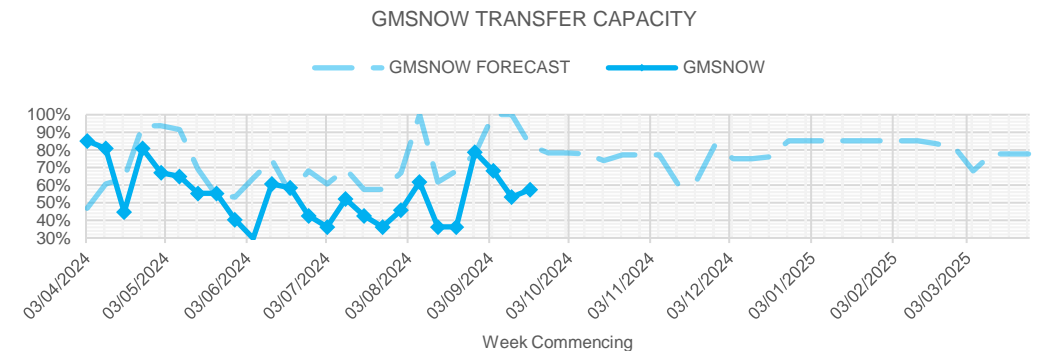
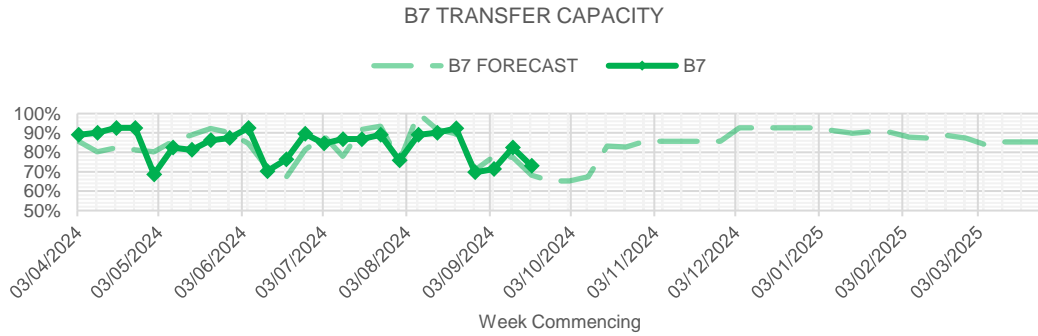
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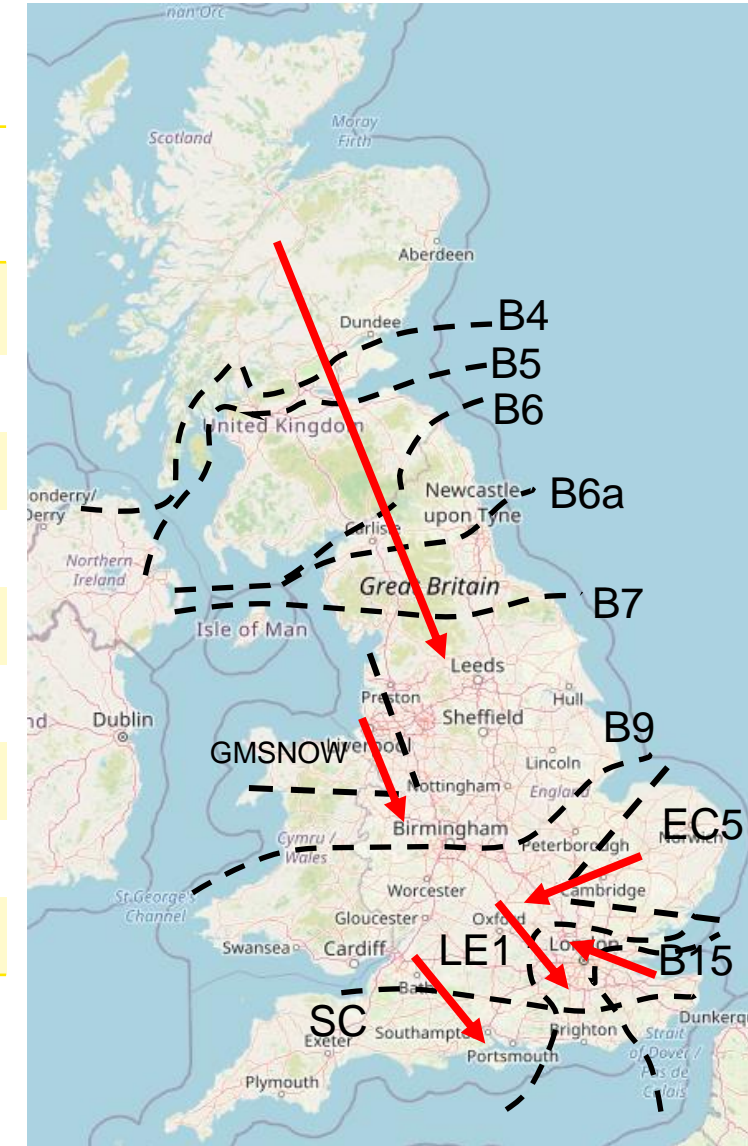
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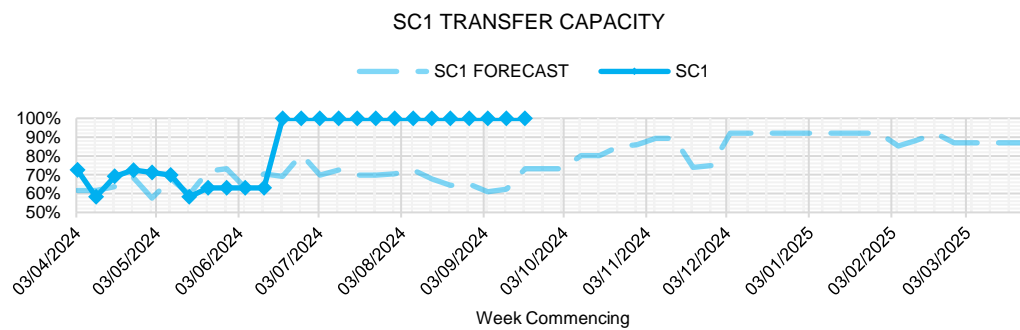
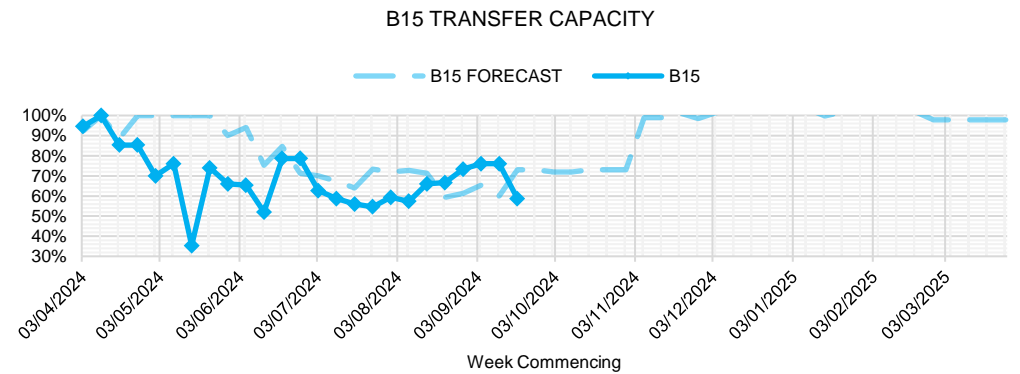
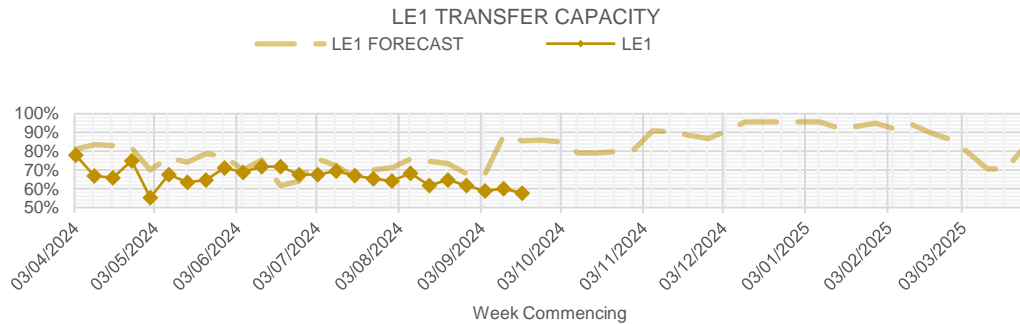


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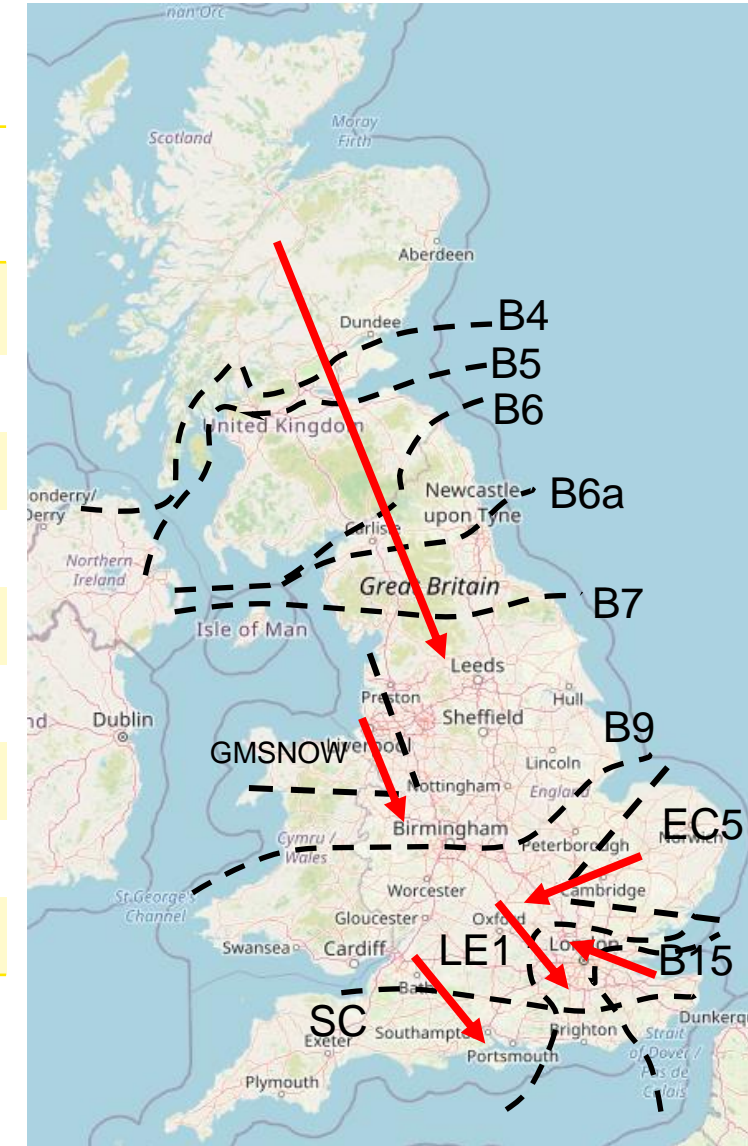
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## Previously Asked Questions

Q: We would like to know the frequency of CMIS Arming data files at NG ESO data portal. The last we have seen was published around May, since then we have not seen any data published on CMIS arming. Is it that the service has not been utilised since/ is there a frequency that this data is published at

A: Previous response: Thank you for flagging this – we'll pick up with the relevant ESO team and confirm the frequency of the upload of these files.

Updated response: This dataset is published monthly but only when the service has been utilised. As there has been no use the of the service, there has been no update to the file.

(CMIS – Constraint Management Intertrip Service)

Q: Do you know the date this years Winter Outlook will be published?

A: We are expecting to publish the Winter Outlook on 8<sup>th</sup> October and will plan a deep dive session shortly afterwards.

## Previously Asked Questions

Q: What was the reason for the £ 3036.26 /MWh unflagged GB-Belgium interconnector trade on 28/08/24, SP35-36? The reason stated was "Margin", however the action being unflagged feels unusual given other pricing.

A: These trades were carried out for margin and were unflagged due to being taken for energy reasons. Trading actions are taken ahead of the Balancing Mechanism based on ensuring the system operating plan will be operable when in real time. On this occasion due to the highly constrained network there was limited liquidity, this along with the trade requirement for system security with no other trading options, resulted in the high price seen.

Q: LE1 and B15 have been below the forecast almost every week of the year so far. It is causing lots of constraints and restrictions in that area. Is there a wider concern in the SE area of the network and are you working with the TO?

A: Thank you for your question. Constraints in real time can be lower than forecast due to changes in the outage pattern. We are always working closely with the TO to understand their needs when it comes to maintaining and upgrading the network, and we will always be sure to minimise the impact outages when operating the system.

## Previously Asked Questions

Q: There was a BMRS outage on Thursday and SSP settled at negative £19/MWh according to ELEXON. Yet these cheap SPs traded above £100/MWh on M7, so SSPs below £19/MWh do not seem correct. Could you explain these different prices? Thanks.

A: On 29<sup>th</sup> August imbalance price settled at -£19.19/MWh because the overall system was long (had excess energy) meaning that bids set the imbalance price / SSP (System Sell Price) / SBP (System Buy Price) / cashout. In this instance actions were taken to manage footroom (negative reserve) on wind assets which were negatively priced, whereas in the hours around this period, energy balancing actions taken on thermal units / storage assets with positively priced bid prices set the imbalance price when the market was long.

Wind only infrequently sets the imbalance price because it is typically out of cost merit order for energy actions and thus system flagged for constraint management but it always has the potential to be needed for negative reserve or other energy flagged transactions and in these instances may set a negative cashout price.

Elexon publish a detailed imbalance price calculation methodology and are responsible for this calculation, you can read more at: <https://www.elexon.co.uk/settlement/imbalance-pricing/#:~:text=The%20Imbalance%20Price%20is%20used%20to%20settle%20energy,then%20it%20will%20be%20subject%20to%20imbalance%20charges.>

## Outstanding Questions

Q: Please can you provide some insight into the below scenario which occurred March 4th 2024.

We received this message: “A request for Emergency Assistance has been agreed on a GB connected Interconnector. The requesting party was NGESO. GB net flow will decrease by 716 MW between 12:50 04/03/2024 to 14:05 04/03/2024. Issued by Simon Williams at 12:45 on 04/03/2024.”

This action led to the system shortening by 716MW in SP27. Cashout has remained unchanged on Elexon Insights and those down-regulation actions never fed through post-event. Please can we have some clarity that if Emergency Assistance is used again in the future, we should expect the same outcome (no post-event trades being published)?

Q: Following on from Shivam's question, can you also please explain why non BM FR was called at prices up to £2949.51 when there were flexible units available in the BM, and the control room were taking bids on other flexible units?

Q: Yesterday (*10<sup>th</sup> Sept*) the cashout price was set (a few times) by reversal actions on batteries. SP22 the cashout price was £68 with a NIV of -620 Mwh and vast majority of bid stack was negative. This seriously affects our ability to trade and market confidence. Please could you comment and suggest solution?

Q: Please explain how with similar demand and 4GW more wind, yesterday's (*10<sup>th</sup> Sept*) negative wind bids were all system tagged in the same regions, but today there have been energy neg priced bids since 0800hrs? You'd expect more constrained system to have more 'extreme' price dynamics vs less constrained system.

Q: We understand some wind farms are constrained due to oscillation issue - which type of constraints are they fall under and can you provide an estimated spend so far?

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# Appendix

# Participation in the Operational Transparency Forum

Thank you to everyone who participates in the OTF, whether you join weekly, monthly, on specific occasions or follow up with the webinar recordings and published slides. We hear from participant feedback and our ESO colleagues that all of us value the opportunity to share information, ask questions and share the answers.

One of the reasons this format works so well is the professional courtesy we see demonstrated every week.

However, in recent weeks there have been some Slido questions and comments in the Q&A session directed at specific market participants suggesting their actions are not appropriate. This is concerning because:

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# Purpose and scope of the ESO Operational Transparency Forum

## Purpose

The Operational Transparency Forum runs once a week to provide updated information on and insight into the operational challenges faced by the control room in the recent past (1-2 weeks) and short term future (1-2 weeks). The OTF will also signpost other ESO events, provide deep dives into focus topics, and allow industry to ask questions.

## Scope

Aligns with purpose, see examples below:

### In Scope of OTF

Material presented i.e.: regular content, deep dives, focus topics  
ESO operational approach & challenges  
ESO published data

### Out of Scope of OTF

Data owned and/or published by other parties  
e.g.: BMRS is published by Elexon  
Processes including consultations operated by other parties e.g.: Elexon, Ofgem, DESNZ  
Data owned by other parties  
Details of ESO Control Room actions & decision making  
Activities & operations of particular market participants  
ESO policy & strategic decision making  
Formal consultations e.g.: Code Changes, Business Planning, Market development

# Managing questions at the ESO Operational Transparency Forum

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- **Email questions** which specifically request inclusion in the OTF will be treated as Advance questions, otherwise we will only reply direct to the sender.
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- **Out of scope questions** will be forwarded to the appropriate ESO expert or team for a direct response. We may ask you to contact us by email to ensure we have the correct contact details for the response. These questions will not be managed through the OTF, and we are unable to forward questions without correct contact details. Information about the OTF purpose and scope can be found in the appendix of this slide pack

# NESO Information Request Statement

## The Energy Act 2023 and the power to request information.

Section 172 of The Energy Act 2023 provides NESO, as the Independent System Operator and Planner, with the power to require information, from anyone carrying out a relevant activity, to allow it to carry out any of its functions. This power will come into effect once NESO is operational.

In advance of this we are consulting on what the Information Request Statement will contain and what an Information Request issued by NESO may look like.

## The Information Request Statement and Notice.

The Statement will be available on our website and will contain sections on why a request has been issued, the process of responding to a request, what happens if a recipient does not provide the information and how we will manage any data provided. A draft template of an Information Request Notice is also shared on our website.

## The Consultation

We are running a consultation from **May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>** which can be found at <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/what-we-do/how-we-operate/information-request-statement-consultation> and would welcome feedback from across industry to make sure we develop a statement which is clear and accessible.

Following the consultation period Ofgem will determine if the draft Statement is approved or if any changes are necessary.