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20 November 2024

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Future deep dive / focus topics

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Today

Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR) 2025 Scope and industrial engagement plan

Future

NESO Data Sharing Approach – 27 November

NESO's next RIIO-2 Business Plan (BP3): Consultation launch – 4 December

Strategic Energy Planning – 11 December

Initial National Demand Outturn – TBC

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BSUoS Update Webinar

Thursday 28 November 2024 (13:00–14:00)

What we will cover:-

- Implementation of CMP408 and CMP415
- Latest view of Revenue vs Costs
- Forecast changes since Draft Tariff 6 publication (June 2024)
- Q&A

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Quick Reserve phase 1

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- EAC platform now open for bids in the new Quick Reserve (QR) market
- First auction will run on 3 December at 1400 co-optimised with our response services
- The service terms and other legal document can be found on the [how to participate](#) section of our website.
- **Procurement volume update** - QR requirement for positive will be flat circa 500MW across all service windows except for overnight windows (23:30 – 05:30) when the requirement is going to be reduced circa to 300MW. QR Requirement for negative will be flat circa 300MW across all Service Windows. [Auction requirements](#)

Future Event Summary

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Event	Date & Time	Link
Balancing Programme Event	27 November (9:30am-4:30pm)	Sign up 
FRCR 2025 Webinar – 1: Framework and Methodology	27 November 2024 (1:30 – 2:30pm)	Sign up Sign up links will also be shared via SQSS mailbox.
BSUoS Update Webinar	28 November (1pm-2pm)	Sign up
FRCR 2025 Webinar – 2: Model and Data	11 December 2024 (1:30 – 2:30pm)	Sign up Sign up links will also be shared via SQSS mailbox.

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Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR) 2025 Scope and Engagement Plan

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Frequency Risk and Modelling

Market Requirements

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Background

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- **Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR)** sets out our general policy for managing frequency on the GB electricity system.
 - **FRCR 2021** established the baseline for evaluating the cost vs. risk in frequency management.
 - **FRCR 2022** evaluated the benefits of securing simultaneous events.
 - **FRCR 2023** assessed the benefits of reducing the minimum inertia requirement.
 - **FRCR 2024** assessed the minimum inertia requirement and benefits of holding additional response.
- **120 GVA.s minimum system inertia was proposed in FRCR 2023**
 - Policy was approved by Ofgem on 9 June 2023.
 - **Phase 1** of reducing minimum inertia to 130 GVA.s was implemented on 28 February 2024.
 - **Phase 2** of further reducing minimum inertia to 120 GVA.s was implemented on 19 June 2024.

FRCR 2025 Scope and Changes

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FRCR 2025 Policy will:

- Explore system risks and cost benefits from reducing minimum inertia from **120 GVA.s to 102 GVA.s**.
- Benefits of securing the additional BMU+VS and simultaneous events.
- Continue covering timeline of 2025 – 2026 and 2026 – 2027 as requested by Ofgem in 2023.

FRCR 2025 Analysis and Report will:

- Include NESO updated pre-fault assumptions including DR and DM requirements.
- Summarise **System Performance** and **balancing cost savings** of operating the system at a minimum inertia policy of 120 GVA.s.
- Incorporate NESO Zero Carbon Operation (ZCO) plan and the Operational Strategy Report (OSR) to help address wider operability concerns.

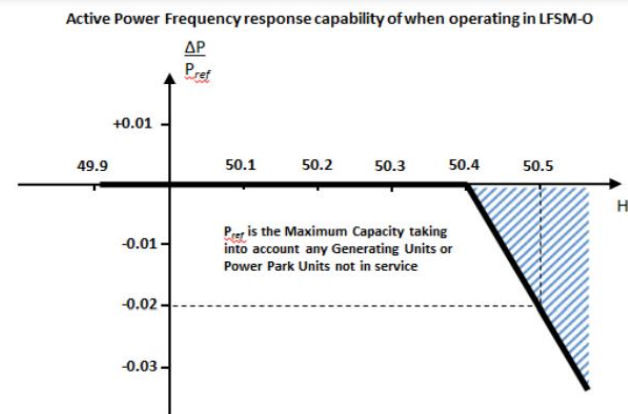
FRCR 2025 Scope and Changes

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In its model, FRCR 2025 has:

- Reviewed system topologies to lead BMU only and BMU+VS events. Updated all **Events** in the model.
- Reviewed historical transmission and BMU losses. Updated **loss probabilities**.
- Reviewed “**cascading / simultaneous**” events from 2020 to Oct 2024.
- Reviewed existing **Loss of Main (LoM)** capacity.
- Reviewed NESO risk appetite on future events, e.g. EV charging / discharging, Geomagnetic Storm impact the power system, etc. Those new risks will not be modelled into FRCR 2025 until risks are clearly defined and structured.
- Modelled Limited Frequency Sensitive Mode – Over Frequency (LFSM-O) response.

- ❑ **Limited Frequency Sensitive Mode – Underfrequency (LFSM-U) will not be modelled** on the basis it is capability requirement and provided on a best endeavours basis in real time.
- ❑ Electricity Storage Modules operating in an importing mode of operation when the frequency falls below 49.5Hz and connected to the System after September 2023 (post Grid Code Mod GC0148) could be modelled though this is expected to be a small proportion of plants running.



FRCR 2025 Industrial Engagement Plan

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- NESO will conduct an **additional 2 Webinars** to outline the Methodology, Model and Data to help industry understanding.

FRCR 2025 Engagement Plan		
Content	Date	Way of Comms
OTF Presentation: FRCR 2025 Scope and Engagement Plan	20 - Nov	OTF
FRCR 2025 Webinar – 1: Framework and Methodology	27 - Nov	Webinar
FRCR 2025 Webinar – 2: Model and Data	11 - Dec	Webinar
Guidance Document Publication	End of January	OTF Signpost & Publication
FRCR 2025 Consultation	February	OTF Signpost
FRCR 2025 Webinar – 3: Results and Recommendation	Mid of February (TBD)	Webinar
Post Consultation Engagement	March	Individual Meetings
Engaging with SQSS Panel & Sign off	March	SQSS Panel Meeting
Submission to Ofgem	31 – March	Email

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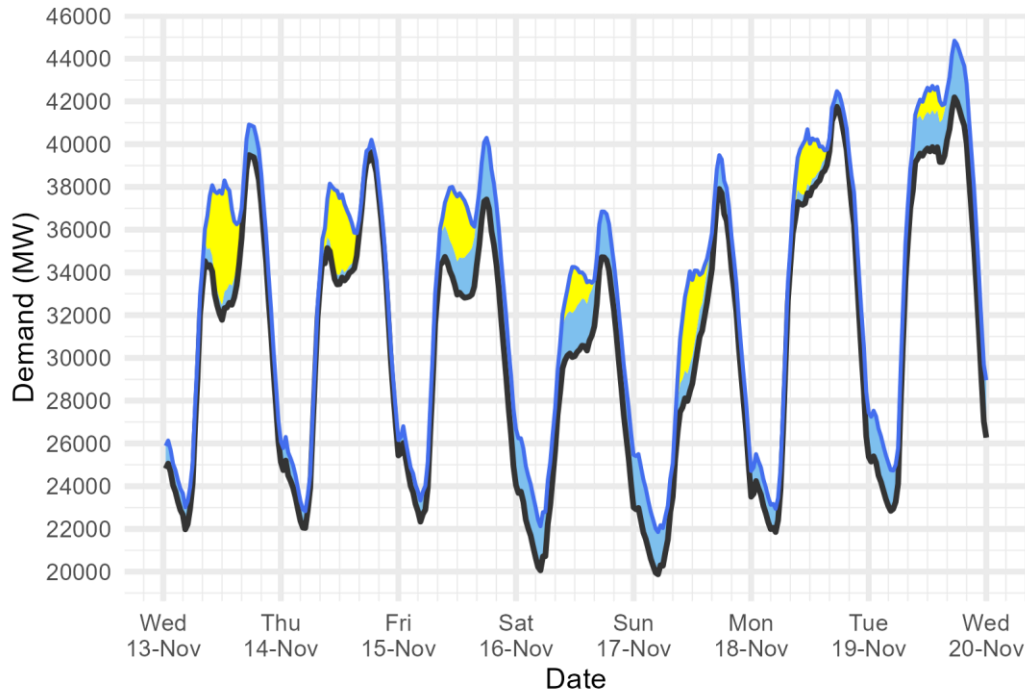
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- FRCR 2025 Documentation Pack will be updated as:
 - **FRCR 2025 Report (Results and Policy Recommendation)**
 - **FRCR Methodology v3**
 - **FRCR 2025 Guidance**

Demand | Last week demand out-turn

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NESO National Demand outturn 13-19 November 2024



Demand type

- National Demand (ND) transmission connected generation requirement within GB
- ND + est. of PV & wind at Distribution network

Renewable type

- Distributed_PV
- Distributed_Wind

Distributed generation

Peak values by day

Date	OUTTURN	
	Daily Max Dist. PV (GW)	Daily Max Dist. Wind (GW)
13 Nov 2024	5.2	1.4
14 Nov 2024	3.9	1.1
15 Nov 2024	3.0	2.9
16 Nov 2024	2.2	2.6
17 Nov 2024	4.3	2.5
18 Nov 2024	2.6	2.1
19 Nov 2024	1.1	2.8

National Demand

Peaks and troughs

Date	Forecasting Point	FORECAST (Wed 13 Nov)		OUTTURN			
		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Triad Avoidance est. (GW)	N. Demand adjusted for TA (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)
13 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	39.7	1.2	39.5	0.0	39.5	1.4
14 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	22.2	0.9	22.0	n/a	n/a	0.8
14 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	39.3	0.6	39.6	0.0	39.6	0.6
15 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	22.0	0.9	22.3	n/a	n/a	1.0
15 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	36.6	2.7	37.4	0.0	37.4	2.9
16 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	19.3	2.4	20.1	n/a	n/a	2.1
16 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	34.1	2.5	34.7	0.0	34.7	2.1
17 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	18.5	2.5	19.9	n/a	n/a	2.0
17 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	35.9	2.7	37.9	0.0	37.9	1.6
18 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	20.0	2.8	21.9	n/a	n/a	1.1
18 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	40.3	2.3	41.8	0.4	42.2	0.7
19 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	22.2	2.2	22.8	n/a	n/a	1.9
19 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	41.3	2.2	42.2	0.0	42.2	2.7

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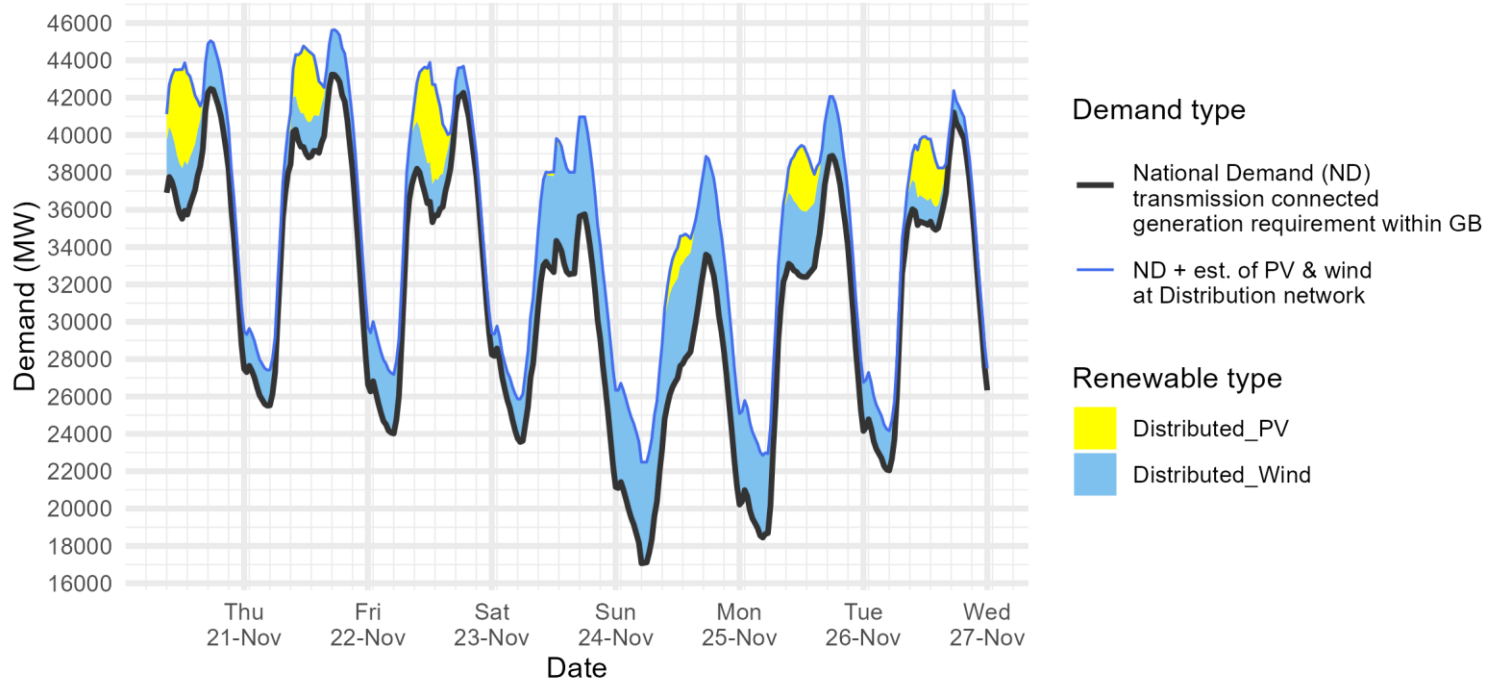
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Demand | Week Ahead

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NESO Demand forecast for 20-26 November 2024



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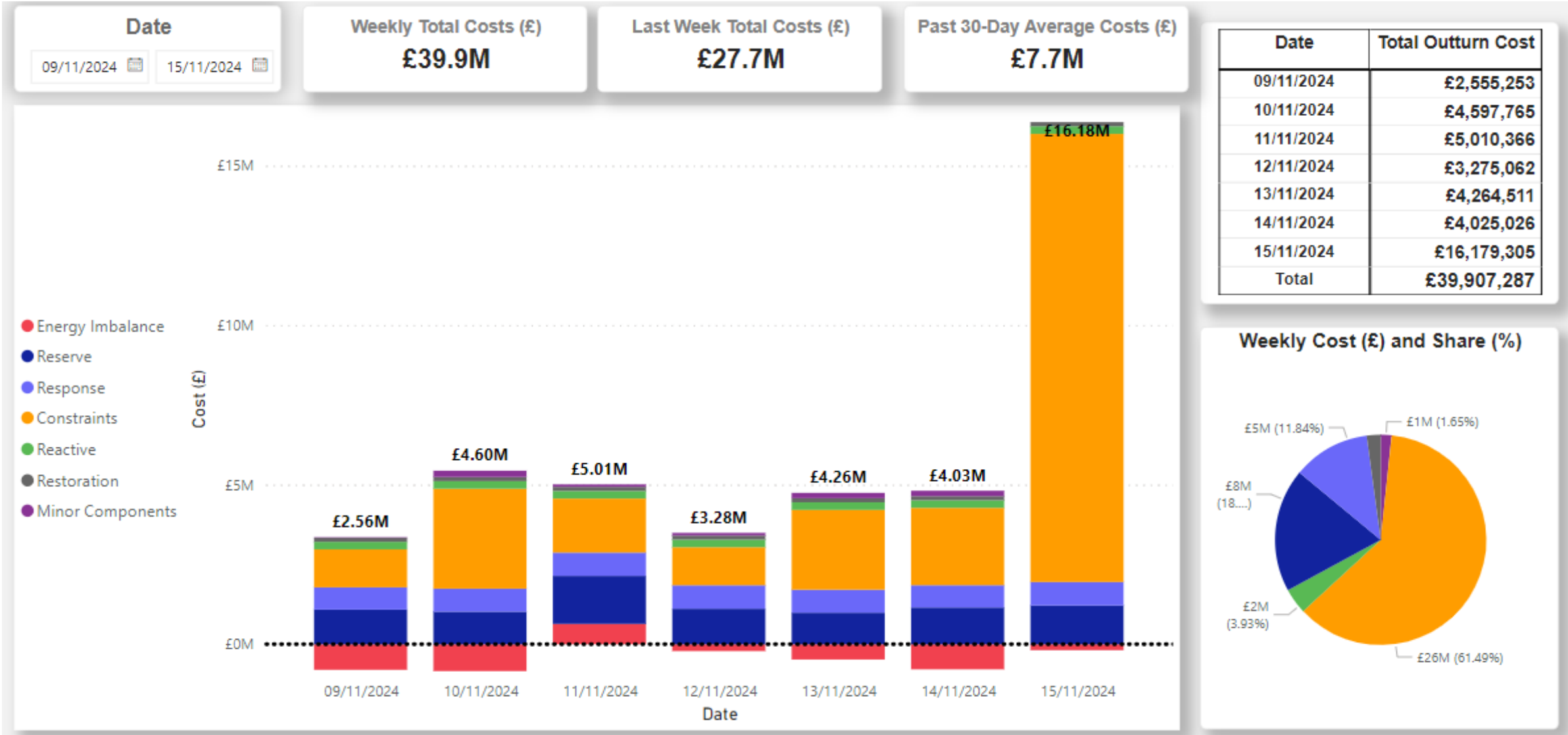
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National Demand
Peaks and troughs

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		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)
20 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	42.5	2.6
21 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	25.5	1.9
21 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	43.2	2.4
22 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	24.0	3.2
22 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	42.3	1.4
23 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	23.6	2.3
23 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	35.8	5.2
24 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	17.1	5.4
24 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	33.6	5.3
25 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	18.4	4.4
25 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	38.9	3.2
26 Nov 2024	Overnight Min	22.0	2.1
26 Nov 2024	Evening Peak	41.2	1.2

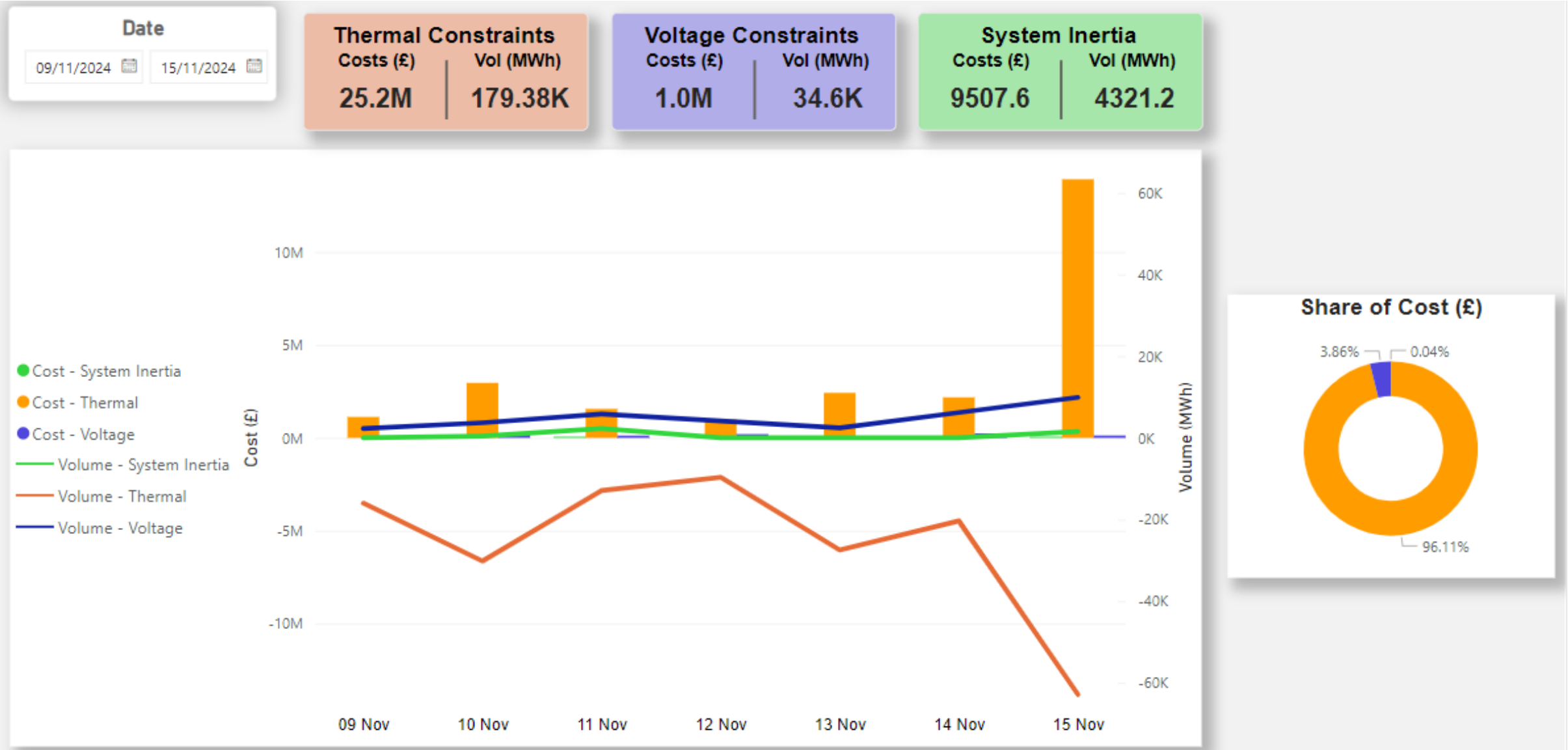
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NESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown

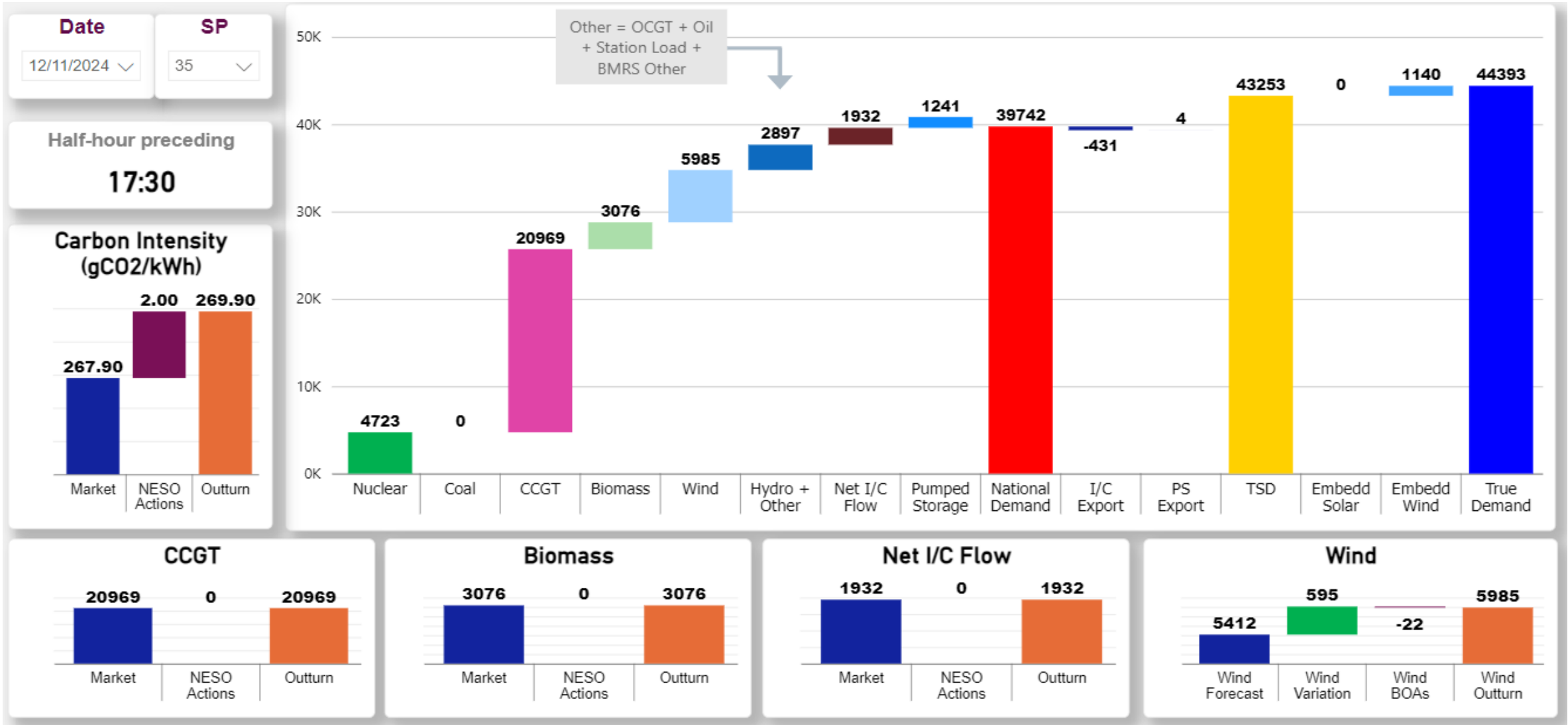
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NESO Actions | Peak Demand – SP spend ~ £68k

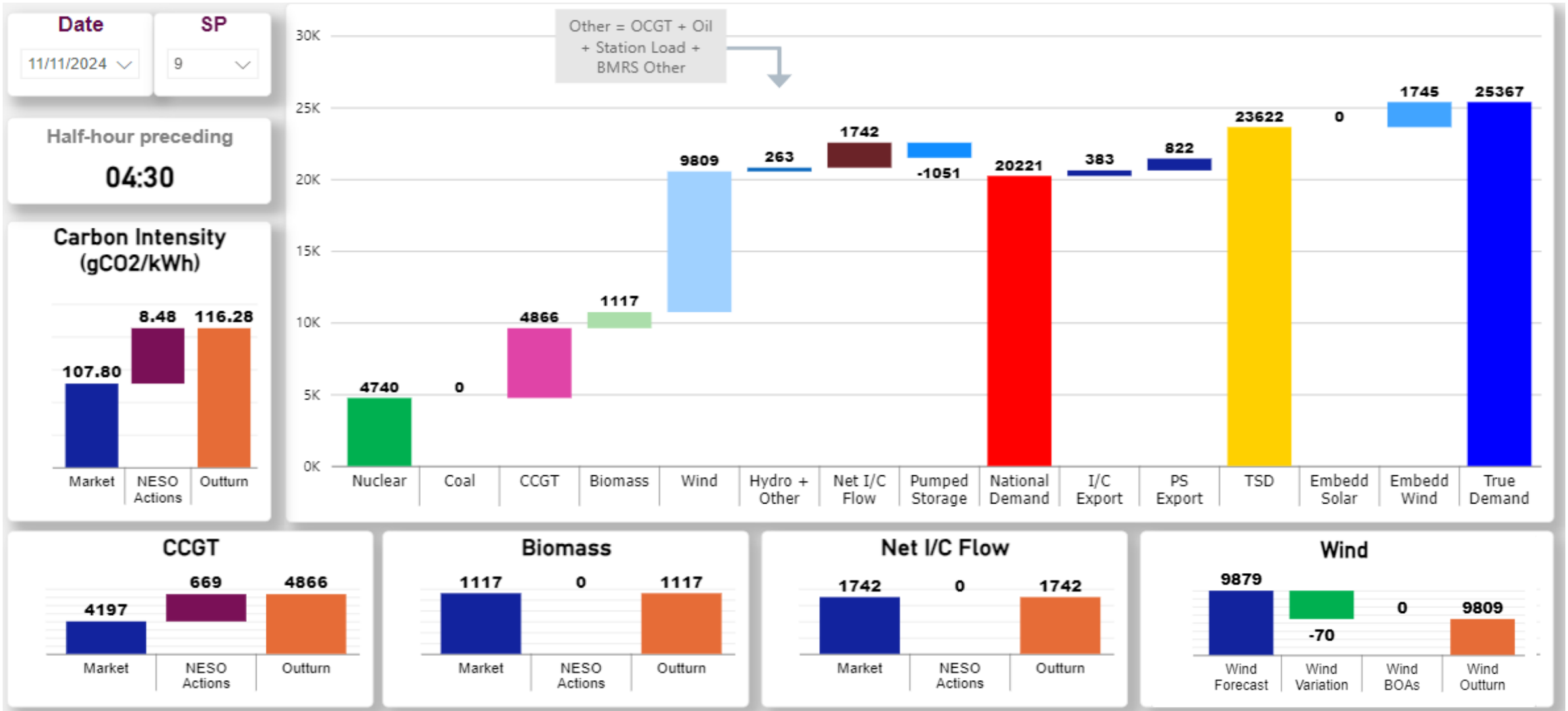
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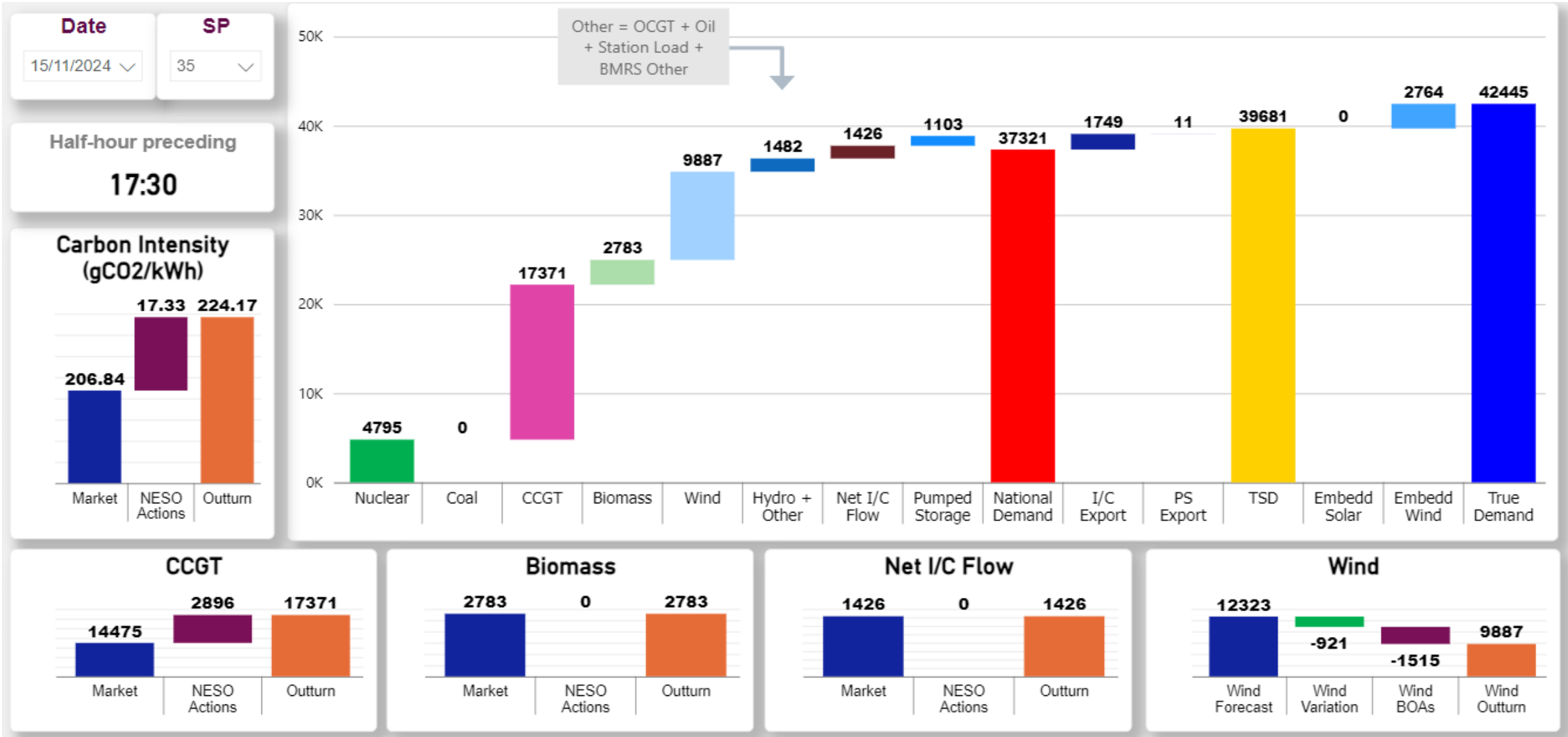
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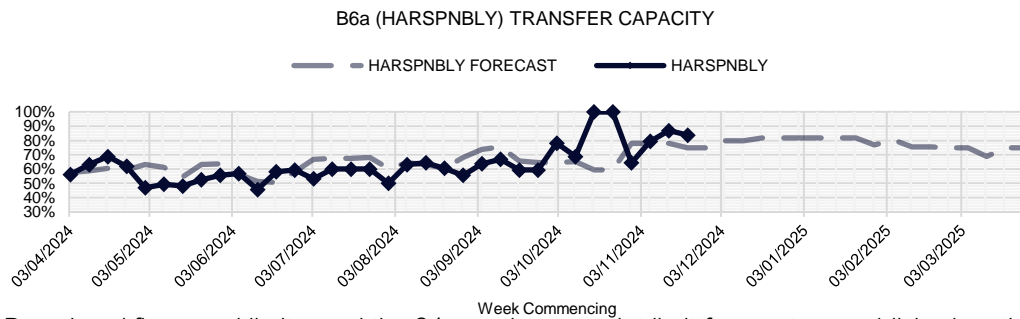
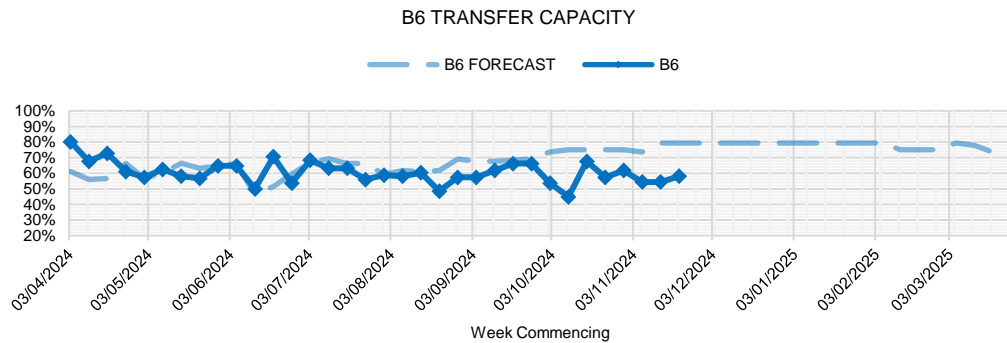
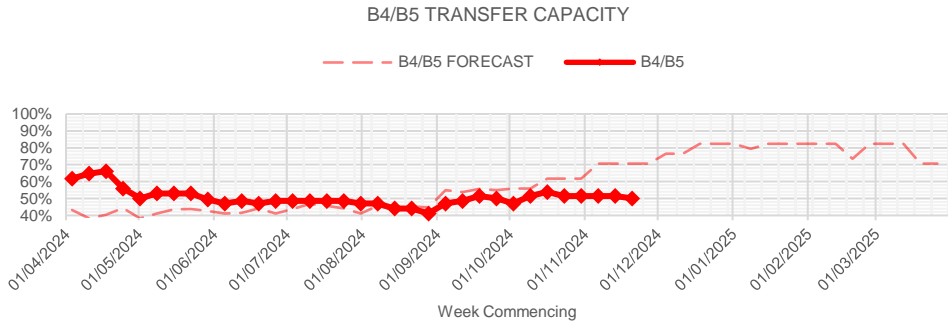
NESO Actions | – Highest SP spend ~ £490k Friday 15th November

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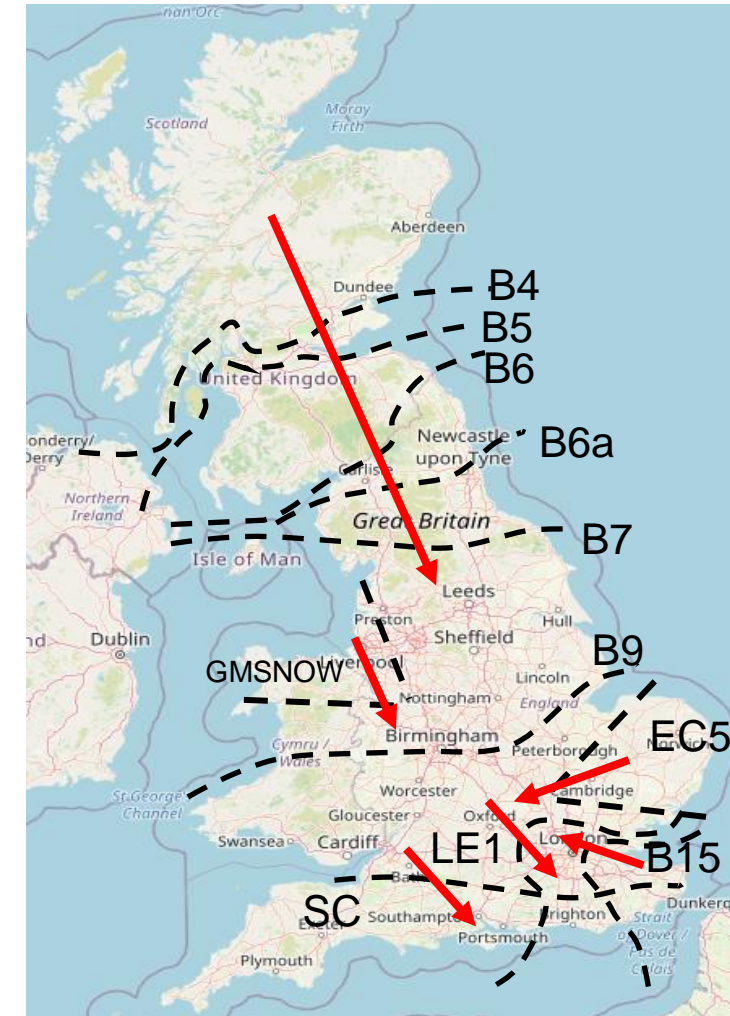


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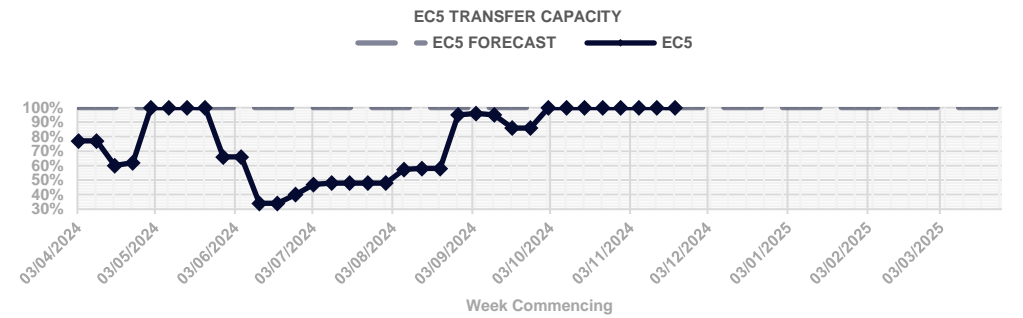
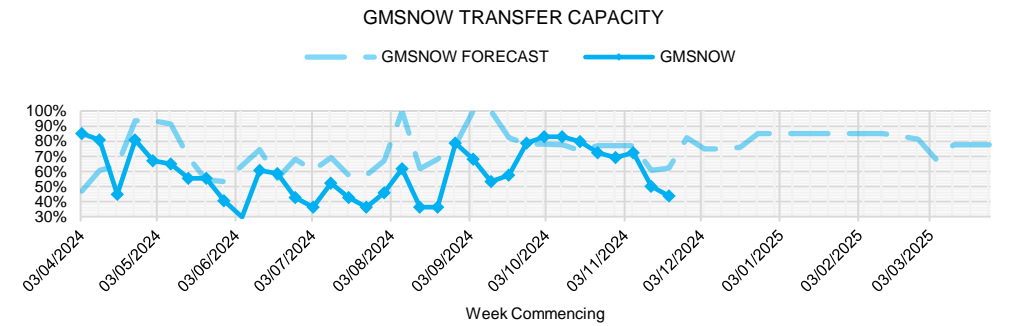
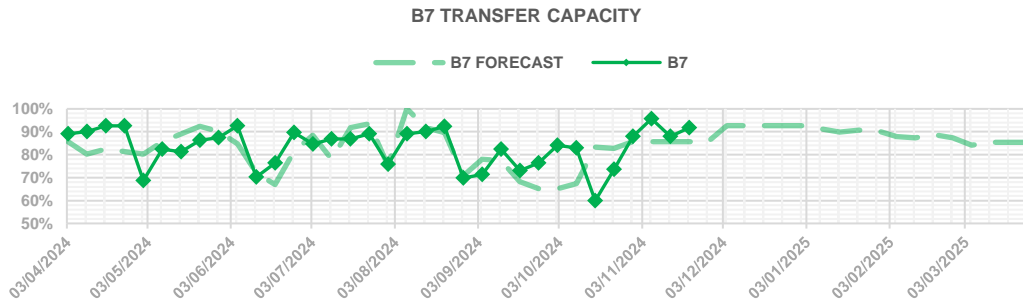
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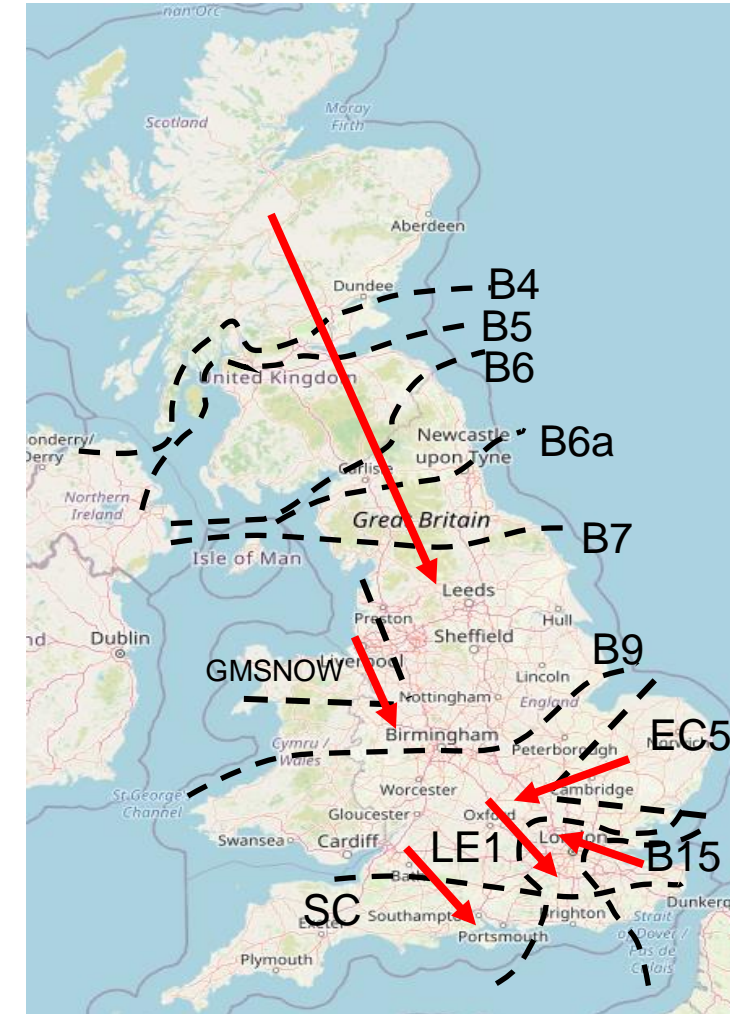


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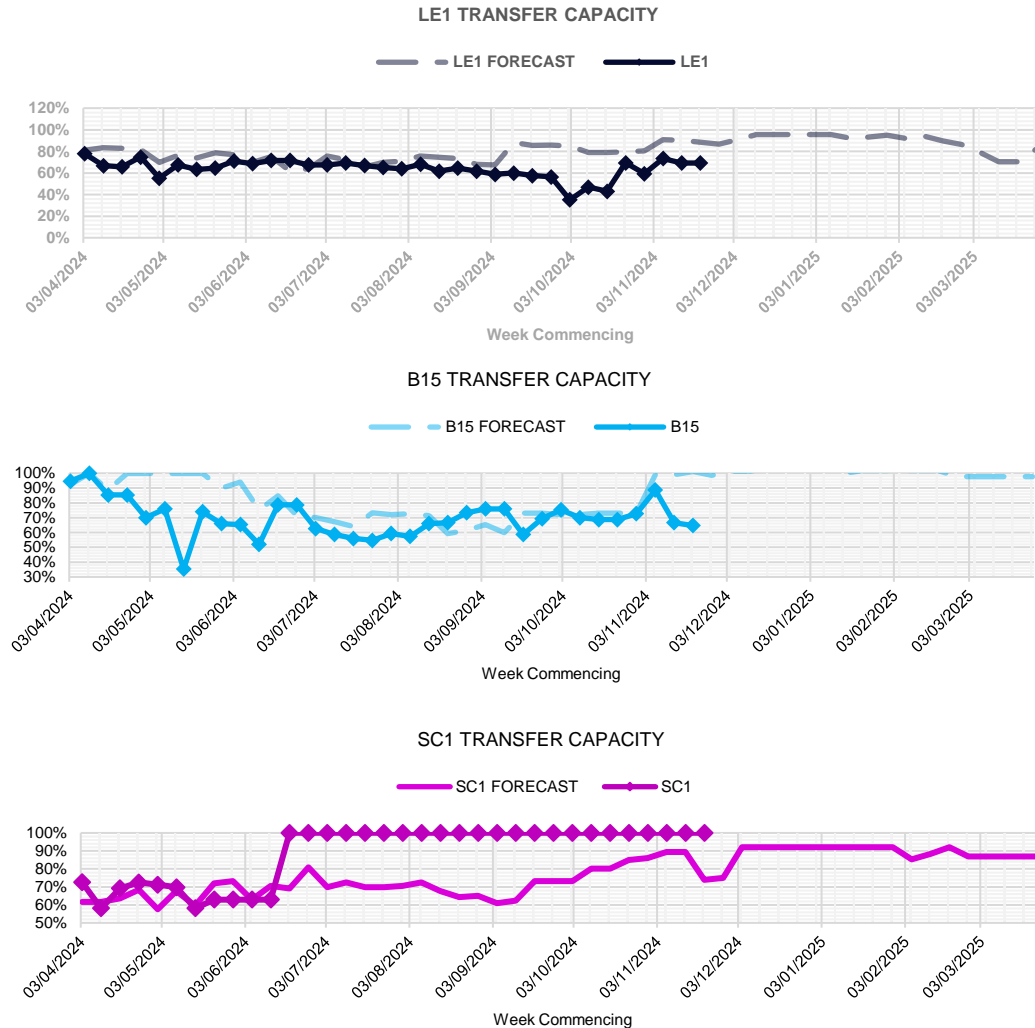


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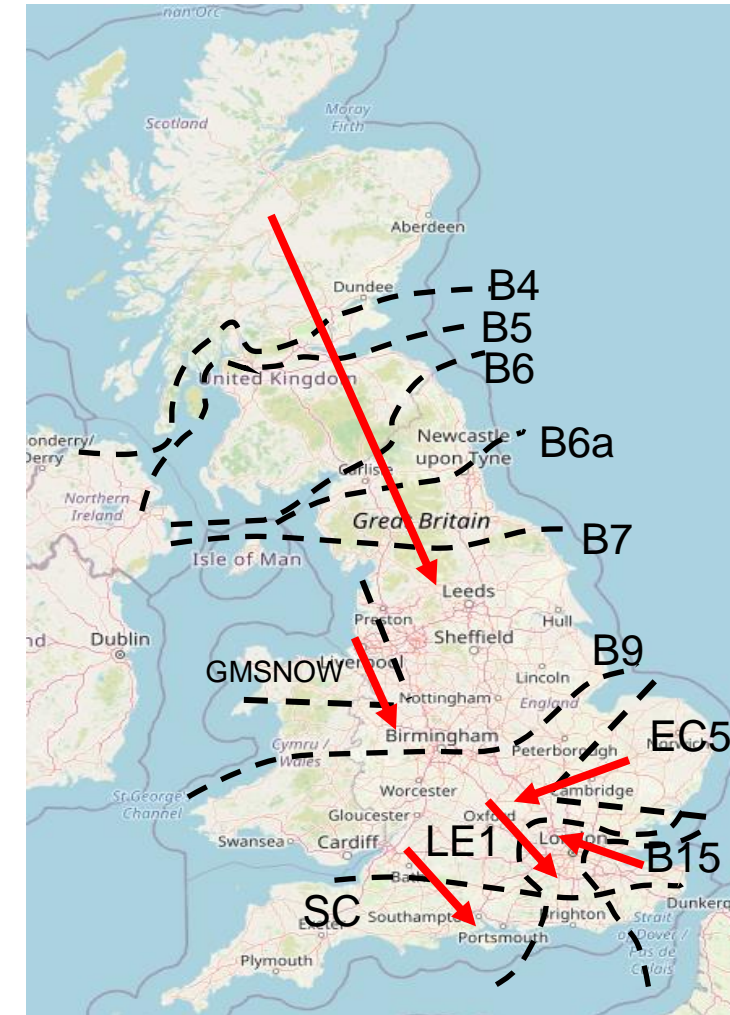
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Update to previously answered question

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Q (13/11/2024): On Friday 8th Nov the Netherlands was trading at 500euros+ intraday, yet we didn't export to them as no export capacity had been made available. Was this restricted by NESO?

A (update): A controlled explosion was carried out on a WWII unexploded bomb in the vicinity of Tilbury substation on 8 Nov. Although an extremely rare event due to the location within our network and the topological proximity to south-east corner where many of the European interconnectors land, we put in place temporary restrictions on some of these interconnectors to mitigate for the credible worst-case scenario following the explosion. Thankfully the event passed without a huge system impact but explains why certain unusual operational restrictions were necessary. The event itself involved liaison between NESO, National Grid, UK power networks, the MOD and the local emergency services.



A (given live 13/11/2024): The capacity available on the Interconnectors is determined by the interconnector owner and by both TSOs via Net Transfer Capacity. We share on our dataportal the Net Transfer Capacity applied by NESO. On this occasion this was because of network constraints [Data search | National Energy System Operator](#)

Previously Asked Questions

Q: When you ask TOs to return circuits why can you not inform the market of the location of the impacted circuit? That would seem to send a useful signal.

A: The agreement when deciding if a system notification is required under these circumstances is to state we are recalling a circuit under an emergency return to service protocol and to change this agreement would require agreement across all TOs, we couldn't change it unilaterally but would facilitate change if agreed.

Q: Will NESO share a recording and slides from the LCP Delta skip rate session?

A: The webinar recording and slides have been published on our Battery Storage webpage linked here: [Battery Storage](#)

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Q: On Oct 20 was some of the Wind 'Variation' due to Cutout. Or Market action? Overall a rather large curtailment

A: This is quite difficult to answer precisely because of the large volume of BOAs that were applied to wind farms during that time. Once a wind farm has been BOAed off then it becomes difficult to say whether that wind farm would have experienced cut-out anyway. After the event it could be seen that ~5.8GW of wind had been curtailed at some point during storm Ashley. This would have been a combination of Cut-out, BOAs to manage constraints and wind farms with CfD commercial arrangements responding to negative electricity prices.

Q: What's the max price you'd trade up to if it was I/C export flows causing a CMN and they could be reversed through trading? (assuming tight system other end of the wire) Ref Matthew James comment

A: We will take decisions such as trading in wholesale markets in the context of the overall system to maintain security of supply in the interest of the consumer.

Previously Asked Questions

Q: When you issue a CMN what sort of physical response do you expect to see and with what sort of profile?

A: As explained in the presentation NESO does not issue CMNs they are issued automatically. Four hours following a CMN or following the issuing of demand control we expect Capacity Market units to be available for instruction by NESO control room in line with their Capacity Market contracts. It's an early notification of the heightened risk of an SSE, and that CM parties need to be prepared to meet their CM obligations re. ALFCO. It's not necessarily operationally focussed like an EMN or a direct request to maximise their availability. They will avoid any penalties under CM if they meet their ALFCO. This may not need any immediate physical response unlike an EMN.

Q: How does the "available generation" metric used for a CMN differ from the derated generation capacity used for derated margin, if it all?

A: As covered in the presentation, the CMN calculation uses the expected generation level based on ramp rates and the lead time for plant below SEL or desynchronised, whereas DRM always assumes MEL for generation with $PN > 0$, or with $PN = 0$ and $NDZ < \text{lead time}$.

Previously Asked Questions

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Q: How would you expect relatively short (say 2 hr batteries) to respond in a CMN. Full capacity or just export de-rated CMN obligation in case CMN continues past 2 hrs? Are you concerned a CMN may reduce battery discharge scheduled or increase the offer price of any upward left available?

A: A CMN doesn't mean that once the four hour notice period has expired that generation should generate at max output, just that Capacity Market Units should be available for instruction by the NESO control room.

As with normal operation the NESO control room team would then instruct units to act as required.

Q: How is battery state of charge factored into the CMN calculation methodology? If it isn't, is there a plan to include it?

A: Currently it isn't, we will consider this. As Dan mentioned, a CMN or EMN doesn't require a battery to generate immediately but be available to generate in 4 hours time for CMN (or the EMN lead time) if needed for the target time (normally the peak demand).

Previously Asked Questions

Q: Considering the inordinately high and increasing size of constraints, if they are not taken into account in the CMN trigger calculation is there a risk it could be creating a false picture of what generation might be available 4h ahead? Is there a risk here? thanks

A: During periods of low generation (e.g. wind), any constrained generation would have less impact and there is also quite a cushion between the +500MW threshold and the region of operational concern at minus 500MW. The CMN is purely early notification to CM parties of their CM obligations around ALFCO. The DRM will show the evolving margin position and if there are any operational concerns an EMN will be issued if the margin drops below the -500MW level. The control room warnings are the important ones that required direct actions by participants, i.e. EMN, HRDR and DCI.

Q: Is it possible to sign up to an EMN notification service like the one for CMN's. If so, could you please share the link?

A: Electricity Margin Notices are published as NESO System Warnings on the Elexon BSC Insights Solution website. Elexon do provide an API which can be programmed to provide updates. On the Elexon home page under data services you can sign up for Insights Real-Time Information Service (IRIS).

[Link to Elexon website page](#)

Previously Asked Questions

Q: I would be interested to know why NDF is used in the calculation rather TSDF please?

A: Pumping demand is not normally relevant for the peak of the day, and any interconnector demand is covered in Interconnector Physical Notification (PN) positions.

For reference, definitions of National Demand (ND) and Transmission System Demand (TSD) can be found here:

[Demand Data Update | National Energy System Operator](#)

“National Demand is calculated as a sum of generation based on National Grid ESO operational generation metering.”

“Transmission System Demand is equal to the ND plus the additional generation required to meet station load, pump storage pumping and interconnector exports.

Some demand definitions can also be found in the OTF presentation dated 12th January 2022:

[Forecasting Methodology - 12 Jan 2022, OTF Webinar](#)

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Q: thanks guys, what went wrong on 14th Oct. that led the CMN being issued +consumers paying 7x! more to turn around 5GW of Interconnectors (IC) when GB wasn't short of gen, just 30MW below the CMN trigger level. Was it incorrect PNs? +why aren't ICs responding 2 short periods where prices shd be higher?

A: Nothing went wrong. GB was short of generation and margin requiring large volume of intraday trades. The CMN discussion is already covered in previous questions.

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Participation in the Operational Transparency Forum

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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 NESO 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:

- The statements are being made in a public forum without the opportunity to reply
- The negative comments may impact these businesses directly, or indirectly e.g.: through social media, etc.
- The individuals asking questions could not be traced using the details provided in Slido
- **The OTF is not the place to challenge the actions of individual parties** (other than the NESO), and we will not comment on these challenges. This type of concern can be reported to the Market Monitoring team at: marketreporting@nationalenergyso.com

Remember, if you have reasons to remain anonymous to the wider forum or have concerns your question may not be one to ask in public, you can use the advance questions or email options.

Purpose and scope of the NESO Operational Transparency Forum

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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 NESO 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
NESO operational approach & challenges
NESO 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 NESO Control Room actions & decision making
Activities & operations of particular market participants
NESO policy & strategic decision making
Formal consultations e.g.: Code Changes, Business Planning, Market development

Managing questions at the NESO Operational Transparency Forum

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- OTF participants can ask questions in the following ways:
 - Live via Slido code #OTF
 - In advance (before 12:00 on Monday) at <https://forms.office.com/r/k0AEfKnai3>
 - At any time to box.nc.customer@nationalenergyso.com
- **All questions asked through Sli.do** will be recorded and published, with answers, in the Operational Transparency Forum Q&A on the webpage: [Operational Transparency Forum | NESO](#)
- **Advance questions** will be included, with answers, in the slide pack for the next OTF and published in the OTF Q&A as above.
- **Email questions** which specifically request inclusion in the OTF will be treated as Advance questions, otherwise we will only reply direct to the sender.
- **Takeaway questions** – we may ask you to contact us by email in order to clarify or confirm details for the question.
- **Out of scope questions** will be forwarded to the appropriate NESO 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 3rd to May 31st** which can be found at <https://www.neso.energy/about/operational-information/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.