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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 6 November 2024.

Request

Your question related to Balancing Mechanism Units (BMUs) and you asked us:

Does a power station have a BM Unit(s)? or is it groups of power producers all registered together? Is it even possible in the UK to understand/know what each power station is generating per hour or per day? Or is that data simply not monitored?

Our response

We confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

If a power station registers as a BM, we will allocate a number/code. A group of small power producers can register together by their aggregator, but we may not have visibility of each individual unit. If a power station is a BM, then we will have their operational data per hour or per

day. If, however, the registration is with the aggregator, we may not have the breakdown of each producer.

Further information is available in the [Registration guide Balancing Mechanism Units \(BMUs\)](#) which can be accessed on our website via the [Balancing Mechanism Wider Access | National Energy System Operator](#) page.

This concludes our response to your request.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team

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