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Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR)

Season 19 – 1 April 2025 to 1 April 2026

This document sets out the STOR Seasons and Committed Windows for the period 1 April 2025 to 1 April 2026 applicable to the STOR Day Ahead (procured via daily auctions). These Seasons define the Committed Windows for each STOR Service Day where STOR is required to be provided in accordance with the STOR Day Ahead Service Terms. If you have any questions relating to this document, please contact Commercial.Operation@nationalenergyso.com

Please note that due to the implementation of the new Slow Reserve service planned for September 2025, the existing STOR day ahead service is scheduled to end on the 1 January 2026.

The need for STOR varies depending on the time of year, the time of week and time of day, being a function of the system demand profile at that time. To reflect this, the NESO has split the year into six (6) Seasons, for both Working Days (including Saturdays) and Non-Working Days (Sundays and Bank/Public Holidays) and specifies the periods in each operational day or STOR Service Day (05.00 to 05.00) that STOR is required. The periods each STOR service day when the ESO requires STOR are referred to as Committed Windows, with Optional Windows covering the remaining portions of the STOR service day.

Non-Working Days

Non-Working Days (NWD) apply to all Sundays and all Bank Holidays and Public Holidays in England and Wales. For the avoidance of doubt, the follow dates are classified as NWD for the period 1 April 2025 to 1 April 2026;

Friday 18 April 2025 (Good Friday)	Monday 25 August 2025 (August Bank Holiday)
Monday 21 April 2025 (Easter Monday)	Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day)
Monday 5 May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)
Monday 26 May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)	

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New STOR hours Year 19 Seasons - 2025/26							
Season	Dates	WD		NWD		Indicative Hours	
		Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	WD	NWD
1	05:00 on Tuesday 1 April 2025 to 05:00	6:00	13:00	10:00	14:00	147	24
	Monday 28 April 2025	19:00	22:00	17:30	22:00	63	27
2	05:00 on Monday 28 April 2025 to 05:00	6:30	14:00	10:30	13:30	705	54
	Monday 18 August 2025	16:00	22:00	17:30	22:00	564	81
3	05:00 on Monday 18 August 2025 to 05:00	6:30	13:00	10:30	12:30	188.5	12
	Monday 22 September 2025	16:00	22:00	17:30	22:00	174	27
4	05:00 on Monday 22 September 2025 to 05:00	6:00	13:00	10:30	13:00	168	10
	Monday 20 October 2025	17:00	22:00	17:30	22:00	120	18
5	05:00 on Monday 20 October 2025 to 05:00	6:00	13:00	10:30	13:30	532	45
	Monday 19 January 2026	16:00	20:30	16:00	19:30	342	52.5
6	05:00 on Monday 19 January 2026 to 05:00	6:00	13:00	10:30	13:00	434	25
	Wednesday 1 April 2026	16:30	20:30	16:30	20:00	248	35
						3,685.50	410.50

Season	WD	NWD
1	21	6
2	94	18
3	29	6
4	24	4
5	76	15
6	62	10

For the avoidance of doubt – there are no changes to the Committed Windows timings/durations from Season 18. We have decided to run it for the full year to accommodate any disruption with the new Slow Reserve service.