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# Short Term Operating Reserve

## (STOR) Procurement requirement

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 1 April 2026**

**“April 2025 update”**

This document sets out our best forecast daily STOR requirement. Whilst this forecast is unlikely to change much during each STOR year, NESO may update this document from time to time by publication of an updated version on our website, the period will also be subject to change depending on the go-live date of Slow Reserve.

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

With the expiration of the longterm STOR contracts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The STOR requirement is now procured through our daily auctions. The following table sets out our daily procurement requirement by STOR season.

## Changes to Short Term Operating Reserve requirement (MW Level) Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

The current requirement for STOR is set at 1,650MW.

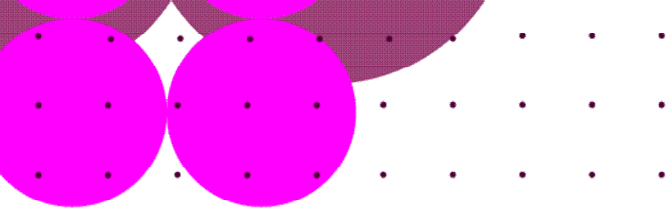
Following a recent review, we are now increasing this amount to 1,700MW.

The new 1,700MW STOR requirement will change effectively from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 (for STOR season 19).

Please note: the STOR requirement for auction is on 1st April 2025 for delivery date on 2nd April 2025

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STOR Season	Date from	Date to	Long-Term contracted MW	Overall MW Requirement	MW Remaining (Daily Auction)
<b>18.0</b>	1 April 24	29 April 24	390	1600	1210
<b>18.1</b>	29 April 24	1 July 24	390	1600	1210
<b>18.2</b>	1 July 24	19 Aug 24	390	1700	1310
<b>18.3</b>	19 Aug 24	23 Sept 24	390	1700	1310
<b>18.4</b>	23 Sept 24	11 Nov 24	390	1700	1310
<b>18.5</b>	11 Nov 24	20 Jan 25	390	1650	1260
<b>18.6</b>	20 Jan 25	1 April 25	390	1650	1260
<b>19</b>	1 April 25	1 April 26	N/A	1700	1700



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