

## Fast Reserve

### Market Information for Tenders for March 2002

National Grid publish the following information, in order to inform participants in the Fast Reserve tender round for March 2002.

#### Fast Reserve Availability

Our indicative daily requirement for Fast Reserve over winter is shown on a Settlement Period basis in Figure 1. This requirement covers weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

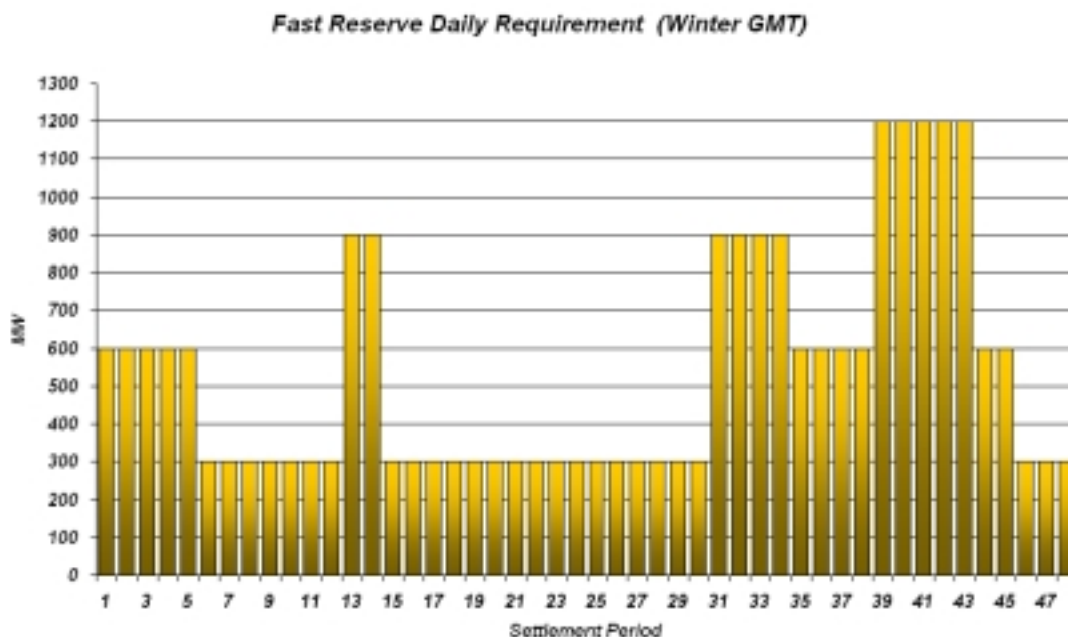


Figure 1

This figure gives an indication of the times of day when Fast Reserve is most useful to us. The actual amount of Fast Reserve "holding" varies from day to day, according to system conditions, but on average amounts to approximately one half of these requirements.

**Fast Reserve Utilisation**

Figure 2 shows the daily utilisation of Fast Reserve in the BM during "December" (26<sup>th</sup> November - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001) and "January" (1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2002). This information is based on the aggregate of Offers plus |Bids| accepted to provide Fast Reserve in the BM. For clarity, day numbers rather than dates are shown.

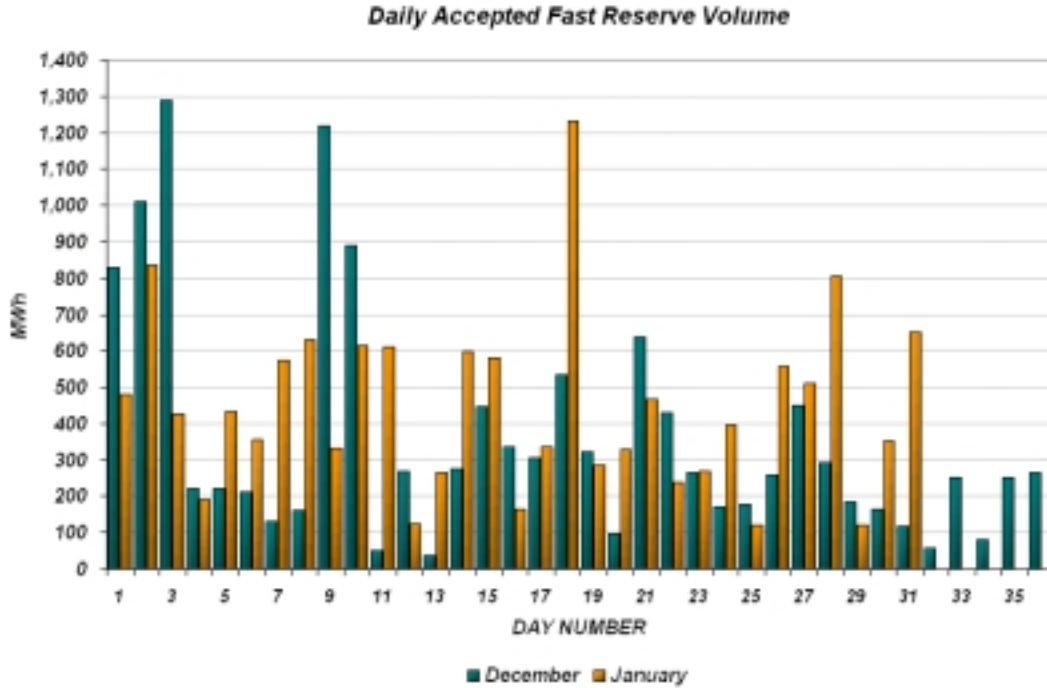


Figure 2

Figure 3 re-presents this data, as an average utilisation per Settlement Period across each month. This shows the daily profile of Fast Reserve utilisation.

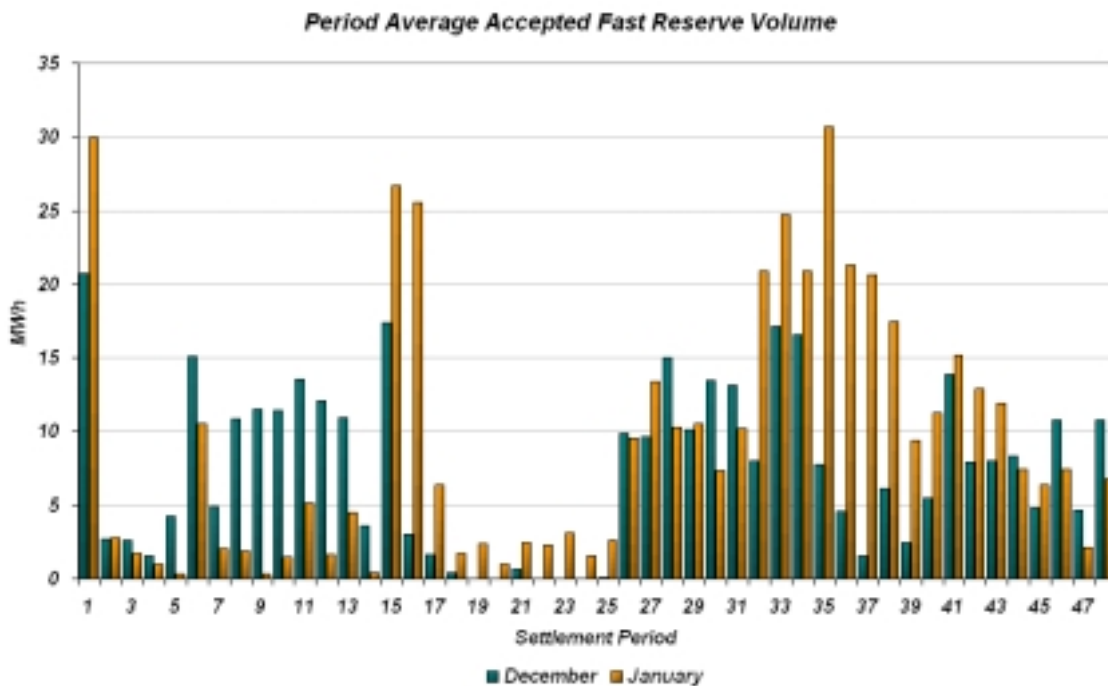


Figure 3

The total volumes of Fast Reserve utilisation of **12.9 GWh** for December and **13.9 GWh** for January break down into price bands as follows:

DEC	Price band (£/MWh range)	Volume (MWh)	Average Price (£/MWh)	Cost (£m)
<b>OFFERS</b>	2000 to 10000	68.6	4,939.8	0.34
	1000 to 2000	0.0	n/a	n/a
	300 to 1000	548.6	389.3	0.21
	0 to 300	6,285.5	148.0	0.93
<b>Total</b>		<b>6.9 GWh</b>		<b>£1.5 m</b>
<b>BIDS</b>	0 to 300	-5,185.0	20.0	-0.10
	-300 to 0	-332.0	-247.9	0.08
	-1000 to -300	-456.0	-497.9	0.23
	-2000 to -1000	0.0	n/a	n/a
	-10000 to -2000	-14.0	-2,433.3	0.03
<b>Total</b>		<b>-6.0 GWh</b>		<b>£0.2 m</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>12.9 GWh</b>		<b>£1.7 m</b>

JAN	Price band (£/MWh range)	Volume (MWh)	Average Price (£/MWh)	Cost (£m)
<b>OFFERS</b>	2000 to 10000	28.3	4,955.9	0.14
	1000 to 2000	0.0	n/a	n/a
	300 to 1000	1,032.3	354.6	0.37
	0 to 300	9,217.3	153.2	1.41
<b>Total</b>		<b>10.3 GWh</b>		<b>£1.9 m</b>
<b>BIDS</b>	0 to 300	-2,680.0	13.5	-0.04
	-300 to 0	-464.0	-212.9	0.10
	-1000 to -300	-461.0	-508.2	0.23
	-2000 to -1000	0.0	n/a	n/a
	-10000 to -2000	0.0	0.0	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>-3.6 GWh</b>		<b>£0.3 m</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>13.9 GWh</b>		<b>£2.2 m</b>

These charts and tables show that from December to January Fast Reserve utilisation cost increased by 28.6% while the volume utilised increased by 7.7%.

Please note that this analysis now *includes* the utilisation of firm Fast Reserve from successful Fast Reserve tenders in these months.

For the month of **March**, tenders from eligible Service Providers for a firm Fast Reserve service should be submitted to National Grid by close of business on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. National Grid will notify Service Providers of the outcome of the tender assessment by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.