

Transmission Operational Forum Update

October 2009

Energy Event Participation

On the 9th and 10th of September, National Grid exhibited at the Energy Event held at the National Motorcycle Museum. The aim was to enhance awareness of the existing and future requirements for the procurement of reserve and response services and the potential revenue streams. The stand proved popular with numerous enquiries from a diverse range of existing and potentially new providers. During the conference National Grid's Director of Network Operations, Chris Train, presented on the challenges of managing the electricity system through till 2020. This focussed on the opportunities for emerging 'Smart' technologies to help facilitate a growing service provision from demand side participants. If you would like any further information about National Grid's Presence at the Energy Event or how to become a provider of Balancing Services then please contact David.Wildash@uk.ngrid.com (01926 654 946)

Energy Operations Staff Changes

There have been further changes to the staff structure within Energy Operations. Jo Faulkner has embarked upon her maternity leave and during her absence Stuart Bailey will be taking on the role of Balancing Services Manager.

Nigel Fox will take up the post of Contracts and Settlements Manager for this period, beginning on 12th October 2009.



Stuart Bailey



Nigel Fox

Firm Frequency Response

In order to meet the Frequency Response needs of the System Operator, including short term increases in High Frequency Response for overnight, National Grid is considering undertaking a Firm Frequency Response (FFR) Service Review to introduce Non-Dynamic FFR service for BM providers. To engage with the industry and initiate discussions, National Grid will publish a consultation paper in November that proposes the framework of this new type of FFR service. This service will provide a platform to facilitate all BM participants, including conventional power stations and wind farms to provide non-dynamic frequency response. Please contact Rebecca Yang at Rebecca.yang@uk.ngrid.com or 01926656716 should you have any comments and suggestions on the existing FFR service or the new Non-Dynamic Service.

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STOR

Market day for STOR Tender Round 9 was Monday 11th September, for the provision of the service from 26th October 2009 onwards. 45 tenders were received from 11 separate companies for Seasons 5 and 6 of the 2009/10 STOR year, of which 44 were accepted following assessment. One tender was rejected on the basis of economics. All parties that tendered for the provision of STOR for 2009/10 were notified on Friday 2nd October, 2009.

34 tenders were received from 7 separate companies for the provision of STOR from 2010/11 onwards. These tenders remain in the assessment phase and providers will be in line with the results day for the longer-term service on Friday 23rd October.

National Grid intends to initiate the annual STOR review in mid-October, 2009. If you would like any further information with regards to STOR please contact Craig.Maloney@uk.ngrid.com (01926 655 896)

OPTEL TT project

National Grid has initiated a three-year Operational Telecommunication Transformation and Transition (OPTEL TT) programme to refresh the technology and equipment on its OPTEL infrastructure to ensure the continuing reliability of all services carried on this network. Pre-construction survey visits, for design and planning purposes, of all affected National Grid and third-party sites will be conducted from Oct 2009 onwards. During the later construction stages any outages to these services at sites will be booked using the normal outage process (i.e. TOGA) and it is anticipated that disruption during transition of services will be minimal. We look forward to your understanding and support during testing for a successful implementation of this programme.

Operational Forum

7th October 2009
Ardencote Manor Hotel,
Claverdon

Agenda

Introduction and Welcome

Alan Smart

Customer Services Update

Duncan Burt

Operational Update

Stuart Bailey

BSIS Consultation

Roisin Quinn

Wind Forecasting

Chris Dent,
Institute for Energy Systems;
The University of Edinburgh

European Wind Generation

Sam Matthews

Winter Outlook

Paul Auckland

