# **Operational & System Operator Cost Update**

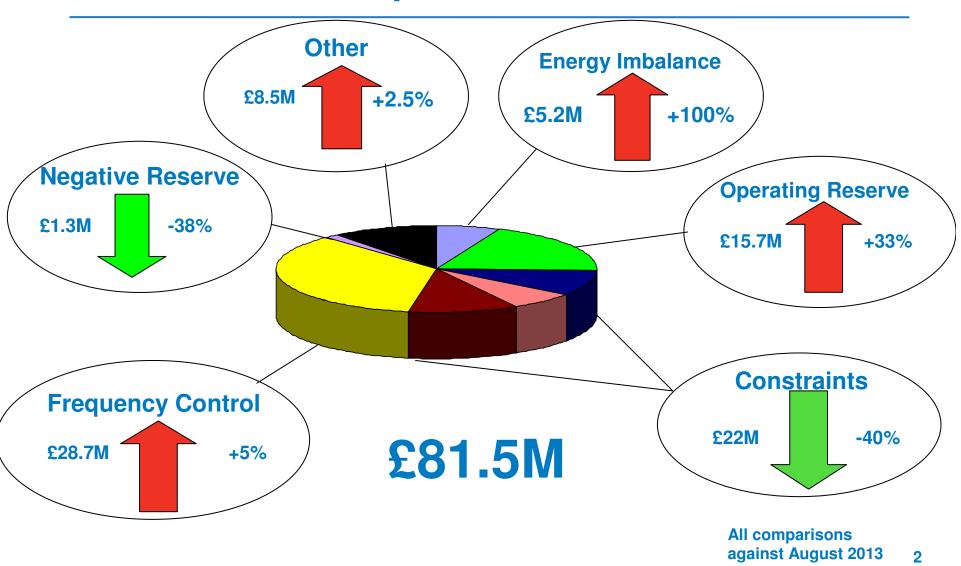




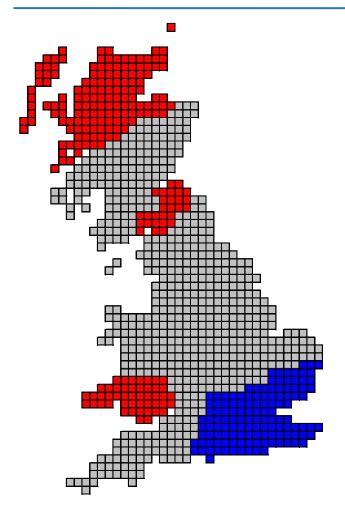


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## **Actual Cost for September 2013**

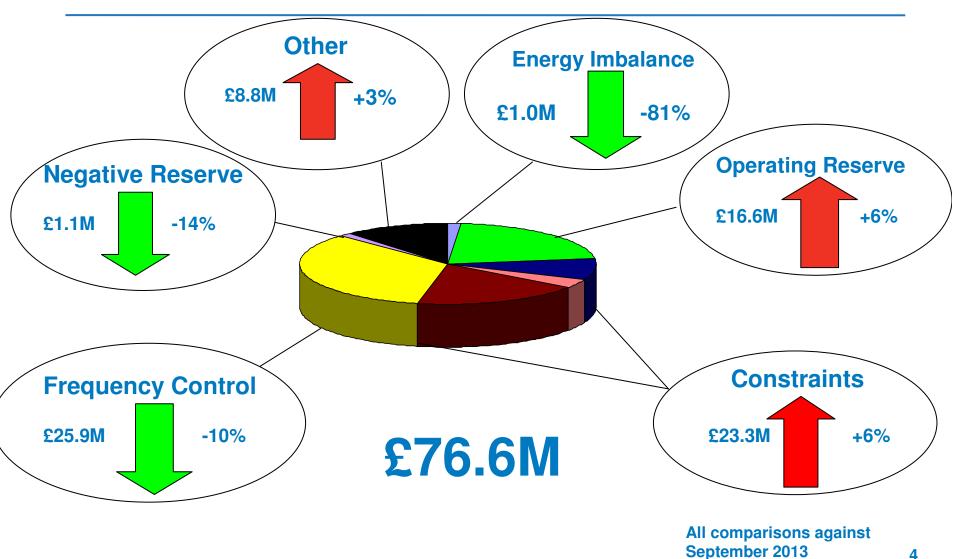


## **September – Constraint Issues**

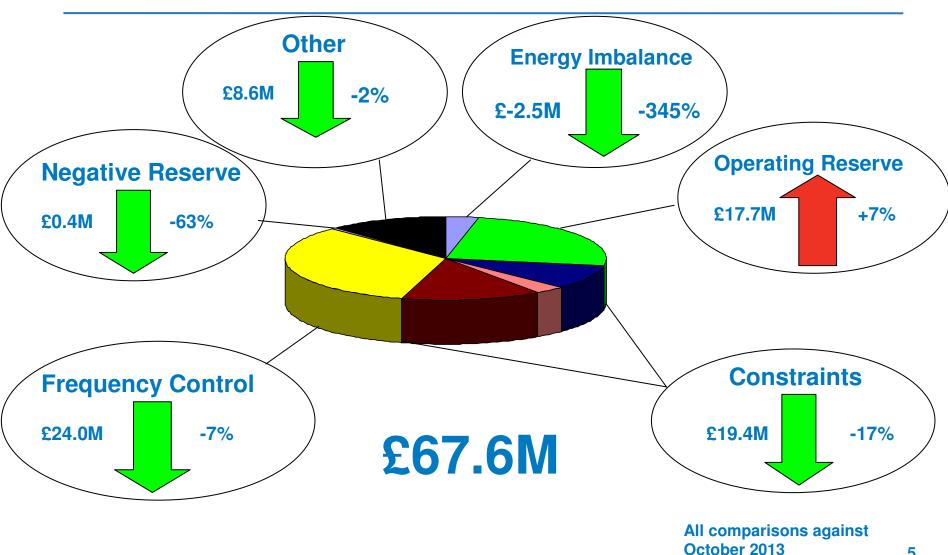


- Constraint costs fell from August from ~£35M to ~£22M
- Constraints active for first week in Scotland – northern Scotland driven by circuit outage
- First two days accrued ~£7M of cost high generation output levels
- E&W costs drove cost for the remainder of the month S.Wales and voltage management

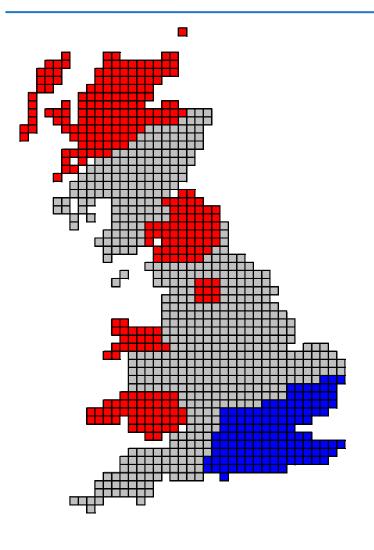
### **Actual Cost for October 2013**



### **Actual Cost for November 2013**



#### October/November – Constraint Issues

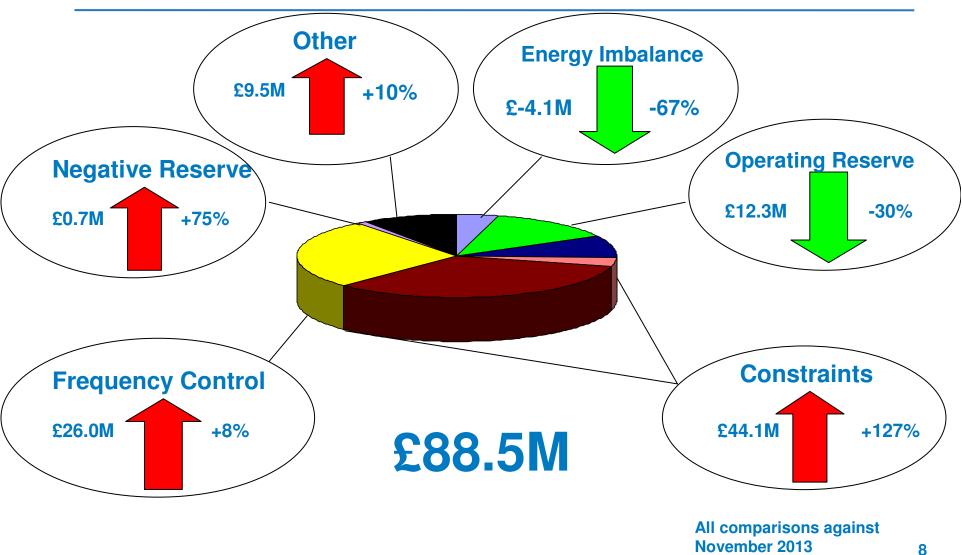


- Costs in line with September ~£23M
- Cost accrued over first and last 10 days of the month
- More active constraints in E&W, including North Wales/Snowdon – replacement tower work
- •Additional southern plant run on 28<sup>th</sup> October for security during storm period
- Cost in November accrued for similar reasons, high exports from Scotland and South Wales, voltage control in South East

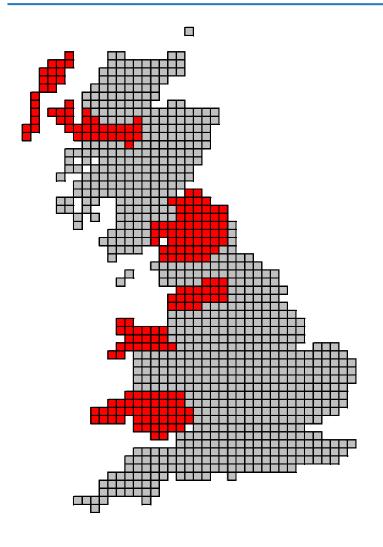
#### **Pentir-Traws**

- Unplanned outage was required in October subsidence under tower on Pentir- Trawsfynydd 400kV - safety concerns paramount
- Significant generation capacity in group including Dinorwig, Gwynt y Môr & Wylfa
- Potential impact on;
  - supply margins
  - system security
  - operating costs through (Dec to Feb) period
- Specific team of engineers was formed to expedite the repaircircuit was returned to service by end of November

### **Actual Cost for December 2013**

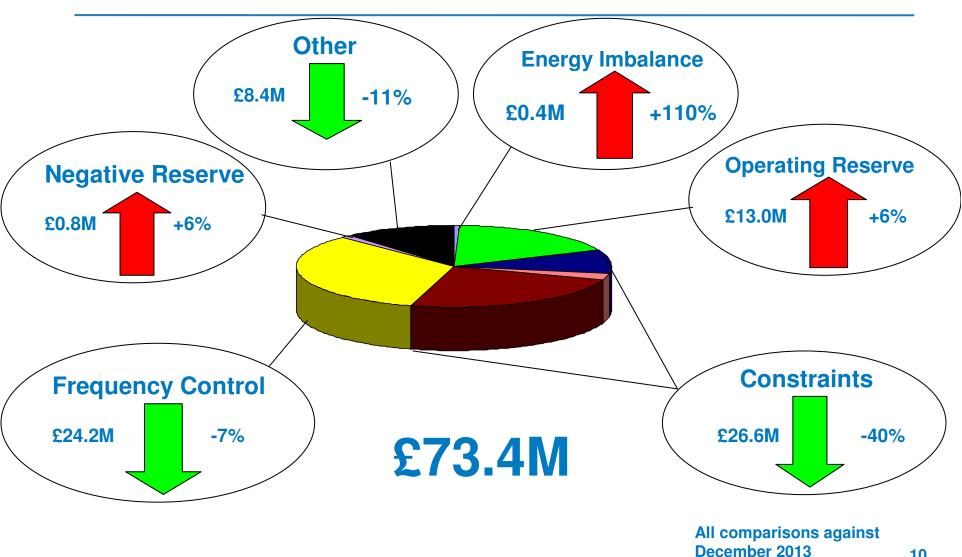


#### **December – Constraint Issues**

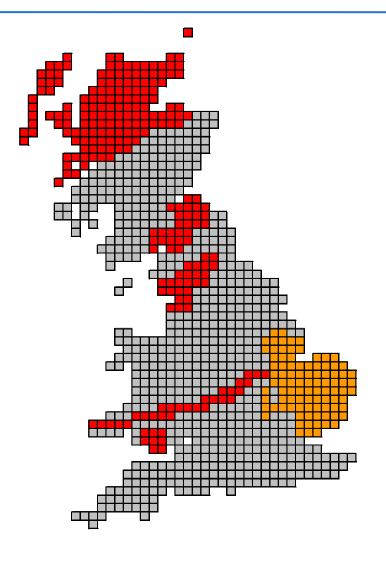


- Significant costs through December at ~£44M
- High and sustained exports from Scotland resulted in significant volume of actions to manage Cheviot boundary
   £17.9M accrued to a broadly intact system
- Voltage support requirement and high precipitation in Scotland impacted on available options
- Actions taken across all types of plant.
- •Fault outage occurred in North of Scotland coincident to planned outage (£0.9M)
- •MERSCON constraint fault outage (£0.6M)

## **Actual Cost for January 2014**

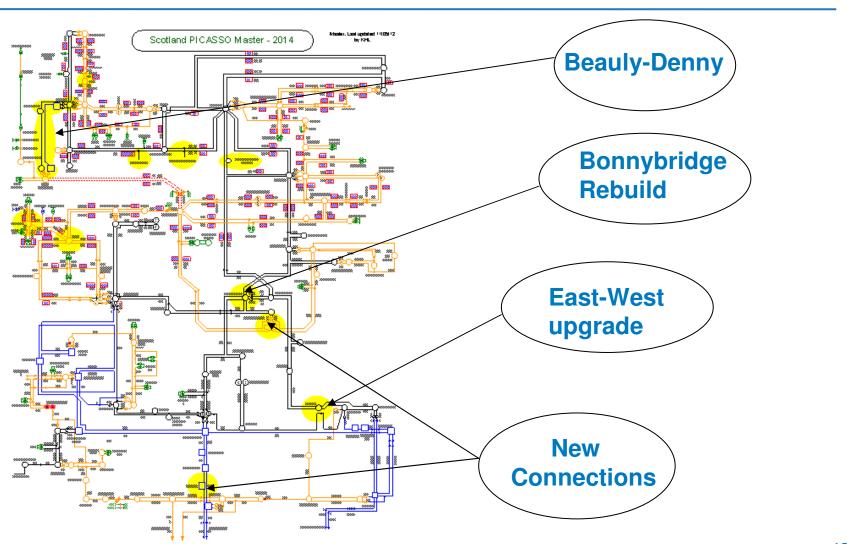


# **January – Constraint Issues**



- Significant costs through January at ~£26.6M
- High exports from Scotland resulted in significant volume of actions to manage Cheviot boundary – £8.8M accrued to a broadly intact system
- Actions taken across all types of plant.
- •Continuing fault outages in Scotland and north of England

### **Investment schemes - Scotland**



# Investment schemes - England & Wales

**North of England** 

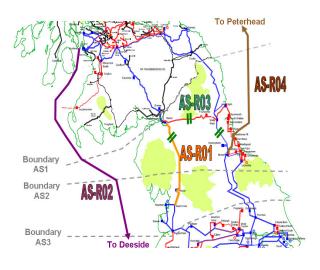
**Harker – Hutton Upgrade** 

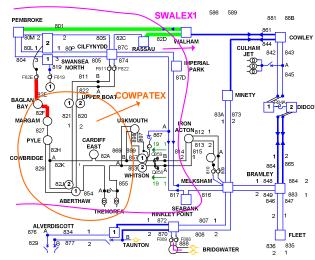
South Wales/ West England

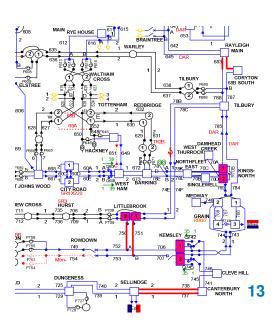
Ross Cables Reconductoring

**South East** 

Reactive equipment Reconductoring South Coast and London Circuits







# **BSUoS Forecast Update 2013/14 and 2015**



#### **BSUoS Forecast 2013-14**

- External BSUoS costs (incl incentive performance) estimated to be:
  \$2878.2m
- Internal Costs £132.6M
- Total BSUoS costs estimated to be: ~£1010.8M
- Total Charging Volume: 608.6TWh
- Est. BSUoS Charge: £1.66/MWh (Range of £1.62/MWh to £1.71/MWh)

#### **Year ahead 2014-15**

- Large investment programmes continue across GB network, therefore potential for significant deviation from plans – significant change witnessed through 2013-14
- Programme delivery can be impacted by delays due to impact on critical path. Significant chance of outages being taken through winter period. Associated impact on constraint costs
- Potentially reduced constraint costs due to plant availability changes/outages
- Expect similar trends to this year in balancing costs but margins tightening therefore potential increase in operating margin costs

#### **BSUoS Forecast 2014-15**

- External costs ~£820M main risks
  - Substantial outage plan risk that winter outages required
  - Tightening margins
  - Black Start requirements
  - Interconnector trading arrangement changes
- Internal costs unchanged
- Central forecast £1.55/MWh range of £1.37/MWh to £1.70/MWh

