

Fast Reserve Market Information for Mar-16

Monthly Report

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Key points

This Market Information Report is relevant for tenders submitted in **Feb-16** for delivery in **Mar-16**.

Tenders from eligible service providers for Firm Fast Reserve should be submitted by **Mon 01-Feb-2016** (1st business day) for all tenders.

National Grid will notify service providers of the outcome of the tender assessment by **Tue 16-Feb-2016** (12th business day).

Firm Fast Reserve is required during the following hours:

- Mon-Fri: 06:00 – 23:30hrs
- Sat, Sun, BH: 07:00 – 23:30hrs

The volume requirements are explained on the next page.

Introduction

Fast Reserve (FR) service provides the rapid and reliable delivery of active power through an increased output from generation or a reduction in consumption from demand sources, following receipt of an electronic dispatch instruction from National Grid. Fast reserve service requires all units to have capability to commence within two minutes following instruction, at rates of 25MW or greater per minute and providing a minimum of 50MW. Fast reserve is an additional energy balancing service used to control frequency changes.

Fast Reserve may be provided as either a Firm service, procured through a tender process, or Optional service. Submitted tender prices are compared to the costs of alternatives to deliver the equivalent level of fast reserve. This report provides information to current and potential providers about the volume of, and time periods over which, firm fast reserve is required.

Highlights

In Jan-16, three tenders were received. More details on the tenders accepted/rejected are available from the post-assessment tender report.

The Fast Reserve Assessment Principles Report and other useful reports are available at:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/balancing-services/reserve-services/fast-reserve/>

The Market Report containing Post-Assessment details are available at:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Services/Balancing-services/Reserve-services/Fast-Reserve/Fast-Reserve-Information/>

For a monthly cost summary of services procured please follow the below link to the Monthly Balancing Services Summary (MBSS), which breaks costs down by service including the Firm and Optional Fast Reserve costs.

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-transmission-operational-data/Report-explorer/Services-Reports/>

Tenders should be submitted on the ARIBA E-Tender platform. If you have not registered in ARIBA or received an invite to the event please contact your Account Manager in the first instance. If you have any questions about the event, contact James Patterson at 01926 653000 or via email at james.patterson2@nationalgrid.com

Firm Fast Reserve Requirement

The figures on this page show the amount of existing contracted Fast Reserve available per month and per day, against the optimal firm fast reserve requirement.

The desirable Firm requirement has increased for the winter as shown in the charts:

- Winter Mar 600MW
 - Mon–Fri
06:00 – 09:30, 17:00 – 20:00
 - Sat
07:00 – 11:00, 17:00 – 20:00
 - Sun & BH
08:00 – 11:00, 17:00 – 20:00
- 300MW for all other periods between
 - Mon-Fri: 06:00 – 23:30
 - Sat, Sun, BH: 07:00 – 23:30

Note the requirements are subject to change and at short notice. Where practicable this will be communicated in subsequent reports.

Table 1: 12 month requirement

Month	Additional Optimal Max Firm Requirement (MW)
Mar-16	600
Apr-16	300
May-16	300
Jun-16	300
Jul-16	300
Aug-16	300
Sep-16	300
Oct-16	300
Nov-16	240
Dec-16	240
Jan-17	240
Feb-17	240

