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Dear Service Provider

## **SHORT TERM OPERATING RESERVE – TENDER ROUND 35**

### **INVITATION TO TENDER**

Please be advised that the Invitation to Tender for Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) Tender Round 35 is now available on National Grid's website and via Ariba.

Tenders are invited for service provision for one or more seasons within the period 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

#### **STOR Electronic Tenders**

This Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation has been launched today and Providers who have participated in previous STOR Tender Rounds via Ariba should receive an automatically generated email to enable access to Tender Round 35 event using their existing Ariba account.

If you are a new provider and have recently entered into a Framework Agreement with National Grid then you should receive an automatically generated email to enable you to set up a log-in to securely access the Ariba platform.

If for any reason you do not receive the above by **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**, please contact your Account Manager.

#### **STOR Runway Tender**

As part of our [Product Roadmap](#), we set out an overview of the actions we are proposing to take in the next few months and years to address stakeholder feedback and improve our products and procurement approaches. Among these actions will be a simplification of the STOR STCs and standardising the value of STOR tenders dependant on the response time offered.

#### **Relevant Documentation**

For further information relating to this Tender Round, please refer to the following documents available on the STOR website and via a link in Ariba:

1. General Service Description
2. Short Term Operating Reserve Tender Round Dates

Associated applicable documents also published are as follows:

1. Revised Tender Assessment Principles
2. STOR Despatch Procedure v1.3
3. Indexation Principles Document
4. Issue #10 of the STOR Standard Contract Terms

## Key Dates

Framework Agreement Deadline	17:00 hours on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Market Day	17:00 hours on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Results Day	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Market Report	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Service Commencement	05:00 hours on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Market Day** is the latest day in which tenders can be uploaded to Ariba - all tenders must be submitted no later than 17:00 hours on **Friday 18th May 2018**.

For information purposes following the publication of OCP-7 (Outline Change Proposal) National Grid will continue to publish MW data from Tender submissions from Year 11 onwards in the Market Information Report.

## Premium Flexible Service

As with previous tender rounds, Providers can offer a Premium Flexible Service. The Premium windows are communicated below on a per season basis and are available for the maximum two year contracting opportunity. **Premium windows are Monday to Friday only**. The Premium Flexible windows are as follows:

STOR Year 12 (2018/19)

Season 1 – Window 1  
Season 2 – Window 1  
Season 3 – Window 2  
Season 4 – Window 2  
Season 5 – Window 2  
Season 6 – Window 2

STOR Year 13 (2019/20)

Season 1 – Window 1  
Season 2 – Window 1  
Season 3 – Window 2  
Season 4 – Window 2  
Season 5 – Window 2  
Season 6 – Window 2

## STOR Framework Agreement & STOR Framework Amending Agreement

A STOR Framework Agreement must be concluded by any party wishing to submit a STOR Tender. The STOR Framework Agreement will give effect to the STOR Standard Contract Terms.

### **New Provider, New Framework Agreement:**

Any potential provider who wishes to submit a tender to provide Short Term Operating Reserve (“a STOR Tender”) should start conversations with National Grid by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. Where a non-standard Indexation Methodology or Works Programme need to be agreed the provider should contact National Grid as soon as possible to ensure an agreement can be made before this date.

### **Existing Provider, Amending Framework Agreement:**

Any existing provider who wishes to submit a tender to provide the STOR service from a new STOR Site or STOR Unit and/or wishes to submit Subsequent Year Tender(s) that are subject to indexation and/or where its provision of Short Term Operating Reserve from a STOR Unit or STOR Site is dependent on the carrying out of works should enter into discussions with National Grid in order to progress a STOR Framework Amending Agreement by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. Where a non-standard Indexation Methodology or Works

Programme needs to be agreed the provider should contact National Grid as soon as possible to ensure an agreement can be made before this date.

In order to provide sufficient time for a STOR Framework Agreement (or, if applicable, STOR Amending Agreement) to be agreed and engrossed by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, new Reserve Providers should contact their Account Manager as early as possible but no later than **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. Please note this date also applies to existing Reserve Providers.

For further information and a more detailed explanation of the tender process please refer to the STOR Service Description within the ITT documentation. Alternatively please contact your Account Manager should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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