Business Models for Flexible Generation, Supply and Networks

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Introduction to National Grid



Regulated networks

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UK and US





Transmission & Distribution



Non price regulated businesses

- LNG importation terminal, Isle of Grain UK
- Electricity Interconnection:
 - IFA France-England 2GW
 - BritNed Netherlands-England1.2GW
 - New interconnectors to Belgium & Norway under construction
- Metering: installation and maintenance (including 15m gas meters)
- Xoserve gas market settlement services
- US LNG road transportation, commercial services relating to solar installations, fuel cells and other new technologies



Why separate NGET SO & TO functions?



- Achieving and demonstrating SO is unbiased:
 - Capacity & balancing services vs transmission services
 - NG vs other network and interconnector owners
 - Incumbent vs new entrant transmission service providers
- Uniform terms for onshore TOs
- Parent company guarantee remains for SO cash flow risks



Evolving system



Evolution of demand



Evolution of embedded wind

Embedded Wind





Evolution of embedded solar

Embedded Solar

NB: Settlement Periods 01 to 48

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Evolution of the generation mix



Evolution of system inertia





Operational Responses



National Grid System Operator Initiatives



SNaPS Ancillary Services Vision

- New Procurement Approaches
 - More real time markets in line with EU aspirations
 - Pay-as-clear auctions
 - Trials of both in the next year
- Wider Markets
 - Investigate access to the Balancing Mechanism for non-BM parties
 - Understand how new technologies and business models can be commercialised
 - Understand (with industry) potential changes which may be needed to both wholesale and capacity markets to strengthen investment signals

Other UK Developments

Increased participation in system balancing:

- P344 proposes that bidding and despatch will work similarly for both BM and non-BM providers. Rules and obligations will lie mostly in Grid Code (not BSC). Envisages need for adjustments to be made to the imbalance positions of:
 - BM participants who are providing balancing services
 - The Suppliers of non-BM participants who are providing balancing services
- Project TERRE ("Trans-European Replacement Reserves exchanges") is a cross-border balancing project which is designed to fulfil the requirements of the forthcoming European Electricity Balancing Guideline

Network access

Recognising network capacity is finite and occasionally limited



Congestion countermeasures

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- Different locations have different effectiveness
- Constraints will be active at different times
- Some actions solve more than one issue
- Others may solve one but exacerbate another



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System objectives

Objective (primal): satisfy all constraints at lowest total consumer cost

- Do we know the service costs? (eg. what is cost of demand turn down?)
- Can optimisation be segmented into control areas? (which constraints active? Which priorities for conflicting actions?)

If solved, marginal value at each location = sum of constraint shadow prices. This suggests:

- Objective (dual): maximise service provider profits/satisfaction subject to discovery of service prices (at each location) to solve each constraint
 - In theory, same optimum as primal (subject to certain conditions)
 - Service provider profit motive gives scope for competition & innovation
 - Decentralisation facilitates multiple operating areas
 - Some market power / pricing issues to manage
- Spot prices signal the benefit of adjusting and the cost consequences of not adjusting
- Spot prices will be volatile producers and consumers will need forward signals and hedges

Examples (different ways of doing it)

US PJM

- Spot: Energy (5 min node price)
 - Always apply (subject to minimum connections)
 - Derived from central dispatch
- Hedges:
 - Energy: financial contracts for difference (forward traded at hubs)
 - Access: financial transmission rights (ISO primary auction with secondary trading)

European

- Spot: Energy (zone markets)
 - Apply subject to market access rights
 - Pool prices, Power exchange & OTC prompt, (often informed by imbalance prices)
- Hedges:
 - Energy: Market forward contracts
 - Access (to interconnection):
 - Physical rights auctions

But UK has an incomplete market

Wholesale/Tx

- Spot:
 - Energy: Prompt wholesale (informed by imbalance)
 - Access: None? (Some observable in BM?)

Hedges:

- Energy: forward contracts
- Access: entry/exit products with administrated price (TNUoS)

Distribution

Spot:

- Energy: Supplier hub arrangements
- Access: None? (Some observable from congestion measures?)
- Hedges:
 - Energy: supplier contracts
 - Access: entry untradeable deep connection, exit DUoS

Tariff signals modified (distorted) to reconcile revenues

Efficient access needs

Transparent (locational) spot service prices

- Decoupling of network revenue recovery issues
- Simple opt-in or hedge-out options
 - Clarity of default service under energy/access contracts
 - Basic energy + home generation + electric vehicle charging?
 - Standardisation of basic services and their settlement

Turn-up / turn-down

Automation ready interfaces