

Power Available Options Discussion

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What a system operator needs to know from a generator

- Information required from a generator to manage real-time scheduling and despatch
 - Forecast Power Output
 - Needed to manage 'short term' balancing
 - Sets baseline for balancing services (eg frequency response)
 - Error impacts on efficiency of balancing process
 - Regulating Range
 - Maximum and minimum output
 - Baseline for Reserve (upwards and downwards)
 - Forecast error impacts on reserve
 - Regulating rates
 - Prices
 - Actual Output

What we get now...

- Physical Notifications – MW and Times
- Maximum Export Limits – MW and Times
- Dynamic Parameters (static data)
 - Stable Export Limits
 - Run Up Rate/Run Down Rate etc
- Bid/Offer Data
- Power vs Windspeed Curve
- Wind Speed
- Metered Output

Option – No Change

- Physical Notification (PN)
 - Can be no less than 60 minutes old
 - Data format is restricted to MW and spot times
 - Can this represent wind based PPM output?
 - How significant is the timing induced error?
- Maximum Export Limit (MEL)
 - Can be varied in shorter timescales
 - Can be used to 'cap' PNs
 - Obscures balancing service capability
 - Bid/Offer volume potentially unrepresentative
 - Same data format restriction as PN – is this relevant?
- Technical and Commercial rules understood
- PNs cannot be revised within gate
- Capping with MEL does not convey the information required
- Could PNs and MELs provide adequate information with a change of mindset in data submission (ie more frequent changes)?

Option – Power Available

- First question, ‘what is it?’
- Indication of maximum achievable output
 - Variation 1 – real-time or forecast plus real-time
 - Variation 2 – distributed or centrally processed

- Potential replacement (supplement?) for MEL parameter
- Facilitating changes within gate minimises forecast error (MEL can already do this!)
- Gives a good upper measure of headroom for reserve and balancing service purposes (ditto)
- Opportunity to address limitations of current data format
- Indication of planned deviation from MEL still required
 - PN still needed?
 - PN only needed on occasion?
 - PN deemed equal to Power Available unless otherwise submitted?
 - Key parameter for balancing services

Option – Shorter BM Window

- Current rules apply with the exception of timescales
- BM window still of finite length
- Impact on fundamentals of schedule and despatch processes
- Variations – PN redecisions, different windows for different technologies etc