

A landscape photograph featuring snow-capped mountains in the background and a valley in the foreground. Several bright, glowing light trails curve across the valley floor, suggesting a long-exposure shot of a road or a path. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden-hued clouds, indicating a sunrise or sunset.

ESO Operational Transparency Forum

19 April 2023

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Introduction | Sli.do code #OTF

Please visit www.sli.do and enter the code #OTF to ask questions & provide us with post event feedback.

We will answer as many questions as possible at the end of the session. We may have to take away some questions and provide feedback from our expert colleagues in these areas during a future forum. **Ask your questions early in the session to give more opportunity to pull together the right people for responses.**

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Low carbon record – 10th April

We had a minimum carbon intensity record on the 10th April of 33gCO₂/kWh.

More information is available on our National Grid ESO app or Carbon Intensity [website](#) and our Carbon Intensity dashboard [here](#).



Record	Date	Value	Notify
Max Wind	Jan 10 2023	21620 MW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Max Solar	Apr 22 2021	9893 MW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Max No Coal	Jun 16 2020	1630.5 Hours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Min Carbon Intensity	Apr 10 2023	33 gCO ₂ /kWh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Max Zero Carbon	Jan 04 2023	87.6 %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Future deep dive / focus topics

Future

Response markets deep dive – watch this space for more information about a future webinar in the upcoming month

Link to more information on our response market and materials from past webinars are available here on [ESO website](#).

If you have suggestions for future deep dives or focus topics please send them to us at: .box.NC.customer@nationalgrideso.com and we will consider including them in a future forum

ESO Markets Roadmap 2023

The **ESO Markets Roadmap 2023** was published on Friday 31 March 2023.

Link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/research-and-publications/markets-roadmap>

On **Tuesday 25 April at 11am**, we will be discussing the highlights of the report at a webinar.

This includes:

- Highlights of the reforms introduced in 2022
- The vision for 2023 and beyond
- Why we are implementing these reforms
- Q&A session



To register for the webinar sign up here: [Markets Roadmap Webinar](#) or scan the QR code:

System events

For information only

NEWS ITEM



Obsolete BMRS Email Alerts pushed to Elexon Portal Email Subscribers

Originally published by Archana Singh on 12/04/2023 10:29:41

What is happening?

There was an issue with Elexon Portal publishing email alerts and after fixing this, the Portal sent email alerts for backfilled data. These email alerts are not for current system events and can be ignored. We apologise for the inconvenience caused by this issue.

Link to [ELEXON Portal](#)

Summer Outlook 2023 / Key messages

1. Security of supply

We will meet our world-leading reliability standards throughout summer 2023.

We expect there to be sufficient available supply to meet demand at all times this summer. We expect to be able to support exports to neighbouring European countries if needed, continuing the close-working and coordinated support with our neighbouring Transmission System Operators from last summer and winter.

2. Managing the system

We are confident that we can use our existing tools to manage system operability this summer.

Periods of low demand typically represent the more challenging operational events during summer. We already have operational tools and services in place to manage these, including our stability services and Dynamic Containment.

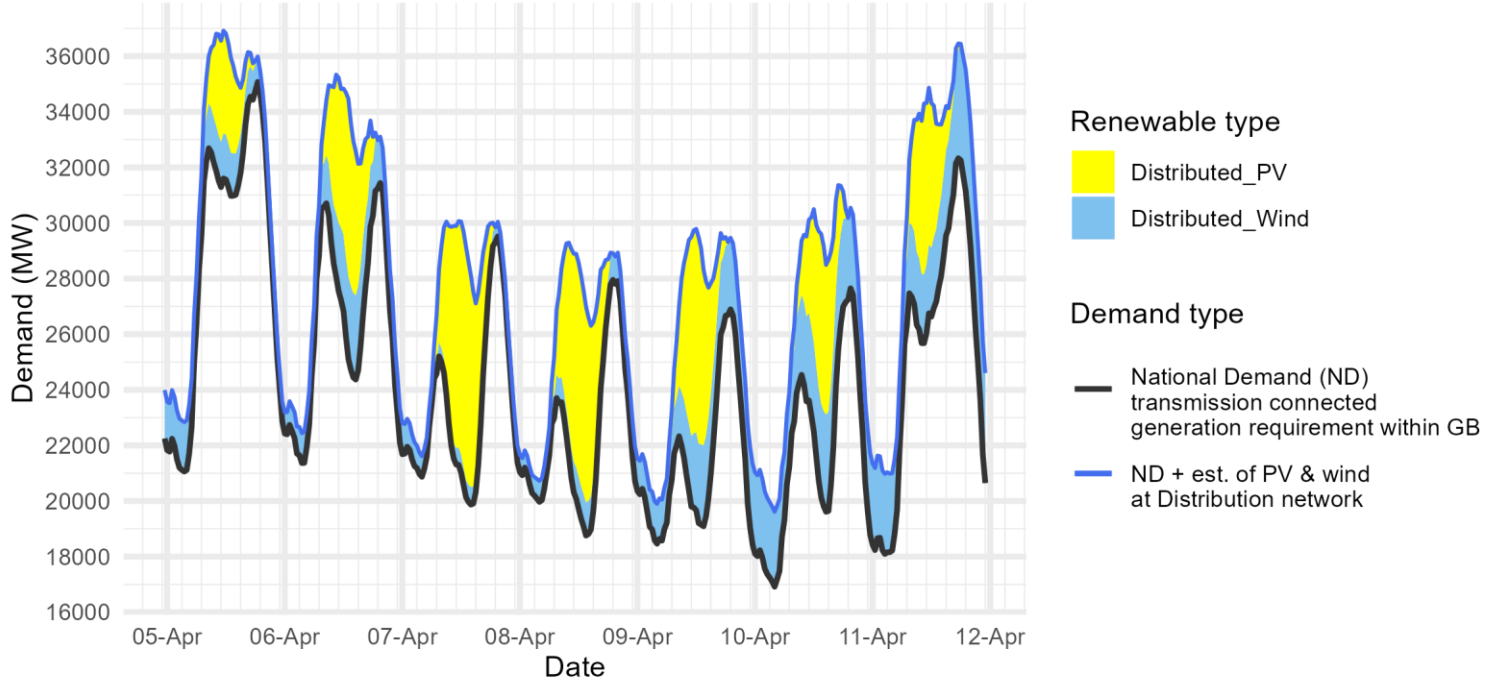
3. Market prices and balancing costs

We expect balancing costs to be lower than last summer due to lower wholesale prices and because of activities implemented by the ESO.

While wholesale prices remain high, they have fallen since last summer. This will reduce the cost of our balancing actions. The ESO has undertaken an extensive number of activities to reduce costs to consumers. This includes our recommendation to reduce the existing minimum inertia requirement under our Frequency Risk and Control Report policy; delivery of the Voltage Mersey and Stability Phase 1 pathfinders; and the Constraint Management Intertrip Service. Overall, we forecast that balancing costs could be around 30% lower than last summer.

Demand | Previous to last week demand out-turn

ESO National Demand outturn 05-11 April 2023



- Renewable type**
- Distributed_PV
 - Distributed_Wind
- Demand type**
- National Demand (ND) transmission connected generation requirement within GB
 - ND + est. of PV & wind at Distribution network

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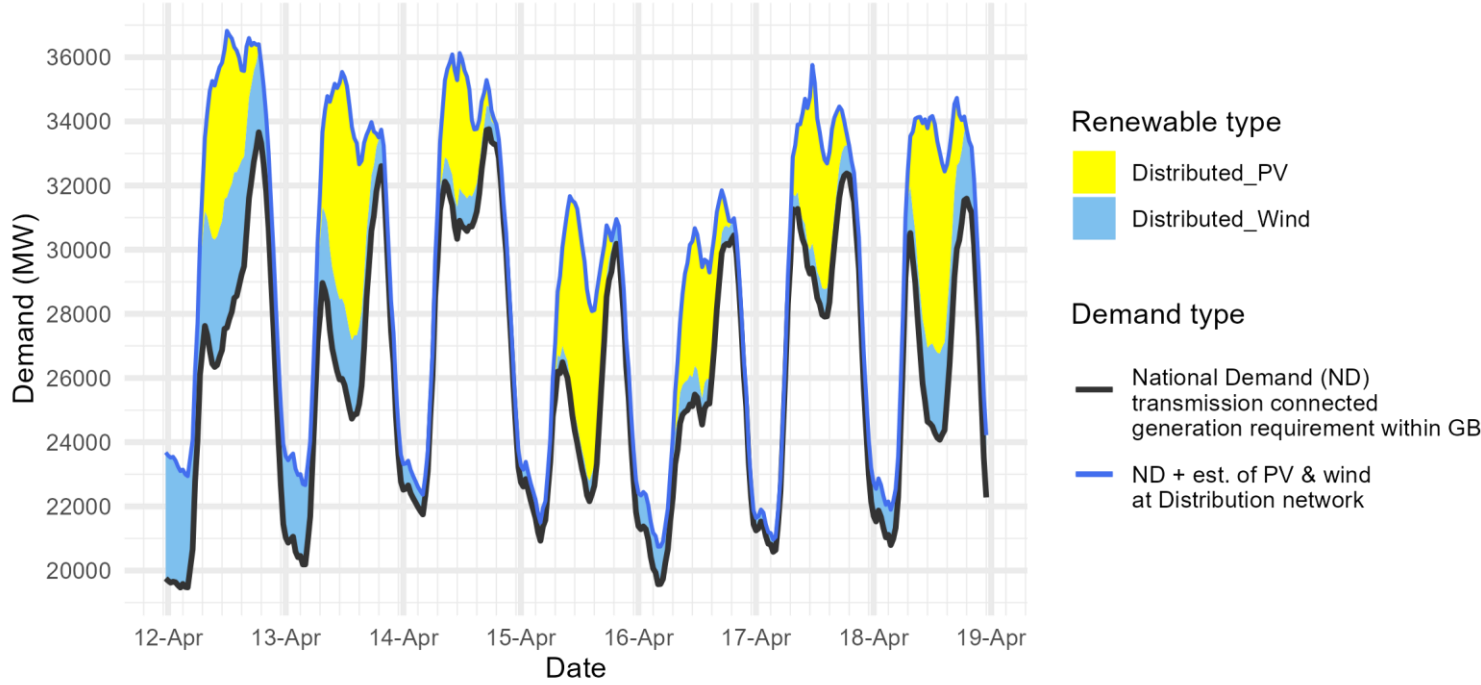
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		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
05 Apr	Afternoon Min	30.6	1.7	2.3	31.0	1.6	3.4
06 Apr	Overnight Min	22.3	0.9	0.0	21.4	1.1	0.0
06 Apr	Afternoon Min	25.6	2.5	4.7	24.4	3.0	5.2
07 Apr	Overnight Min	21.9	0.7	0.0	20.9	0.7	0.0
07 Apr	Afternoon Min	21.3	0.6	6.4	19.9	0.6	7.6
08 Apr	Overnight Min	20.8	0.7	0.0	20.0	0.8	0.0
08 Apr	Afternoon Min	19.4	1.2	5.9	18.8	1.2	7.1
09 Apr	Overnight Min	18.9	1.2	0.0	18.5	1.4	0.0
09 Apr	Afternoon Min	16.6	2.2	6.6	19.1	2.9	6.3
10 Apr	Overnight Min	17.6	2.3	0.0	16.9	2.7	0.0
10 Apr	Afternoon Min	20.7	2.7	4.3	19.6	3.5	5.4
11 Apr	Overnight Min	19.0	1.7	0.0	18.1	2.9	0.0
11 Apr	Afternoon Min	24.2	2.5	5.2	26.9	2.6	4.7

Historic out-turn data can be found on the [ESO Data Portal](#) in the following data sets: [Historic Demand Data](#) & [Demand Data Update](#)

Demand | Last week demand out-turn

ESO National Demand outturn 12-18 April 2023



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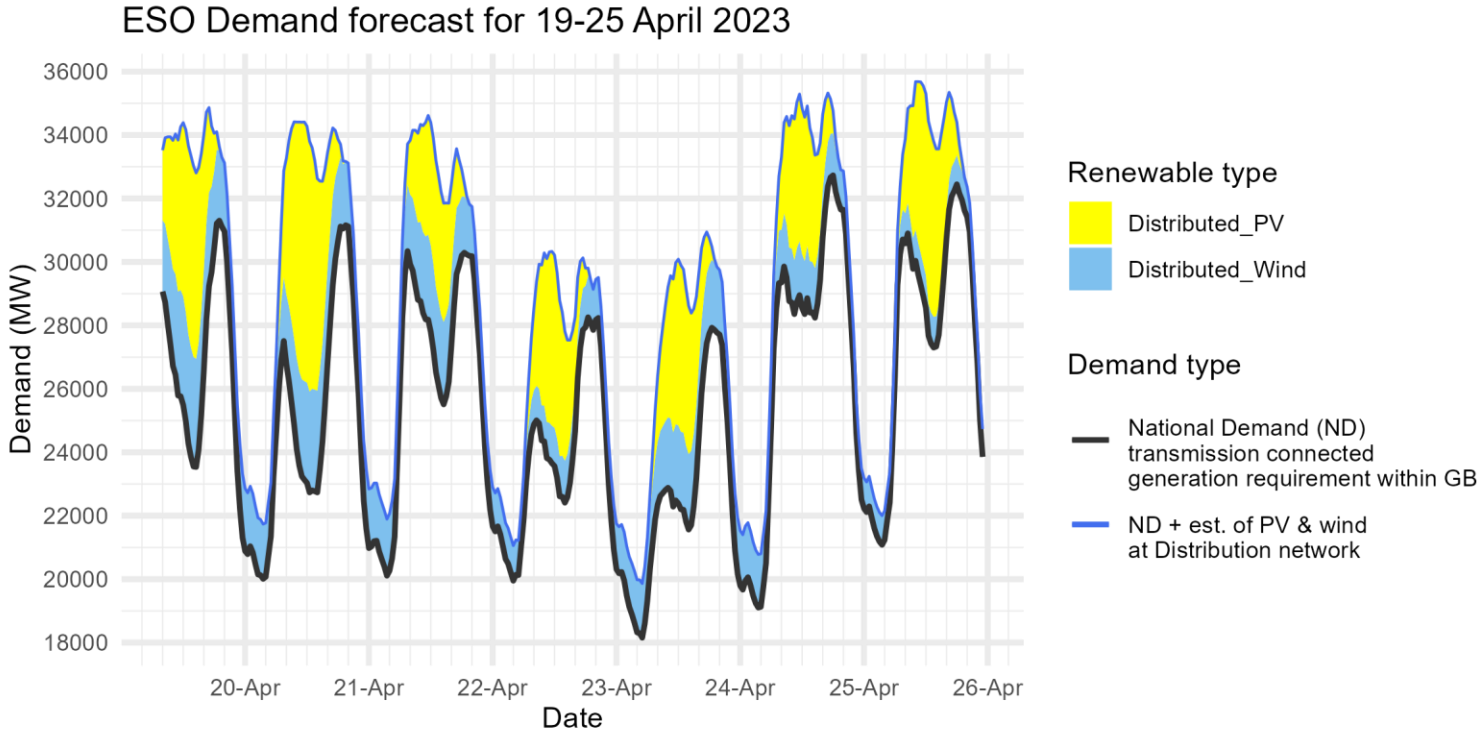
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		National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)	National Demand (GW)	Dist. wind (GW)	Dist. PV (GW)
12 Apr	Afternoon Min	28.1	4.1	4.8	27.8	4.0	4.8
13 Apr	Overnight Min	20.4	2.5	0.0	20.2	2.5	0.0
13 Apr	Afternoon Min	25.4	2.6	5.5	24.7	2.5	6.7
14 Apr	Overnight Min	22.5	1.1	0.0	21.7	0.6	0.0
14 Apr	Afternoon Min	29.4	0.8	3.2	30.6	1.0	3.8
15 Apr	Overnight Min	22.1	0.4	0.0	20.9	0.6	0.0
15 Apr	Afternoon Min	21.6	1.3	4.9	22.2	0.6	5.5
16 Apr	Overnight Min	19.6	1.1	0.0	19.6	1.2	0.0
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Demand | Week Ahead



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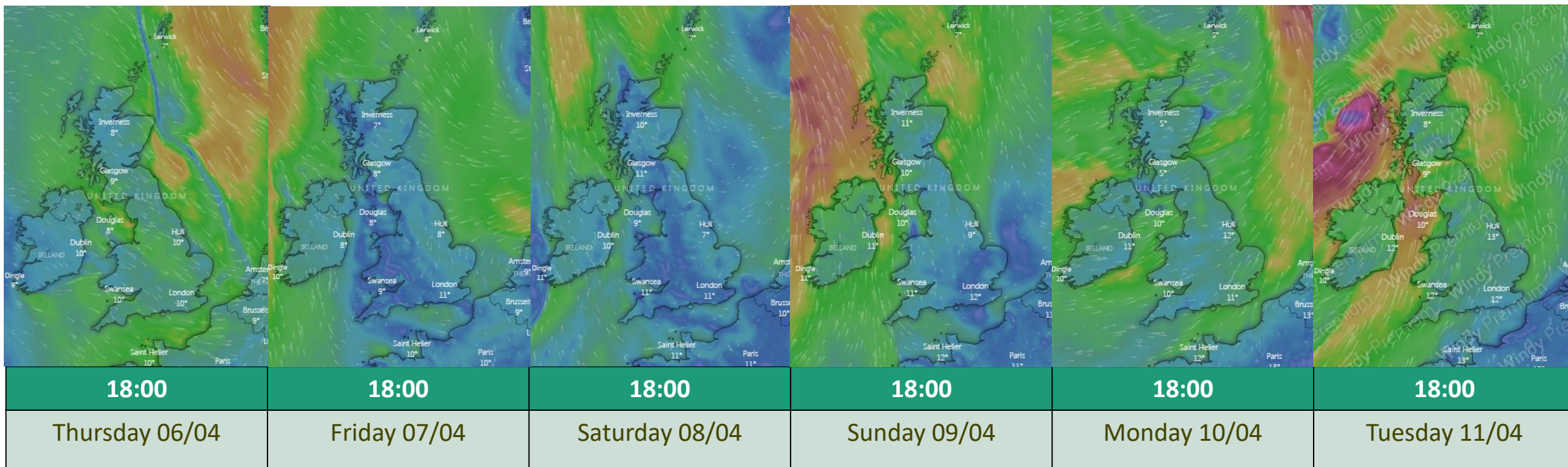
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25 Apr 2023	Afternoon Min	27.3	1.0	5.5

Demand | Easter weekend forecast

Small low pressure system to east

Some effects seen from large low pressure system far west

New low pressure system appearing west of Scotland

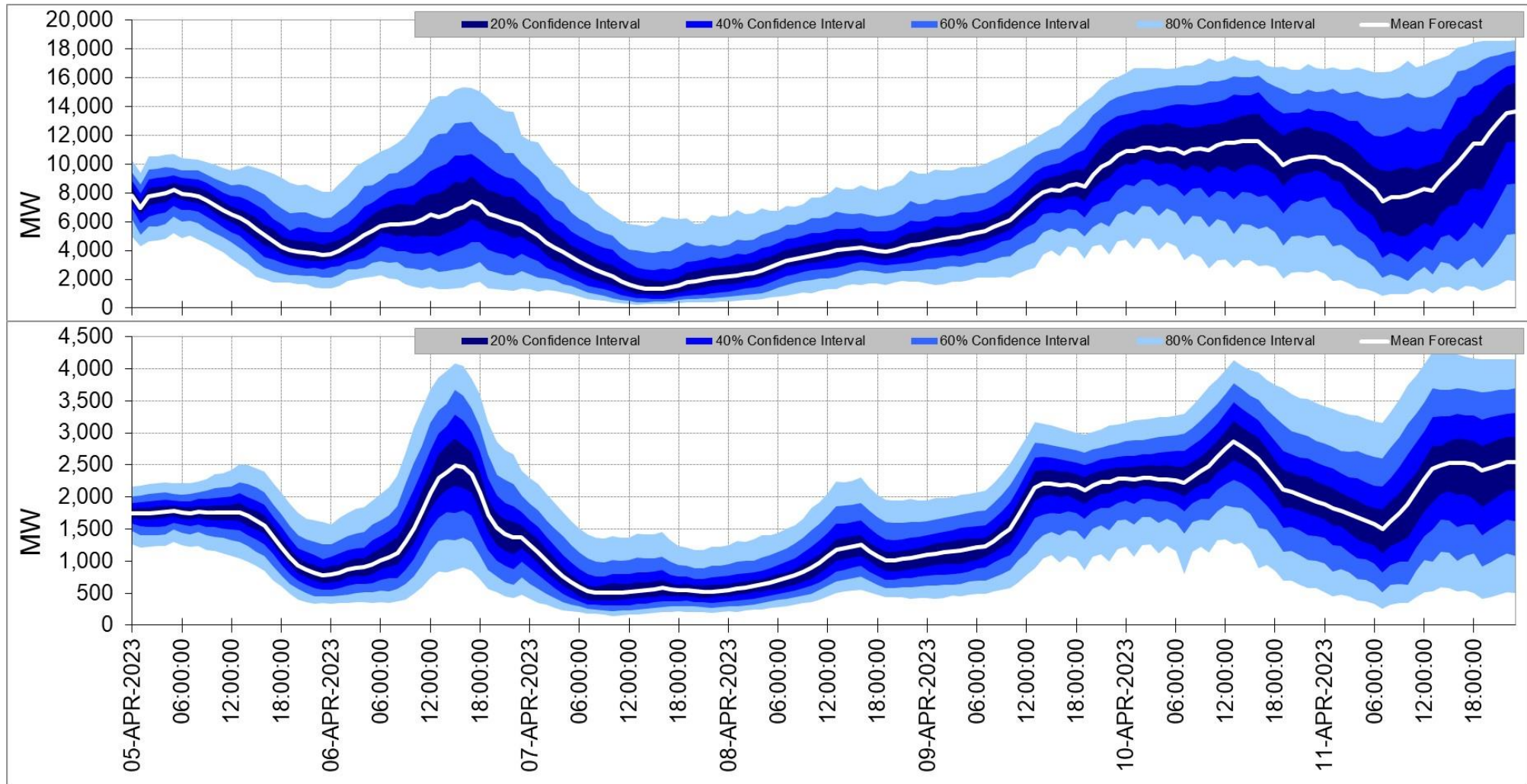


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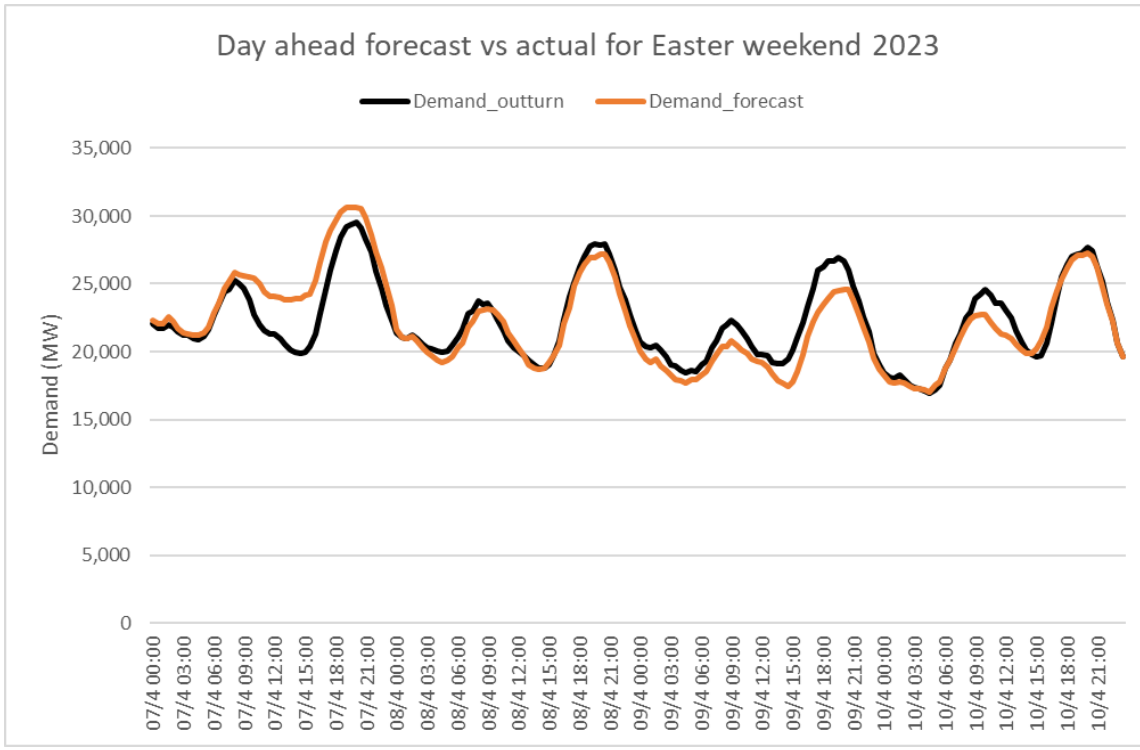
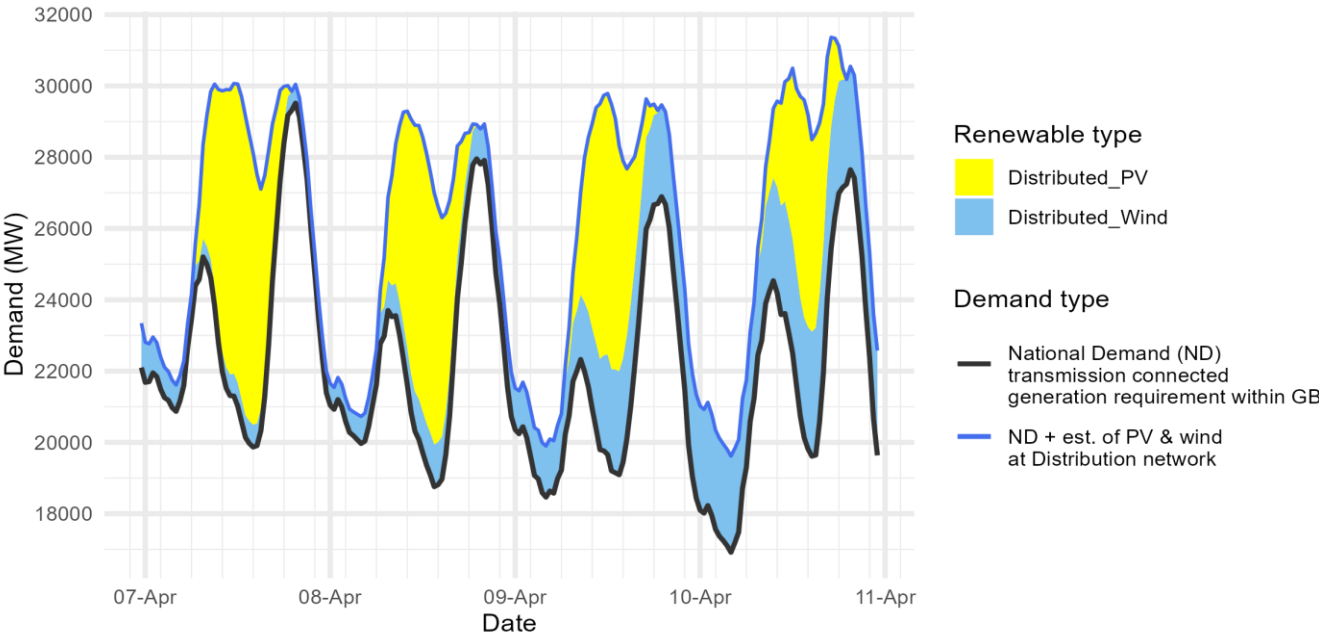
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Demand | Easter weekend demand out-turn



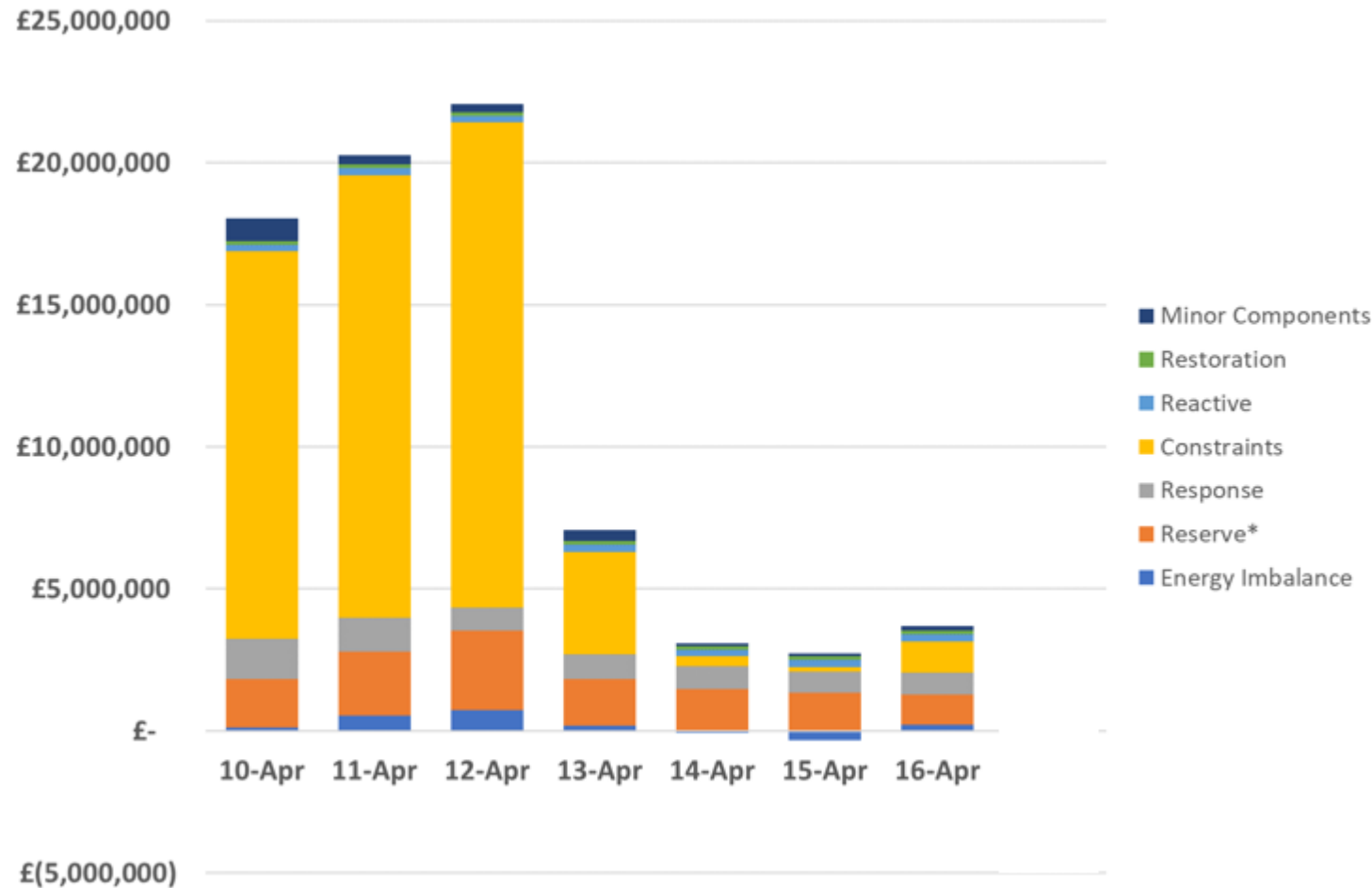
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ESO Actions | Category costs breakdown for the last week



Date	Total (£m)
10/04/2023	18.0
11/04/2023	20.2
12/04/2023	22.1
13/04/2023	7.1
14/04/2023	3.0
15/04/2023	2.4
16/04/2023	3.7
Weekly Total	76.5
Previous Week	48.8

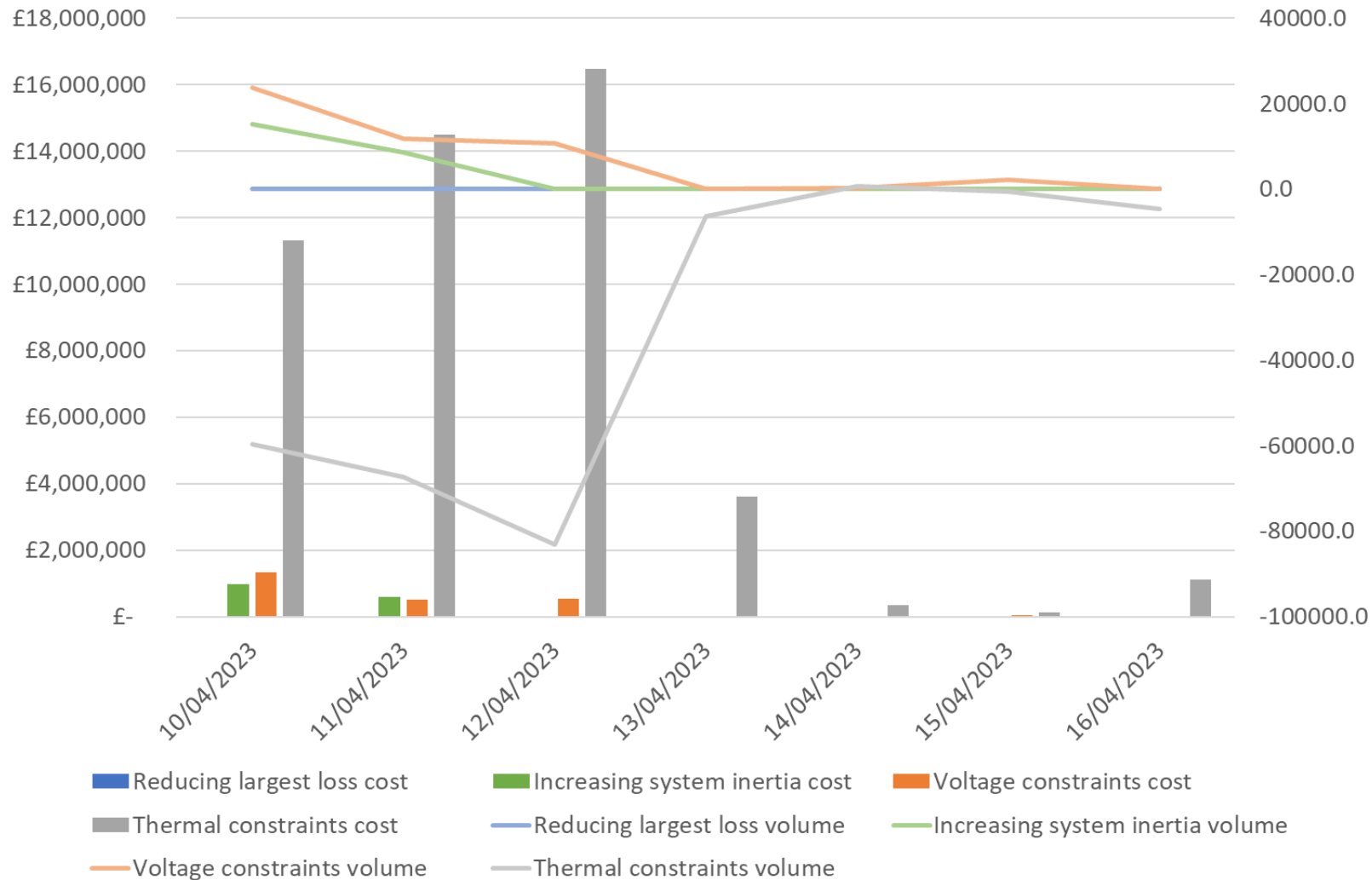
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Previous week's analysis is included in an annex

ESO Actions | Constraint Cost Breakdown



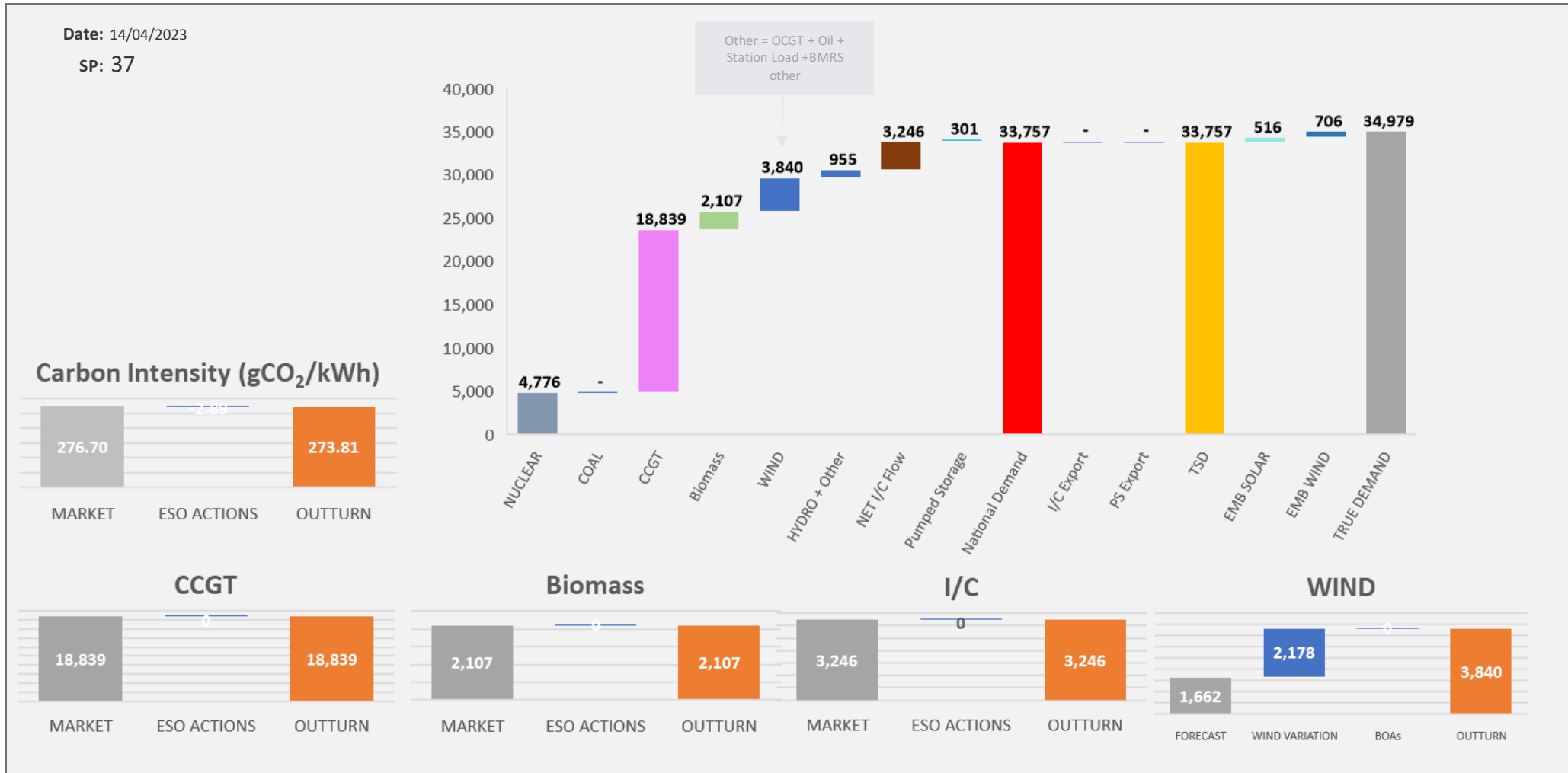
Thermal – network congestion
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Voltage
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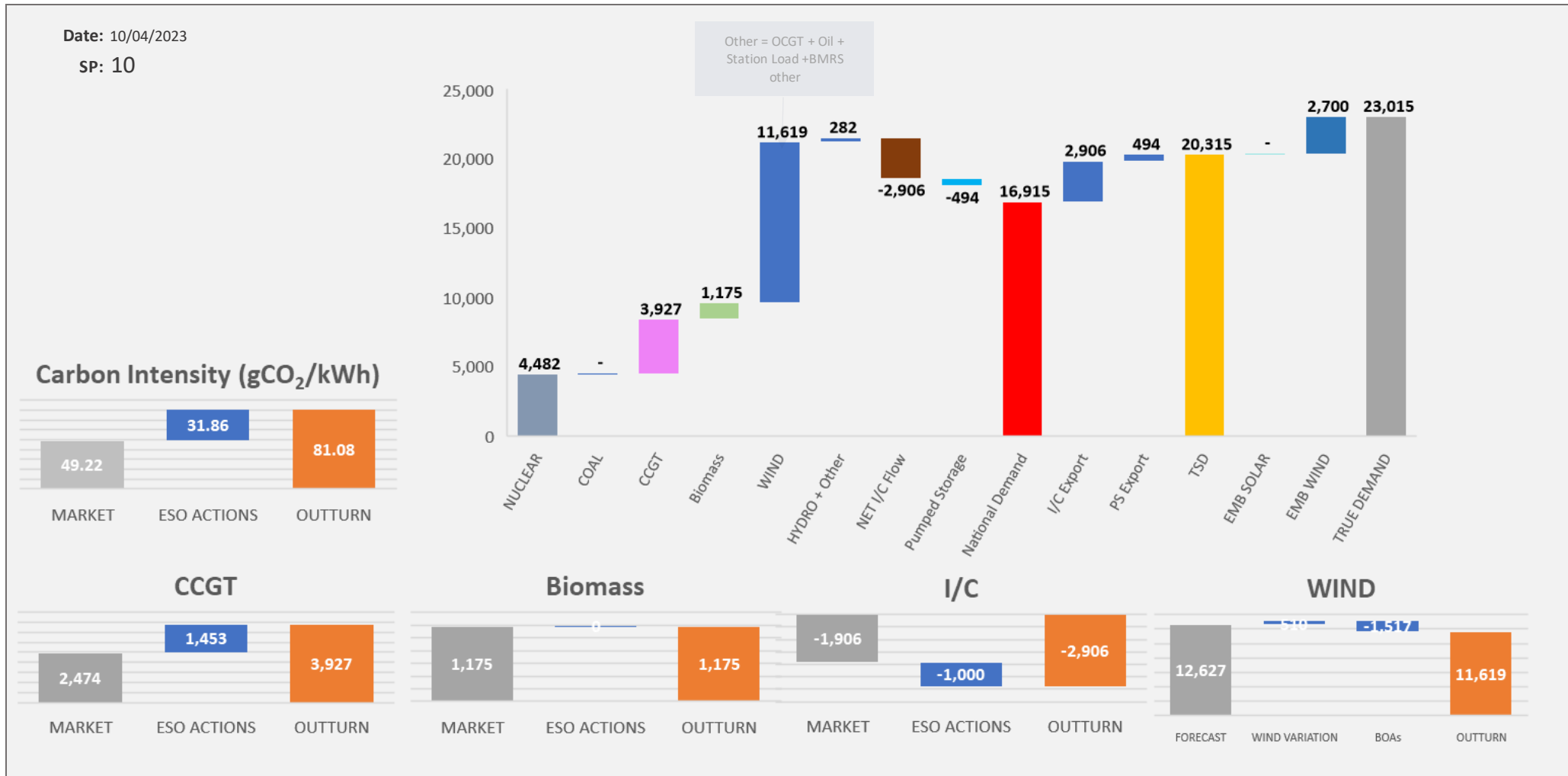
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Increasing inertia
 Intervention was required to manage system inertia on Mon & Tue.

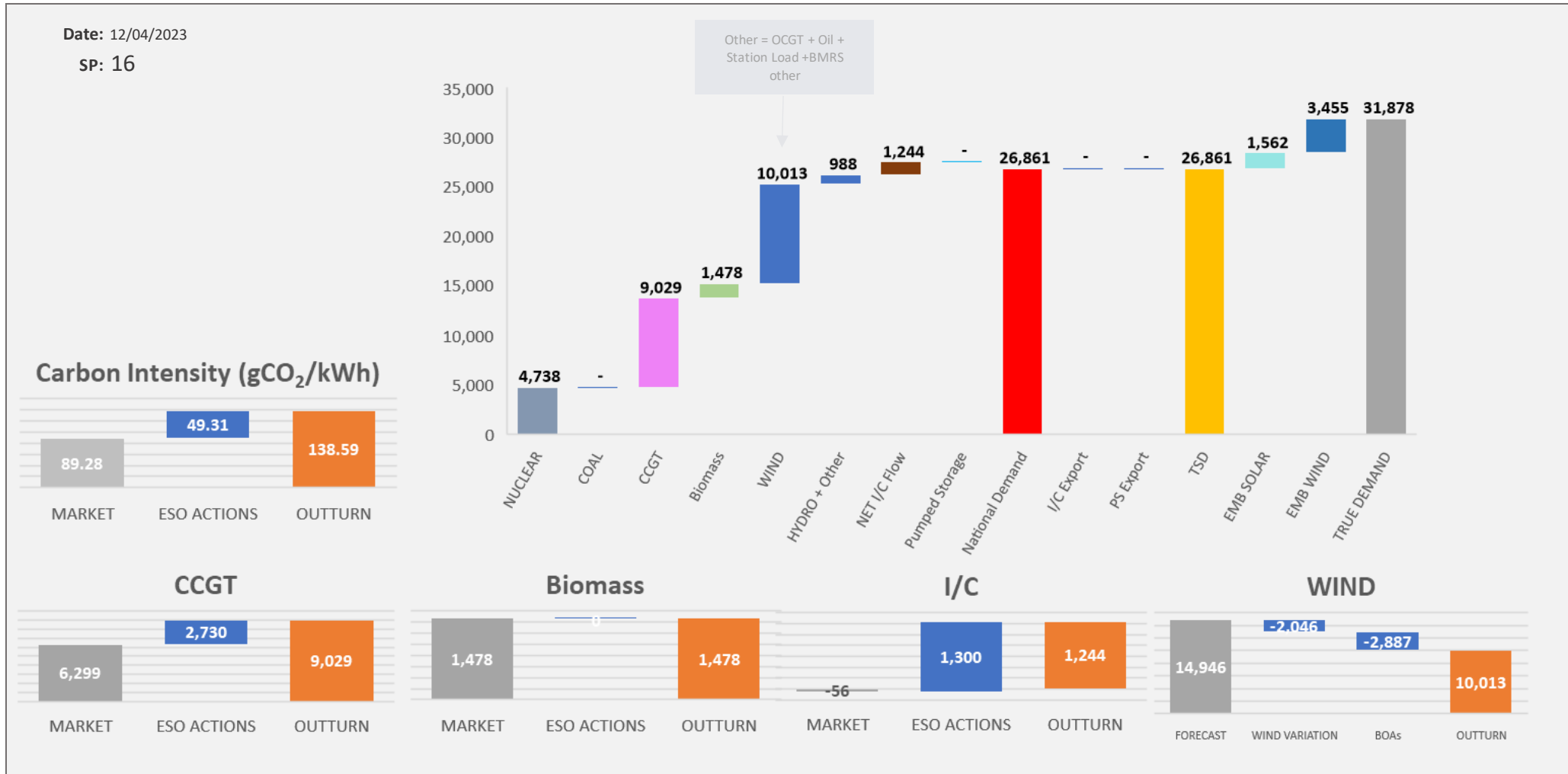
ESO Actions | Friday 14 April – Peak Demand – SP spend ~£29k



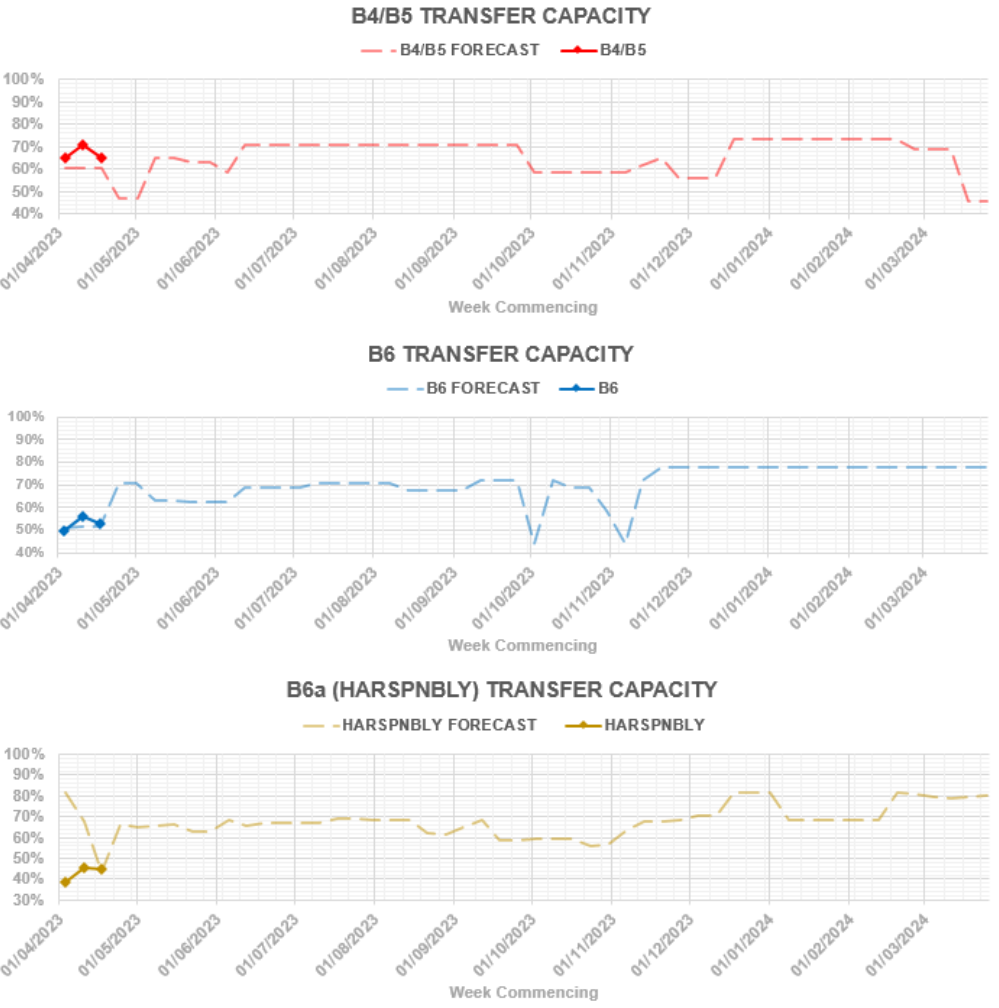
ESO Actions | Monday 10 April – Minimum Demand – SP Spend ~£355k



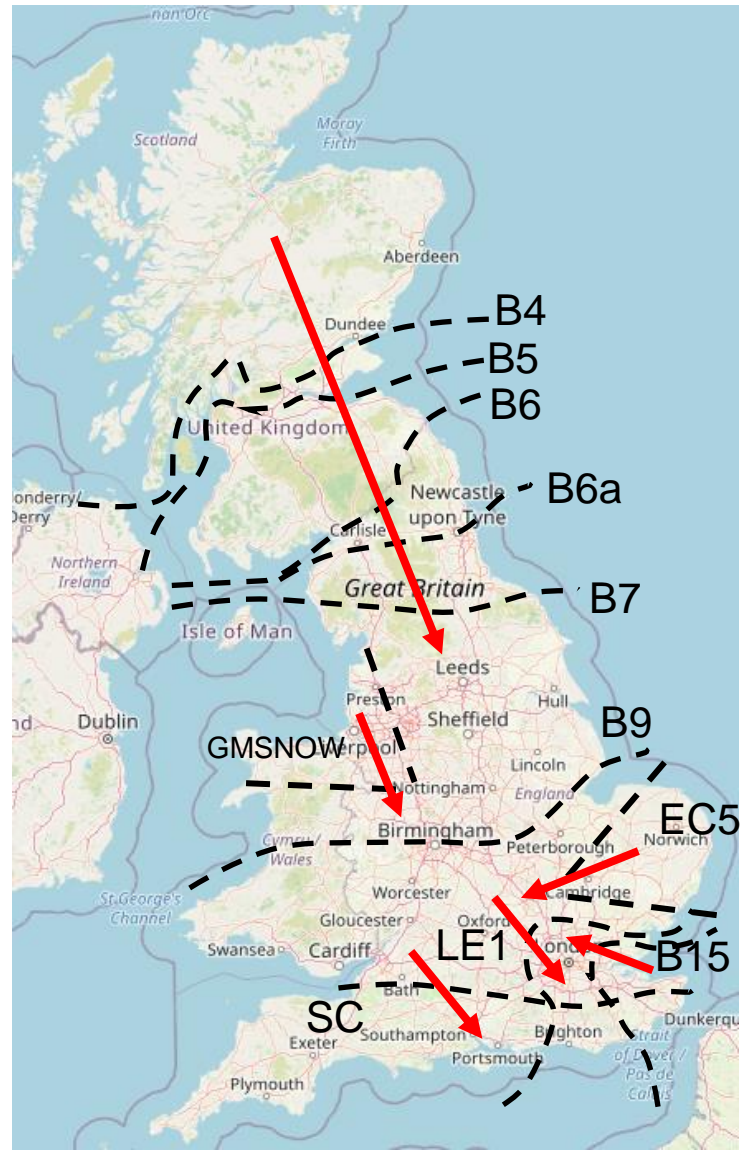
ESO Actions | Wednesday 12th April – Highest SP Spend ~£830k



Transparency | Network Congestion

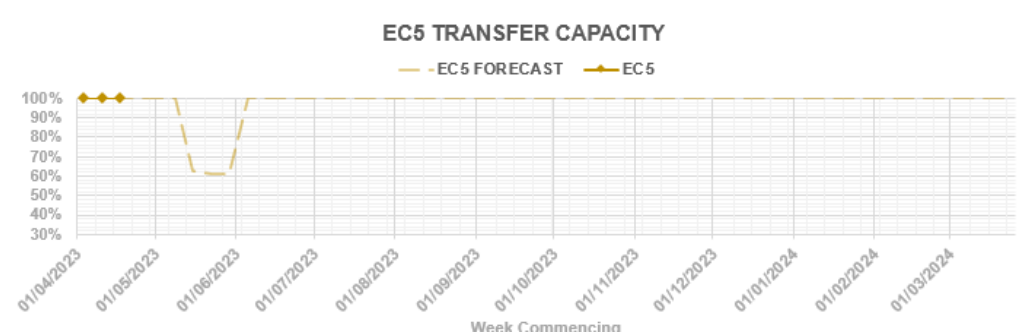
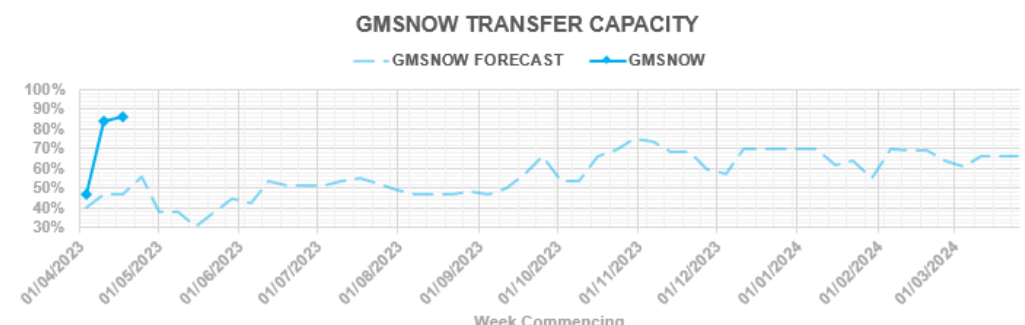
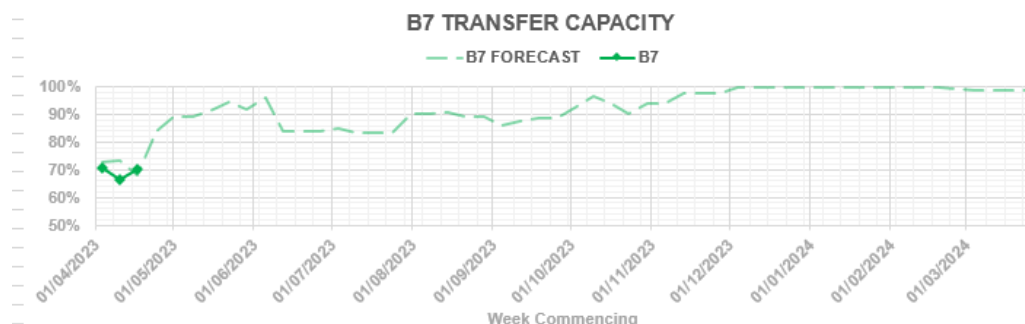


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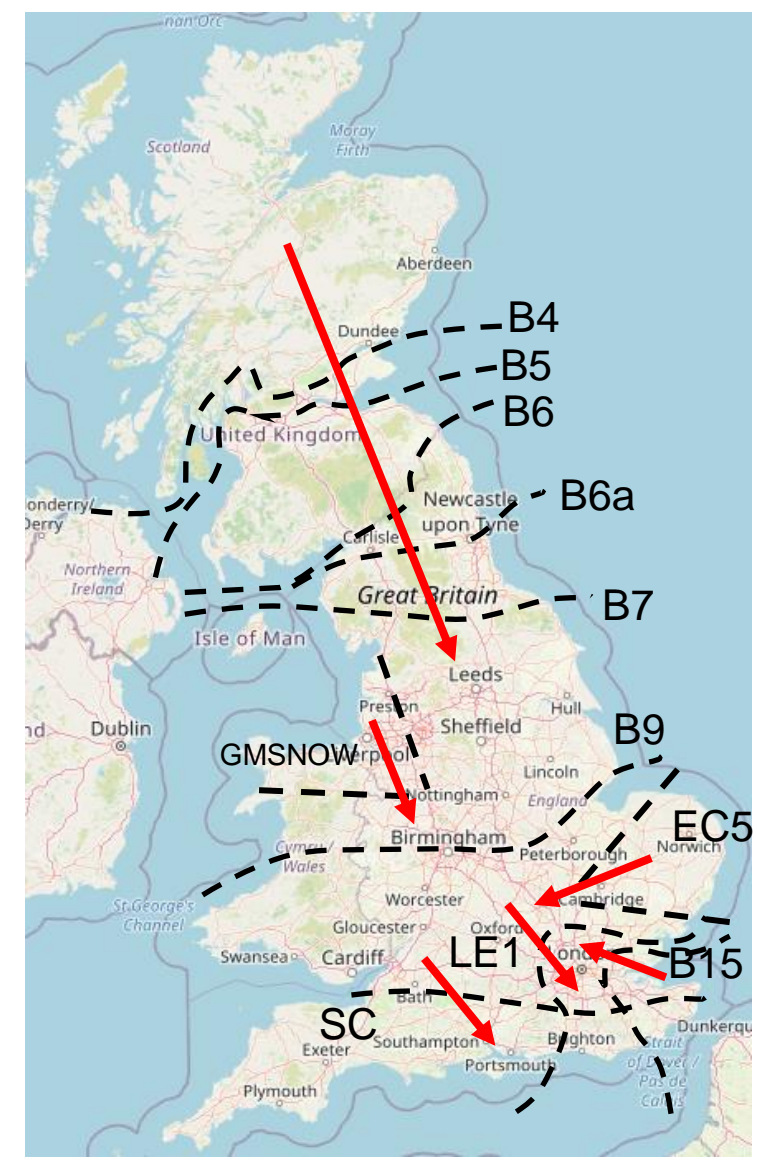


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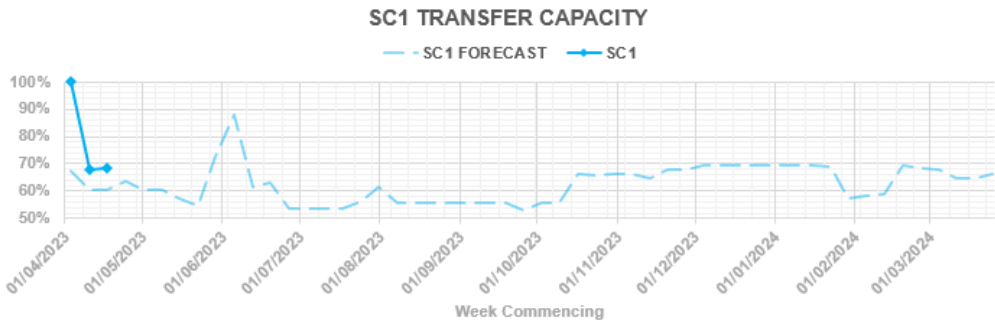
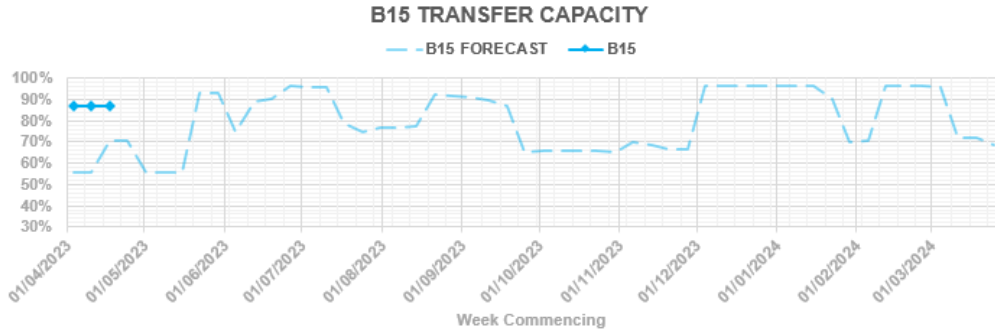
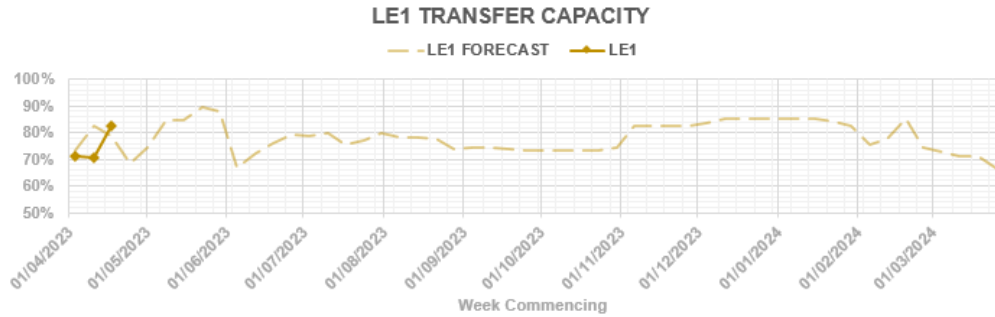


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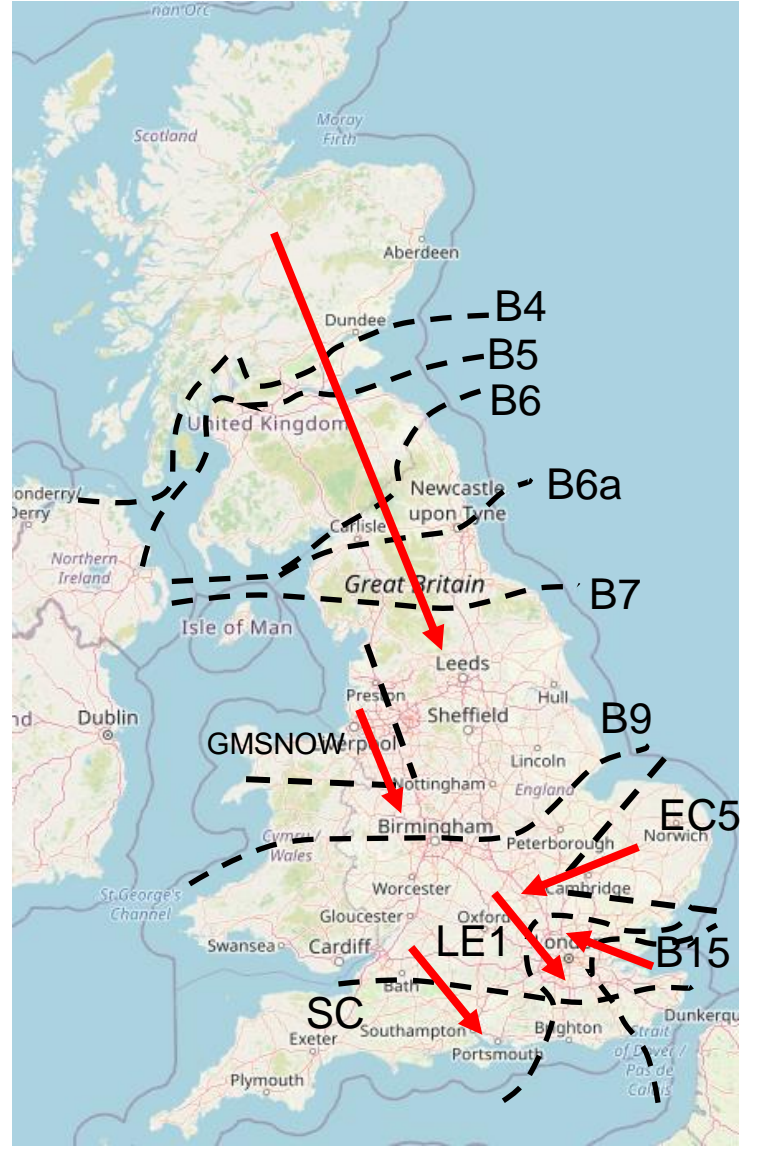


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Questions from last week

Q: Has NGENO estimated the increased CO₂ emissions caused by the NGENO restrictions to the NSL interconnector? Historic gCO₂eq/kWh for GB and Norway suggest the 300MW import restrictions could increase GB CO₂ emission by as much as 1,325 tonnes CO₂eq/day or 483,552 tonnes CO₂eq/year.

A: The restrictions on NSL are required in order to operate a secure and economic system in line with our licence conditions.

Q: What's status on publishing mandatory frequency response instructions live?

A: Our Settlements team publishes all MFR holding volumes by BMU at a daily granularity with a month's delay on the website. Please see [the link](#).

Q: Thanks for the update regarding the DC procurement question from last week. Quick add on - can we expect this higher level of procurement going forward? I understand procurement depends on system conditions, but has something changed in the methodology?

A: The methodology and model to decide how much DC we need are unchanged. Due to the highly complexity and interactions of determining factors, i.e. system conditions of inertia level, demand and largest loss we need to secure that are considered in the model, the DC requirements keep varying on different EFAs, under different weather conditions or seasons. We will proactively signal our requirements to the market in our 4-days forecasts and our monthly market information report.

Questions from last week

Q: I have few queries from today's session (8th March):

- The presenter mentioned that BALIT service is now called as “Excess Energy” service. I understood that service is still in use and only name is changed but it is mentioned in the ppt that ESO can not use this service (see snip). On a different slide: it is mentioned that Excess energy service is used by NGESO (see snip2).
- Please clarify can NGESO use “Excess Energy” service?
- If yes: What is the minimum notice period?
- If no – what is the minimum notice period?
- Please explain in detail how, when & why “excessive Energy” service is used by NGESO.

A: BALIT and Excess Energy are separate services.

BALIT was a within-gate-closure SO-SO Trade service between NGESO and RTE (the French System Operator) which could be used to trade blocks of energy between the SOs. The introduction of TERRE by EU TSOs resulted in the removal of the BALIT service due to overlapping timescales. NGESO cannot participate in TERRE as a result of EU-Exit.

Excess Energy is a near-to real-time SO-SO Trade service between NGESO and RTE which can be used to trade energy flows between the SOs. This service is still available, however due to changes in interconnector gate closures, i.e. hourly, there is a mis-alignment with the Excess Energy required notice period. NGESO is working with RTE to try and realign this service with hourly gate closure timings.

Until this alignment is complete ESO is not reliant upon the Excess Energy service as any instructions by ESO would have to be carried out before the nominated flow is firm thus introducing risk to ESO not knowing what the final interconnector flow would be.

Questions from last week

Q: CCGTs inflexible dynamic data have made headlines recently. SHABA1 was BOA'd on during their MZT 11/04/2023. Is this within Grid Code? And what's the key difference between winter and 11/04/2023 that made this possible?

A: There is no change in policy or practice with respect to adhering to BM unit's dynamic parameters. Should a BM Unit receive a bid or offer acceptance which does not adhere to their parameters they are able to reject this on technical grounds if their units cannot achieve it.

Q: In regards to STOR data, the auction results are really useful and for the most part transparent. However, could the STOR hours also be populated? I understand that hours change dependent on WD/NWD and bank holidays. This makes it a little easier to calculate costs.

A: Thank you for the feedback, we will investigate how best to provide this information.

Q: Ref volts, will they (stsb projects) be reported along with other mandatory reactive utilisation and can the reactive utilisation file be updated in a more timely manner please.

A: The costs for reactive utilisation is published within our [MBSS](#) but if you would like to know if you can publish reactive utilisation from the stability project, please get in touch with: settlement.queries@nationalgrideso.com

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Audience Q&A Session

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Feedback

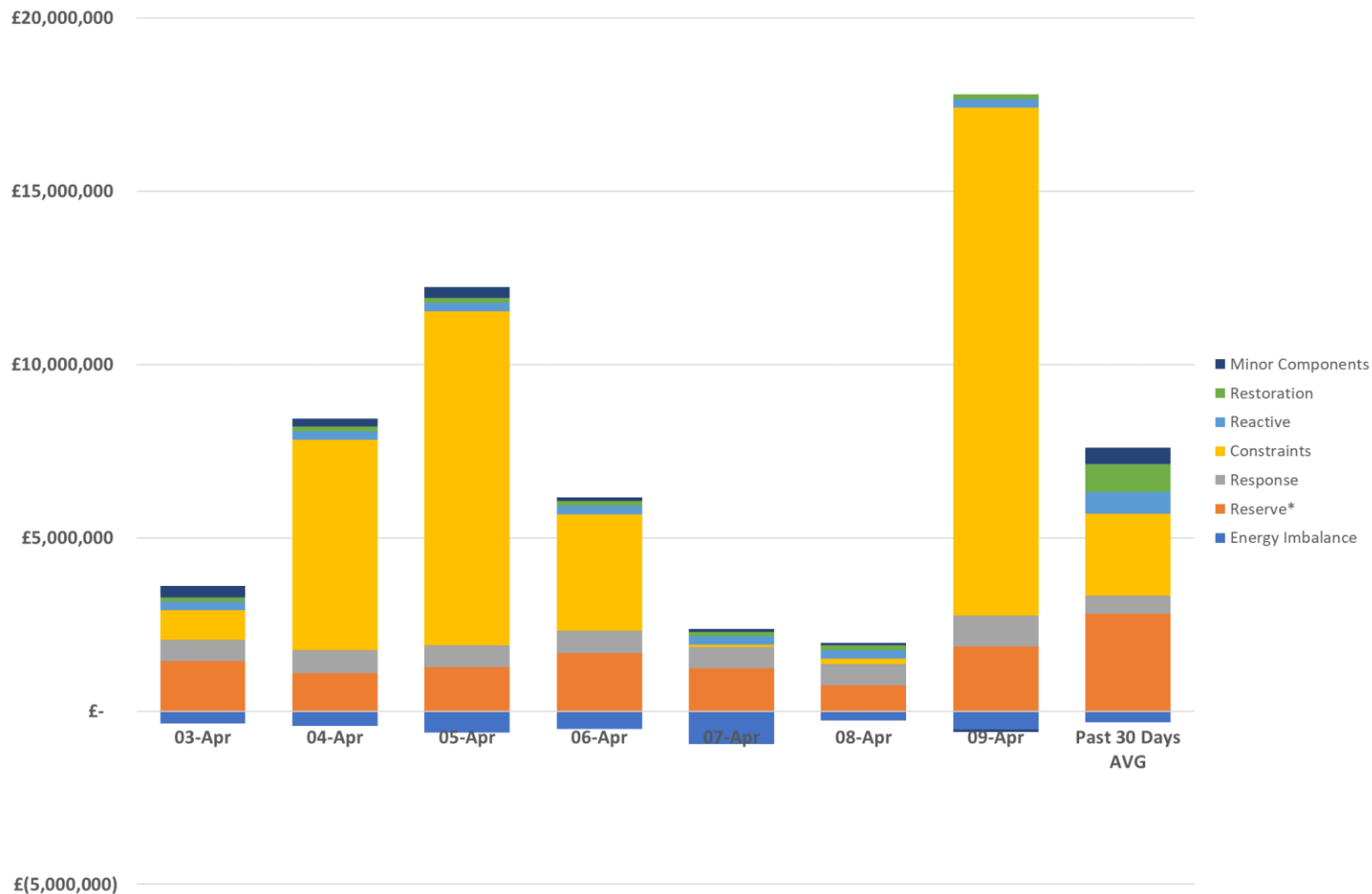
Please remember to use the feedback poll in sli.do after the event.

We welcome feedback to understand what we are doing well and how we can improve the event for the future.

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Annex – w/c 3rd April

ESO Actions | Category costs breakdown w/c 3rd April



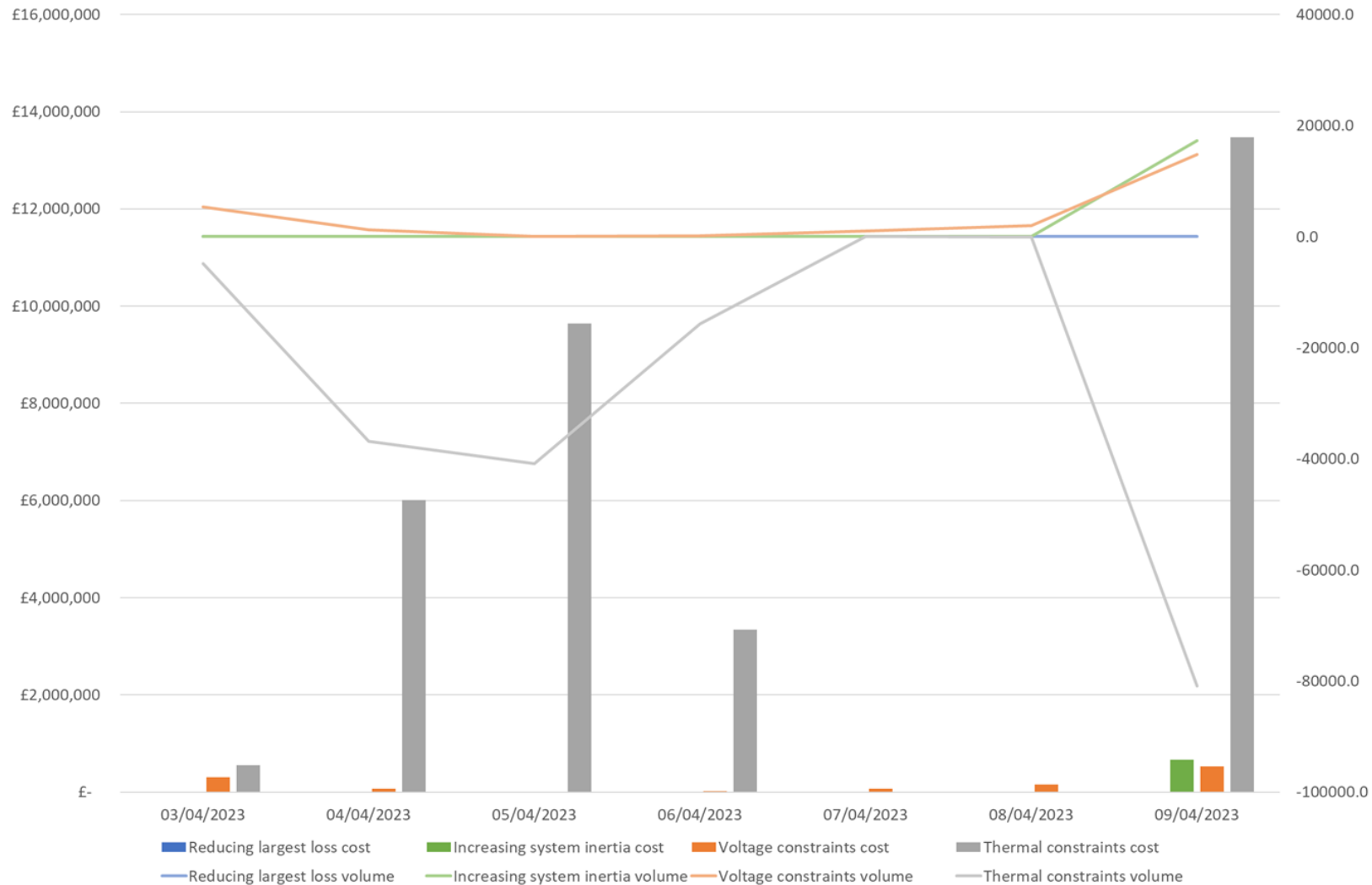
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09/04/2023	17.2
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Previous Week	47.2

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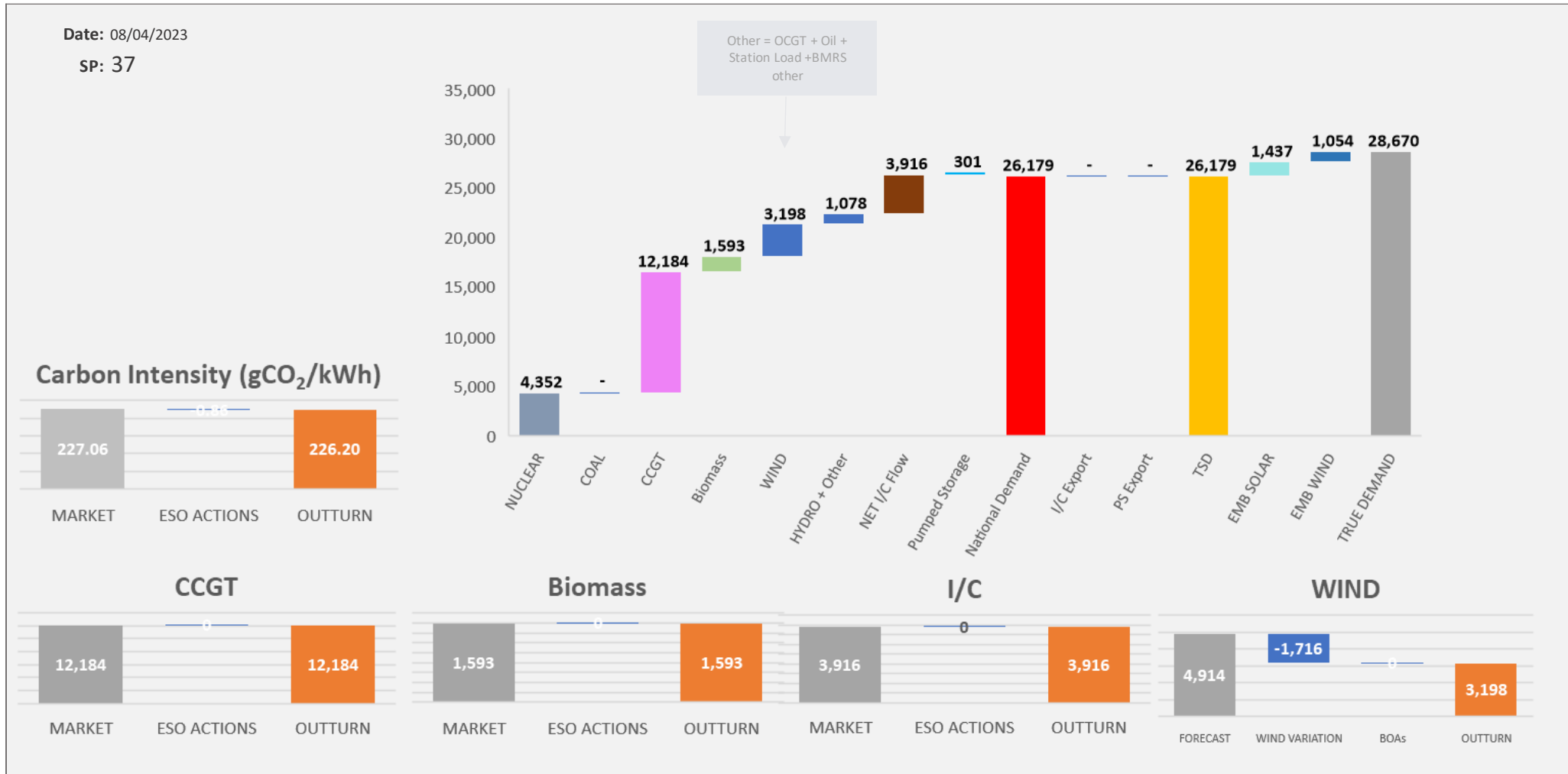
Thermal – network congestion
 Actions required to manage Thermal Constraints from Monday to Thursday & Sunday, with the highest volume on Sunday.

Voltage
 Intervention was required to manage voltage levels for most of the week – Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun.

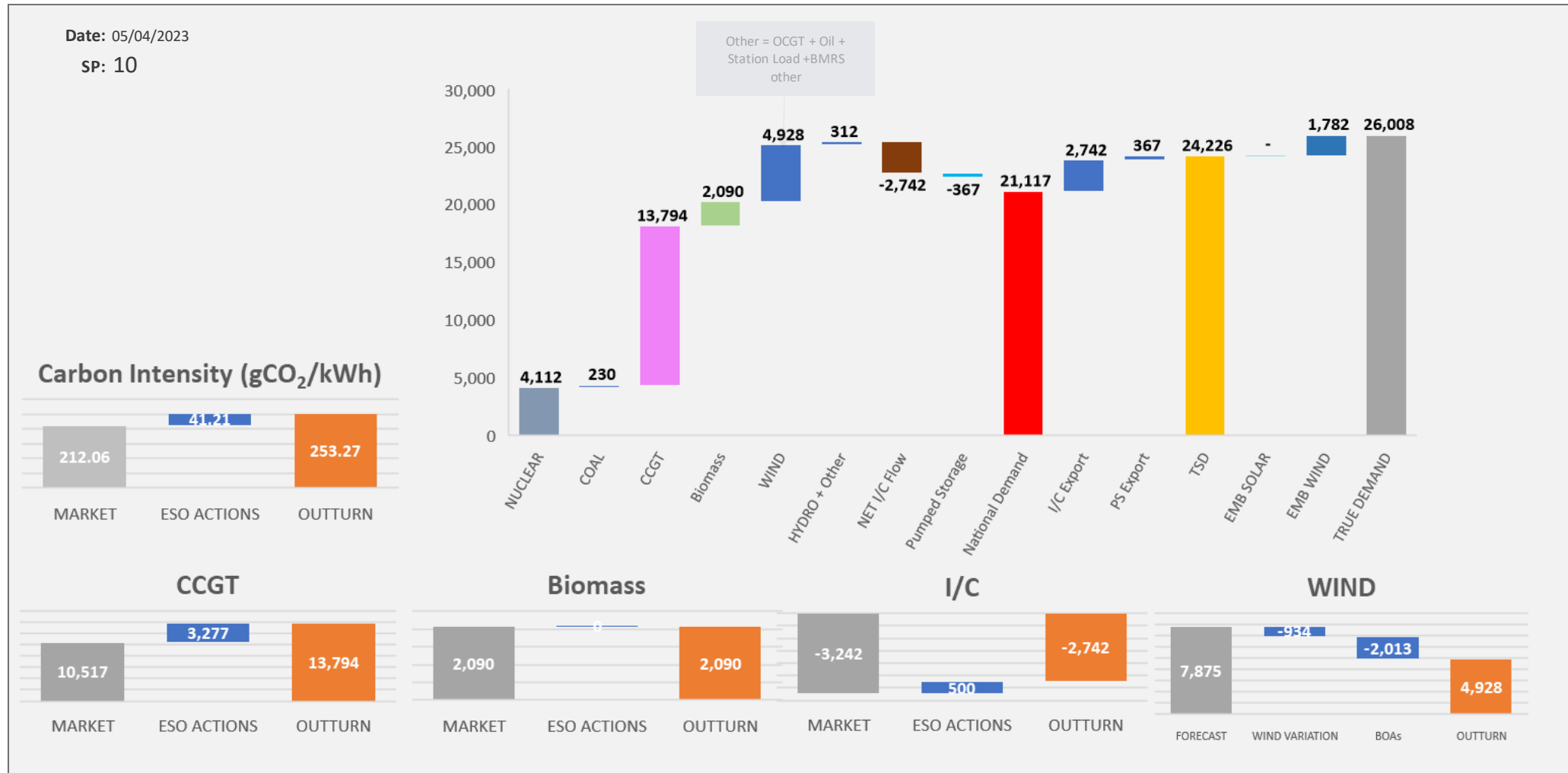
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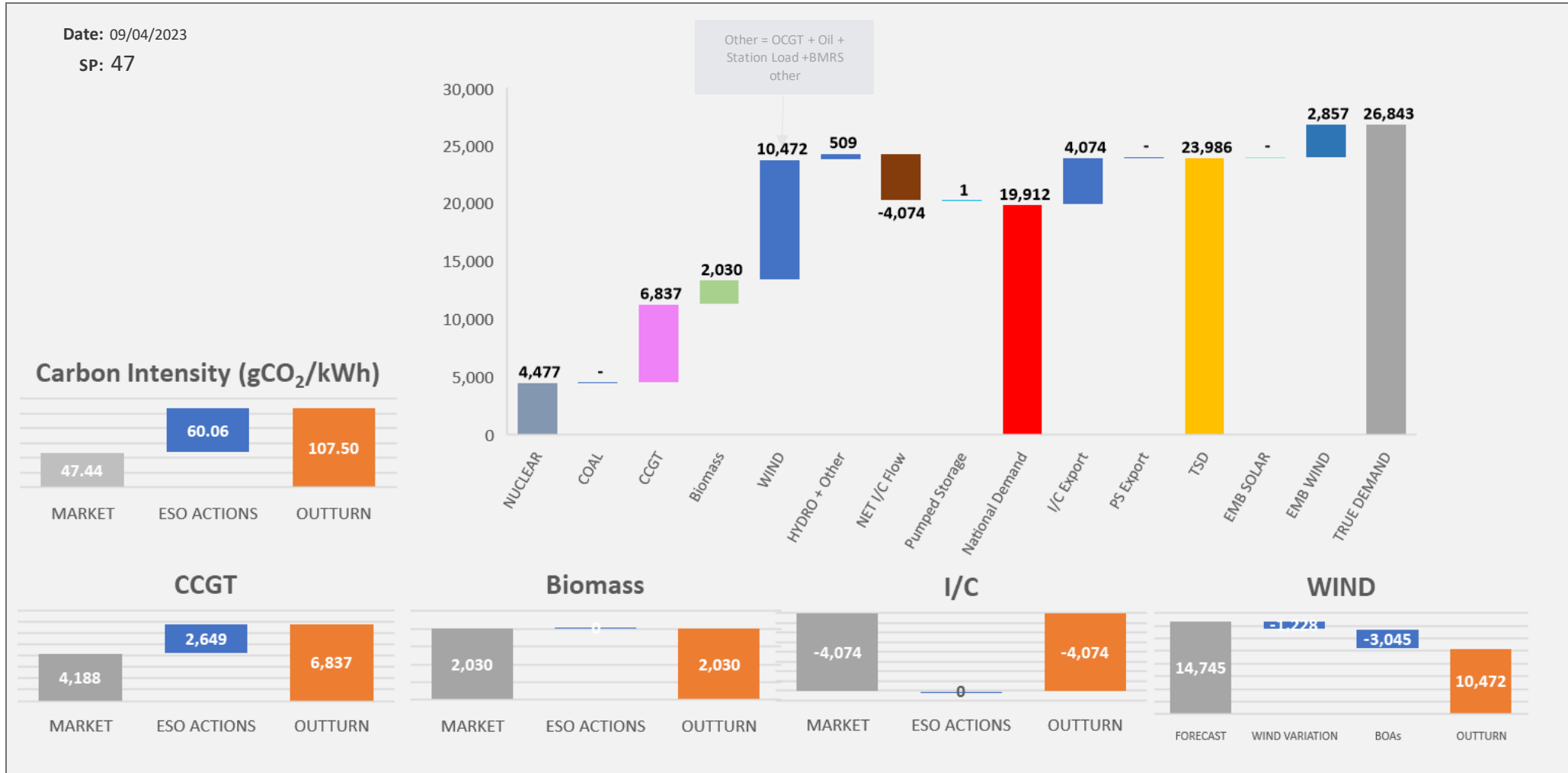
ESO Actions | Saturday 8 April – Peak Demand – SP spend ~£16k



ESO Actions | Wednesday 5 April – Minimum Demand – SP Spend ~£485k



ESO Actions | Sunday 9 April – Highest SP Spend ~£721k



Carbon Intensity data on data portal: <https://data.nationalgrideso.com/carbon-intensity1/carbon-intensity-of-balancing-actions>