Irthlingborough BSP

Constraint description

Irthlingborough BSP has two 132/33 kV Grid Transformers (GTs) which are projected to be constrained due to demand growth for an N-1 (fault or arranged outage on either GT).

Reinforcement description

A third GT will be installed at Irthlingborough BSP, along with the additional 33 kV switchgear required to allow the full capacity of the new GT to be utilised.





Constraint Season Winter and Summer

Outage Type

N-1





Justification for decision

Flexibility procurement is required to ensure the needs of the network are met.

Constraint management timeline 2024 H2 Procurement

Time to Reinforce: 3 years Constraint Type: Demand

Estimated flexibility price (£/MWh) and volumes (MWh) per year under Best View:

| | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Availability | £2 / MWh | £1 / MWh |
| | 6,098 MWh | 11,039 MWh | 22,302 MWh | 27,593 MWh | 30,453 MWh | 41,528 MWh |
| Utilisation | £137 / MWh | £62 / MWh | £29 / MWh | £25 / MWh | £22 / MWh | £17 / MWh |
| | 816 MWh | 1,818 MWh | 3,923 MWh | 4,590 MWh | 5,060 MWh | 6,860 MWh |



For more information see the Wellingborough and Irthlingborough 33 kV NDP report: https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/dso/network-development-plan