Capacity Market Auction Guidelines

2017 year ahead Capacity Auction (T-1)
Delivery year 2018/19

2017 four year ahead Capacity Auction (T-4)
Delivery year 2021/22
These Auction Guidelines must be used in conjunction with the Electricity Capacity Regulations 2014 (with subsequent amendments) and Capacity Market Rules 2014 (with subsequent amendments); failure to do so may result in unsuccessful Prequalification or failure to gain a capacity agreement in the Capacity Auction.

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Executive Summary

The Electricity Capacity Regulations 2014 (“the Regulations”) and the Capacity Market Rules 2014 (“the Rules”), both as amended, oblige National Grid Electricity plc in its role as Delivery Body to publish Auction Guidelines. This document has been prepared to discharge that obligation.

The Regulations, the Rules, and these Auction Guidelines set out the requirements for market participants wishing to enter the Capacity Market and for owners of Mandatory CMU’s not wishing to enter the Capacity Market. In addition to these obligatory Auction Guidelines, the Delivery Body is also preparing non statutory user support guides, providing information and training which is referenced in this document.

Capitalised terms used in these Auction Guidelines shall have the meanings given in the Rules.

In accordance with the Regulations and Rules these Auction Guidelines provide the following specific information for the one year ahead Capacity Auction for 2018/2019 (T-1) and Four year ahead Capacity Auction for 2021/22 (T-4).

- The provisional date on which the Capacity Auctions will start
- The timetable for submission and determination of applications
- Details of how to apply to prequalify to participate in the Capacity Auction
- Instructions on using the EMR Delivery Body Portal and the IT Auction System
- The Auction Parameters determined by the Secretary of State
- The approved De-rating Factor for each Generating Technology Class, each DSR CMU and each Interconnector CMU
- Contingency arrangements for auction bidding, in the event of failure of a participant’s access to the system

Other supporting documentation, will be provided in the form of:

User Support Guides\(^1\) - these will cover each key processes and will:
- Set out the process steps
- Set out the provider data requirements, referencing the Capacity Market Rules or Auction Guidelines as appropriate
- Explain any actions that are to be taken by the Delivery Body

System Specific Training - these sessions will be available during Prequalification and in the weeks prior to each Auction and will cover the following subjects:
- Registration and Prequalification
- Auction

This system will be accessed via the EMR Delivery Body Portal \[www.emrdeliverybody.com\]

\(^1\) [https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CM/CMDocumentLibrary.aspx](https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CM/CMDocumentLibrary.aspx)
1. Auction Data

1.1 Auction Timetable

The below table provides the timetable for the one year ahead Capacity Auction for 2018/2019 (T-1) and four year ahead Capacity Auction for 2021/22 (T-4).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Auction</th>
<th>T-1</th>
<th>T-4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prequalification Window opens</td>
<td>24/7/2017</td>
<td>24/7/2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prequalification Window closes</td>
<td>29/09/2017</td>
<td>29/09/2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prequalification Results Day</td>
<td>10/11/2017</td>
<td>10/11/2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notification of Prequalified CMUs pursuant to Rule 5.5.10(b) and associated update of affected Auction Parameters</td>
<td>T-3 weeks 9/1/2018</td>
<td>T-3 weeks 16/1/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notification of updated Auction Parameters and confirmation of the conditional Prequalified Applicants which have fully Prequalified pursuant to Rule 4.6.3</td>
<td>T-3 weeks 9/1/2018</td>
<td>T-3 weeks 16/1/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Confirmation of Entry and decisions under Rules 5.5.11, 5.5.13 and 5.5.14 notified to DB</td>
<td>T-15 to T-10 9/1/2018 to 16/1/2018</td>
<td>T-15 to T-10 16/1/2018 to 23/1/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mock Auction – users login, check CMU details, run through a scripted auction in readiness for live auction</td>
<td>T-8 days 18/1/2018</td>
<td>T-8 days 25/1/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auction start (T)</td>
<td>30/1/2018</td>
<td>6/2/2018</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 1 – Auction timetable

1.2 Auction Parameters

The Auction Parameters for each Capacity Market Auction are determined by the Secretary of State. These parameters are given in Table 2 below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Auction</th>
<th>T-1</th>
<th>T-4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Target capacity</td>
<td>6.0 GW</td>
<td>50.1 GW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Demand curve coordinate –volume at price cap</td>
<td>5.0 GW</td>
<td>48.6 GW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Demand curve coordinate –volume at £0/kW</td>
<td>7.0 GW</td>
<td>51.6 GW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Price cap</td>
<td>£75/kW/year</td>
<td>£75/kW/year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net CONE</td>
<td>£49/kW/year</td>
<td>£49/kW/year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Price Taker Threshold</td>
<td>£25/kW/year</td>
<td>£25/kW/year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Year Minimum £/kW Threshold</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>£260/kW (De-rated capacity)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Year Minimum £/kW Threshold</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>£130/kW (De-rated capacity)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indexation base period</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>2016/2017²</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 2 – Auction Parameters

If the Secretary of State notifies the Delivery Body any adjustments to the Auction Parameters for a Capacity Auction pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Regulations, the Delivery Body must publish such adjusted Auction Parameters within 5 Working Days of receiving such notification. Such adjusted Auction Parameters shall thereafter form part of the Auction Guidelines for the relevant Capacity Auction in substitution for the previous Auction Parameters.

² Base Period for Indexation: October 2016/April 2017
1.3 De-rating Factors

The De-rating Factor for each Generating Technology Class and DSR have been calculated in accordance with the methodology in Rule 2.3.5. and are explained in more detail within the Electricity Capacity Report\(^3\) (ECR). These factors are set out in Table 3 below.

The interconnector de-rating methodology is detailed in the SoS Confirmation of Capacity Auction Parameters communicated 7th July same date as ECR /AG publish date \(^4\).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name for Technology Class</th>
<th>Plant Types Included</th>
<th>De-rating factors T-1</th>
<th>De-rating factors T-4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Oil-fired steam generators</td>
<td>Conventional steam generators using fuel oil</td>
<td>88.04%</td>
<td>88.04%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCGT and reciprocating engines (non-autogeneration)</td>
<td>Gas turbines running in open cycle fired mode</td>
<td>94.81%</td>
<td>94.81%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Reciprocating engines not used for autogeneration</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nuclear</td>
<td>Nuclear plants generating electricity</td>
<td>85.24%</td>
<td>85.24%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hydro</td>
<td>Generating Units driven by water, other than such units:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(a) driven by tidal flows, waves, ocean currents or geothermal sources; or</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(b) which form part of a Storage Facility</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage</td>
<td>Conversion of imported electricity into a form of energy which can be stored, the storing of the energy which has been so converted and the re-conversion of the stored energy into electrical energy</td>
<td>96.11%</td>
<td>96.11%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Includes hydro Generating Units which form part of a Storage Facility (pumped storage hydro stations).</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CCGT</td>
<td>Combined Cycle Gas Turbine plants</td>
<td>88.54%</td>
<td>90.00%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHP and autogeneration</td>
<td>Combined Heat and Power plants (large and small-scale)</td>
<td>90.00%</td>
<td>90.00%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coal/biomass</td>
<td>Conventional steam generators using coal or biomass</td>
<td>87.58%</td>
<td>87.58%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSR</td>
<td></td>
<td>86.34%</td>
<td>86.34%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interconnectors</td>
<td>IFA (France)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>63 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Eleclink (France)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>69 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>BritNED (Netherlands)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>76 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NEMO (Belgium)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>75 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Moyle (Ireland)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>14 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EWIC Ireland</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>59 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>IFA2 (France)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>65 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NSL (Norway)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>85 %</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3 – Derating Factors

\(3\) https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CM/CMDocumentLibrary.aspx

\(4\) https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CM/CMDocumentLibrary.aspx
2. Processes

2.1 Systems overview

The following systems information will be detailed in the Capacity Market User Support Guide and further user support material:

- Instructions on using the EMR Delivery Body Portal
- How to Register, including how to complete security and identity checks for applicants
- How to submit Prequalification information (including the required file format for the uploading of any supporting documentation)
- How to access the Capacity Market Register and submit notifications to the Delivery Body.

2.2 Accessing EMR Delivery Body Systems

This section includes details on where to access the relevant forms to be completed by Applicants as part of the Prequalification process, relevant file formats for the application and additional information. It also includes instructions on using the EMR Delivery Body Portal and the IT Auction System, as required by Rule 2.2.3.

2.2.1 Registration for EMR Delivery Body Portal and the IT Auction System

The EMR Delivery Body Portal will be used to complete Prequalification and provide access to the IT Auction System in order to take part in any Capacity Auction. To set up an account and access these systems, registration is required. Registration needs to be completed on a per company basis and requires submission of company specific details which will be cross checked against public records.

All information will be stored securely in the EMR Delivery Body Portal, and will only be accessible by authorised persons; it will not be shared (unless required the Regulations or Rules) and will only be used in accordance with the Rules.

Full instructions on how to complete the registration process are in the EMR Company Registration and User Management Support Guide. 5

2.3 Prequalification

An Application for Prequalification must follow the steps set out below:

- Enter Applicant details
- Identify the Capacity Market Unit (CMU) and constituent components (unless unproven)
- Declare the type of CMU
- Submit information required for each CMU component
- Submit Opt-out Notification if choosing to Opt-out

2.3.1 Application Details

All CMUs must submit information as required by Rule 3.4 which sets out the information which all Applicants must provide. Additional information which also must be submitted varies by the type of CMU. Table 4 sets out the Rules that are relevant for these purposes.

The Delivery Body has developed an online system for Applicants to submit Applications and supporting information. This system will be accessed via the EMR Delivery Body Portal, www.emrdeliverybody.com

Further information on how to submit Prequalification information will be included in the Capacity Market User Support Guide.

5 https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CM/CMDocumentLibrary.aspx
2.3.2 Connection Capacity

Rules 3.5.2, 3.5.3 and 3.5.5 offer Applicants three methods to determine the Connection Capacity of each component of a Generation CMU. Applicants will be asked to inform the Delivery Body which option(s) they have used to set the size of the components of the CMU.

2.3.3 Metering Assessment

Applicants for Existing Generation CMUs and Proven DSR CMUs are required to complete a Metering Assessment at Prequalification; this is set out in Chapter 3 of the Rules. Applicants will complete the Metering Assessment via the EMR Delivery Body Portal. The questions below set out the information which must be provided for different types of CMU.

a) Transmission CMUs:

Applicants must submit MSID numbers for Balancing Mechanism Units making up the Transmission CMU. The Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit registration process ensures that BM Units are appropriately metered. They must also answer:

- Is there any other generation on site (other than the CMU Generating Units)?

b) Existing Generating CMUs – CMRS Distribution Connected CMUs:

Applicants must answer the following questions:

- Meter location – Are the meters on the boundary with the Distribution Network (as opposed to embedded within the site)?
- Multiple Connections - Does the site have additional connections to the Distribution Network (other than the connection used by the CMU Component)?
- Is there any other generation on site (other than the CMU Generating Units)?

c) Existing Generating CMUs – Non-CMRS Distribution Connected CMUs and DSR CMUs:

In addition to the questions for Existing Generating CMUs – CMRS Distribution Connected CMUs, Applicants for Existing Generating CMUs – Non-CMRS Distribution Connected CMUs and DSR CMUs must provide information on which of the metering pathways will be used. Additional information is required depending on choice of metering pathway is set out in Table 5 below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of CMU</th>
<th>Rules applicable to all types of CMU</th>
<th>Rules specific to each type of CMU</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Existing</td>
<td>3.1, 3.2, 3.3</td>
<td>3.5 and 3.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Build</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>3.5 and 3.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refurbishing</td>
<td>3.12</td>
<td>3.5 and 3.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proven DSR</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>3.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unproven DSR</td>
<td></td>
<td>3.11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opt Out</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4 – Rules References

Metering Pathway Option | Description of option | Additional information |
------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
 a) The Applicant will request that the relevant data collector (appointed by its supplier) passes the half hourly, non-aggregated BSC metered data for the relevant CMU | Metering Dispensations / Complex Sites: |
 b) The Applicant will install / has installed appropriate half-hourly metering to measure delivery and provide the data to the settlement | • Does the CMU Component have a Metering Dispensation or is it classified as a complex site under BSCP514? • If yes, further information must be provided |

Please provide a brief description of the metering arrangements including their main intended purpose (for example Operational, STOR, Landlord/Tenant billing |
### 2.3.4 Historic Performance Data

Rule 3.6.1 requires Existing Generating CMUs to identify when their highest output was delivered and specify what the output was.

For CMRS Generating CMUs, the output on the three occasions submitted by the applicant will be cross checked against SAA-I014 data, provided by Elexon in its role as BSCCo to the System Operator, to carry out the assessment required in Rule 4.4.2.

For Interconnector CMUs the output will be cross checked against file CDCE-I041 of the Central Data Collection Agent.

Applicants for an Existing Generating CMU that is a Non-CMRS Distribution CMU must provide a letter from their supplier (or former supplier) verifying their output; this is set out in Rule 3.6.1(b). The letter should separately identify the output of each component in the same settlement period.

The Delivery Body will use Balancing Services data to verify the past performance of components of Proven DSR CMU applications and to calculate the Proven DSR capacity.

### 2.3.5 Evidence of Connection Agreement for Existing CMUs

Rules 3.6.3 and 3.6A require Existing Generating CMUs and Existing Interconnector CMUs to evidence holding a Connection Agreement.

**a) Transmission CMU:**

Where the Existing CMU is a Transmission CMU and able to give the confirmation required by Rule 3.6.3(a)(i), Applicants need to provide:

- The identifying cover page and signature page of the connection agreement to demonstrate that the agreement is in force:
  - This can be a signature on the original agreement, on the latest agreement to vary or on the bi-party agreement signed at the time of NETA which moved agreements to the CUSC framework;
  - In the latter case the signed bi-party agreement (which may have covered multiple sites) should be accompanied by the (unsigned) Bilateral Connection Agreement (BCA) which was appended to the bi-party agreement and which relates to the CMU in question; and
- Appendix C of the relevant agreement to give the technical information required for Prequalification. This should be the latest/current Appendix C to confirm CEC and TEC.

For the avoidance of doubt the Delivery Year for the T-1 commences on the 1st October 2018, for the T-4 the delivery year commences on the 1st October 2021. The connection agreement should secure Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) from this date or earlier.

Applicants do not normally need to provide both the signed BCA and signed bi-party agreement. However, if the evidence provided is the bi-party agreement then only this agreement will be signed and not the attached BCA. In this case the Applicant should submit the signed bi-party agreement and the unsigned BCA which was attached to it. If this BCA has subsequently been amended then the Delivery

### Table 5 – Additional Information

| c) | The appropriate metering will be provided using existing balancing services metering used to monitor the provision to the System Operator of a Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) service, or relevant balancing services. | etc.) and any standards/specification which are applicable. |

- What is the overall accuracy of your metering system (including any CTs, VTs and any other connected equipment)?
- Are your meters used for any other purposes? If yes please specify.
- Has your metering system been commissioned to verify correct operation?
- Are your meters, current and/or voltage transformers calibrated to a reference standard?
Body will need to see the signed copy of the relevant amending agreement together with the Appendix C.

b) Distribution CMU:

Where the Existing Generating CMU is a Distribution CMU, Applicants should upload the relevant sections of the Distribution Connection Agreement showing the signatures, contract reference, registered capacity and the capacity that Generating Unit is permitted to export to the Distribution Network. Where there is a range of figures the page showing the full range and any accompanying details should be provided. Where a Distribution Connection Agreement or connection offer states a range of values for the registered capacity or inverter rating then the lowest value will be taken for the connection capacity value.

Where the Registered Capacity or Inverter Rating has been calculated from other information contained in the Connection Agreement as per Rule 3.5.2 (c) (iii) the Applicant should highlight which numbers they have used and how they have calculated that figure.

If the Applicant cannot provide a connection agreement, in line with Rule 3.6.3(c) the Applicant may provide written confirmation from the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) that a connection agreement is in place and confirming the registered capacity and export capacity of the Generating CMU. Any Applicant unable to provide a copy of their connection agreement may wish to consider engaging with the relevant DNO as soon as possible.

c) CMUs connected to a Private Network:

Where the Existing Generating CMU is connected to a Private Network must provide a letter from the owner of the Private Network to which the CMU is connected. Such letter must confirm:

- The full output that the CMU is permitted to Export onto that Private Network; and
- That the owner of the Private Network has an agreement with the relevant Distribution Network Operator for the connection of the Private Network to, and use of, a Distribution Network.

Any Applicants for Distribution CMUs (prospective or existing) converting a kVA figure stated in a connection agreement or confirmatory letter to MWs should include the relevant Power Factor utilised for the conversion in their Application.

2.3.6 Prospective CMUs Relevant Planning Consents

Prospective CMUs who make a declaration further to 3.7.1(b) must provide documentary evidence of the Relevant Planning Consents. Relevant Planning Consent is defined in the CM Rules and includes, but is not limited to, Section 36 consents, Town and Country Planning Consents, or a marine licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Applicants should provide a full electronic copy of the latest version of their Relevant Planning Consent.

2.3.7 Demand Side Response Business Plan

Rules 3.9.3 and 3.10.1 require Proven and Unproven DSR CMUs to submit a business model containing a summary of the relationship between the DSR Provider and DSR CMU component. This summary should state whether the DSR Provider is the DSR customer, owns the DSR customer or has contractual control over the DSR customer as defined in Regulation 5 of the Regulations.

2.3.8 Results

The Delivery Body will provide a notification to each Applicant that submitted an Application informing them if they were successful or otherwise by 5pm on Prequalification Results Day.
Prequalification results templates:

**Notice of Prequalification Success**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prequalification Decision</th>
<th>Prequalified or Conditionally Prequalified</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Applicant</td>
<td>Applicant xxxa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identity of CMU</td>
<td>CMU xx1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type of CMU</td>
<td>CMU Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>De-rated Capacity</td>
<td>XMW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whether the unit is currently prequalified as a Price-Maker or Price-Taker</td>
<td>Price-Maker/ Taker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If successful at Auction is the CMU subject to a Metering Test</td>
<td>Metering test required/not required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whether Prequalification is conditional on providing credit support pursuant to Rule 4.5.1 (b) (ii) or 4.5.1 (b) (iii) or 4.5.1 (b) (iv)</td>
<td>Conditional – Please provide [the required amount of collateral] to the Settlement Body.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whether Prequalification is conditional on providing Planning Consents requirement of Rule 4.7</td>
<td>Conditional - Planning consent declaration required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Maximum Obligation Period of the Capacity Agreement it may bid for</td>
<td>Agreement duration x years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Information</td>
<td>Any other pertinent information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notice of Prequalification Rejection**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prequalification Decision</th>
<th>Rejected</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Applicant</td>
<td>Applicant xxxa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identity of CMU</td>
<td>CMU xx1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type of CMU</td>
<td>CMU Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>De-rated Capacity</td>
<td>XMW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Information</td>
<td>The reasons for rejection</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.3.9 Dispute Resolution and Appeal process

Capacity Market participants have access to an Appeal process, as set out in Part 10 of the Regulations. Appeals may be raised against a ‘delivery body reviewable decision’, defined in Regulation 68 of the Regulations as:

- A Prequalification Decision
- A refusal of a request for rectification of the Capacity Market Register on the basis of factual inaccuracy
- A refusal of a request to amend a Capacity Agreement Notice on the basis of factual inaccuracy
- The issue of a Termination Notice, or a Notice of Intention to Terminate (as defined in Rule 6.8.2) a Capacity Agreement

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Delivery Body within 5 Working Days of the date of receipt of the decision. Appellants should lodge an appeal via the EMR Delivery Body Portal within this 5 Working Day period.

### 3. Auction

The Capacity Auction is a descending clock auction, pay as clear, where Bidders withdraw capacity as the price drops subject to the conditions set out in Chapter 5 of the Rules. Provisional Capacity Auction results are notified to Bidders within 24 hours of the Capacity Auction clearing. Results are published and the Capacity Market Register updated within 8 working days, subject to Rule 5.10.6.
Auction Guidelines

Following a rule change to permit DBA and exit bids to be ‘active’ at the same price a DBA can only be entered at a price above an Exit Bid for the same CMU. More details in the user guide material on the Portal.

Both the T-1 and T-4 auctions will be a Non Variable Price Duration Auction. All successful Bidders receive the Clearing Price. The table below sets out further information pertaining to each Auction.

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>T-1</th>
<th>T-4</th>
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<td>Non Variable or Variable Price-Duration auction</td>
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<td>Bidding round price spread</td>
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<td>Auction start time</td>
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<td>6/2/2018 09:00</td>
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<td>Bidding Round duration</td>
<td>60mins</td>
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<td>Time between rounds (recess)</td>
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<td>Number of auction rounds per day</td>
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<td>Number of auction days planned</td>
<td>3 days</td>
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Table 6 – Auction Parameter

The IT Auction System is an online system, accessed by standard web browsers. Prequalified Applicants will be provided with access details to allow them to enter via the EMR Delivery Body Portal. Within the IT Auction System, bidders will be able to enter and modify their exit bids and eligible bidders will be able to change their agreement length by entering data directly on the online system.

Training on use of the system, including placing Exit Bids, will be available in advance of system go-live. Training will commence from December 2017 and will include a bidder manual, screen casts, user trials and a mock auction.

3.1 Bidding Company and Authorised Individual management

Bidding Companies will be automatically created in EMR Portal for each participant who has been pre-qualified or conditionally pre-qualified for the relevant auctions. These will be created at sub company level. If the participant only has one company, the Bidding Company will be at the main company level.

Main Admin users of the main/sub company will be the default Authorised Individuals (AI’s) for access to the Auction System. Please refer to guidance document for managing Biding Company and Authorised Individuals.

3.2 Contingency Bidding Arrangements

This section describes the backup systems referred to in Rule 5.5.21 and which are to be utilised in the circumstances where a Bidder is unable to submit a Duration Bid Amendment or Exit Bid through the IT Auction System due to a technical fault in their connection to the system. In such circumstances the Auctioneer can place bids on behalf of Authorised Individuals (AI’s) by telephone. AI’s are the named users registered to bid Prequalified CMUs. This is only available as a contingency arrangement for loss of systems.

The procedure for placing bids by phone will be as follows:

- The AI is unable to place bids on IT Auction System
- The AI contacts Auction Manager by telephone
- Using a pre-defined unique code, the identity of the bidder is confirmed by the Auction Manager
- The AI requests the Auction Manager to place a bid in that round
- The Auction Manager enters the bid in the auction system on behalf of the bidding company and confirms, in the call the value entered
- All telephone calls will be recorded and a confirmation fax can be requested
- The placing of the bid on the auction system on behalf of the bidding company will be shown in the audit log
Note: It is recommended that the identity verification codes (instructions in the user guide for the auction system) are printed off and retained by participants before the auction starts as they would be needed for the auctioneer to authenticate the caller in the event of IT failure or disaster recovery. Telephone instructions cannot be actioned unless the caller can provide the relevant unique identification code.

3.3 Auction Monitor

As per Rule 5.14 the Delivery Body must appoint a third party to monitor the conduct of each Capacity Auction (an “Auction Monitor”). The Auction Monitor must carry out the role as described in the Rules.

The Auction Monitor must report to the Secretary of State, with a copy to the Authority, within 2 Working Days of the conclusion of the Capacity Auction on whether the procedures in the Rules and Auction Guidelines have been properly followed in the conduct of the Capacity Auction. The identity of the Monitor will be made available 15 days prior to the start of the Capacity Auction.

3.4 Reporting of Results

Intra-round reporting

As per Rule 5.5.18; prior to the start of each round the high level round results will be made publically available. This will include the Bidding Round Price Spread, Potential Clearing Capacity at the price floor for that round, Excess Capacity rounded to 1GW for T-4 and rounded to 100MW for T-1.

Detail around the Auction reporting following the clearing round

In order to allow participants the opportunity to prepare for the release of results the below describes the timeline and process which differs depending on the round that clears.

If the auction clears on or before 12:30 on an auction day, the provisional results would be published at 19:00 that night as follows:

- DB publishes on website the Clearing Round price range within the cleared round recess.
- DB sends the individual Provisional Results to bidders via the auction system at 19:00 and also publishes the Clearing Price on the EMR Portal.
- DB will upload the full Provisional Results report to the EMR Portal at 19:00 the same evening.

If the auction clears after 12:30 on an auction day, the provisional results would be published at 07:30 the next morning:

- DB publishes on website the Clearing Round price range within the cleared round recess.
- DB sends the individual Provisional Results to bidders via the auction system at 19:00 and also publishes the Clearing Price on the EMR Portal.
- DB will upload the full provisional report to DB website at 07:30 next morning.

The Delivery Body must within 24 hours of the Capacity Auction clearing notify Bidders whether, based on the Provisional Results, they have been provisionally awarded a Capacity Agreement with respect to a Bidding CMU. Such notification is provisional only and does not constitute notification of a Capacity Agreement.

Final results

The Auction Monitor will send a report to BEIS (and copy to Ofgem) with their findings within 2 working days following the Auction and unless instructed otherwise at 8 working days after the auction the DB publishes the final results to Bidders (this becomes the ‘Auction Results Day’). The result is final when it is entered into the Capacity Market Register. Within 8 working days of the Auction Results Day the DB notifies each bidding CMU whether or not they have been awarded a capacity agreement.
3.5 Capacity Market Register

The Capacity Market Register will be established 15 WD after the Prequalification window closes and will be publically available to view via the EMR Delivery Body Portal⁶.

Prior to Prequalification Results day, entries held on the CM Register at the time and which can be disclosed in accordance with the Regulations, the Rules and National Grid’s Transmission Licence will be available to be viewed on specific request. Interested parties can submit their request by emailing the EMR Delivery Body at emr@nationalgrid.com.

As required by Rule 3.14.1 all entries on the Register, and supporting information, are retained for a period of 10 years from the end of the relevant Delivery Year. After fifteen months after the end of the Delivery Year information will be archived and available upon request to the EMR Delivery Body.

From Prequalification Results day notifications to change the Register and submit deferred information should be done through the EMR Delivery Body Portal.

⁶ https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CM/cm-register.aspx