

2010 Call for Expressions of Interest for New Capacity

Summary of Results

The IMO operates a Reserve Capacity Mechanism to ensure that an appropriate level of capacity is maintained within the South West Interconnected System.

On 29 January 2010, the IMO issued a Request for Expressions of Interest for new generation and demand side management capacity to be available for service during the period October 2012 through to October 2013. The preliminary estimate for the Reserve Capacity Requirement in the 2012/13 Capacity Year is 5,632 MW. The IMO estimates that approximately 5,493 MW of Capacity Credits will be assigned to existing or committed facilities for 2012/13, based on the number of Capacity Credits assigned for the 2011/12 Reserve Capacity Year, as no plant closures are expected.

A total of sixteen Expressions of Interest were received for the 2012/13 Reserve Capacity Year, totalling 644.295 MW of new capacity potential. This indicates strong, continuing interest in the provision of capacity to the Wholesale Electricity Market. Within this total, environmental approvals and network access offers have been completed for 84.6 MW of new capacity. In addition, Expressions of Interest were received for 227.7 MW of new Demand Side Management capacity.

The diagram below shows how these facilities will contribute towards meeting the forecast system reliability target. It should be noted that the forecast is based on figures provided in the 2009 Statement of Opportunities Report. The 2010 Statement of Opportunities Report, which is scheduled to be published on 1 July 2010, will update the demand forecasts for the 2012/13 Reserve Capacity Year and set the Reserve Capacity Requirement. The level of Capacity Credits assigned to both new and existing facilities may also alter the preliminary supply/demand balance for this Reserve Capacity Cycle.

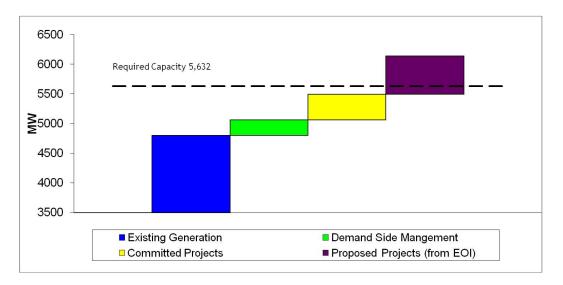


Figure 1 Preliminary Capacity Outlook 2012/13

Details of the capacity offered through the Expressions of Interest are set out below in accordance with Market Rule 4.2.7.

2010 Summary of Expressions of Interest	2012/13
Number of Eols Received	16
Committed Facilities (in place or under construction) Facilities that are not yet committed Total	1.700 642.595 644.295
Approvals for Facilities that are not yet committed	
Environmental Approvals Facilities with environmental approval Facilities with approval underway (environmental) Facilities yet to commence environmental approval process or do not require environmental approvals Total	87.895 220.000 334.700 642.595
Access offers Facilities with approval (network access) Facilities with approval underway (network access) Facilities yet to commence approval process or do not require a network access offer Total	354.900 5.995 281.700 642.595
Clause 4.2.7 (b) (ii) Requirements Facilities with environmental approval and network access offer Facilities with both applications lodged, one or both pending approval Facilities with one approval underway Facilities yet to commence approval process or do not require approvals Total	81.900 225.995 53.000 281.700 642.595
Categorisation in Terms of Plant Type Intermittent generators Non-intermittent generators Demand side management Total	57.520 359.075 227.700 644.295
Categorisation in Terms of Primary Fuel Source Natural Gas Coal Diesel Renewable Energy Demand Management Total	57.000 220.000 31.700 107.895 227.700 644.295
Categorisation in Terms of Backup Fuel Source Natural Gas Coal Diesel Other None or Not Applicable Total	0.000 0.000 53.000 0.000 591.295 644.295

Reserve Capacity Potential	
Capacity offered through EOIs	644.295
Estimate of existing capacity eligible to be assigned Certified Reserve Capacity	5,493.486
Preliminary estimate of Reserve Capacity Requirement	5,632.000