

Regulation FCAS changes - April update

AEMO will increase mainland NEM regulation FCAS volumes by 20 MW from 23 April 2019.

Increased mainland regulation FCAS

AEMO increased mainland NEM regulation FCAS volumes by 50 MW on 22 March 2019 to 180/170 MW raise/lower. Following this, AEMO advised that it would continue reviewing power system frequency performance every four weeks and further increase, or hold, the amount of regulation FCAS procured. The decision is based on the test of mainland frequency being 99.5% in the normal operating frequency band (NOFB) for four weeks running.

The graph below shows the percentage of time the mainland power system was in the NOFB on a weekly basis over the last 9 weeks. As the mainland power system frequency has not remained in the NOFB 99.5% of the time for the latest four weeks running, AEMO will increase the amount of mainland NEM regulation FCAS volumes by a further 20 MW on 23 April 2019 to 200/190 MW raise/lower.

A market notice will also be issued advising the estimated time of implementation on 23 April 2019.

