

Regulation FCAS changes– June update

AEMO will maintain mainland NEM base regulation FCAS volumes to 220/210 MW raise/lower.

No further changes to mainland base regulation FCAS

AEMO increased mainland NEM base regulation FCAS volumes by 50 MW on 22 March 2019 to 180/170 MW raise/lower, 20 MW on 23 April 2019 to 200/190 MW raise/lower and a further 20 MW on 23 May 2019 to 220/210 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 base 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 18 weeks. As the mainland power system frequency remained in the NOFB over 99.5% of the time for five out of the latest six weeks running, including one continuous four-week period, AEMO will not revise the amount of mainland NEM base regulation FCAS volumes and will maintain the current volumes to 220/210 MW raise/lower.

A market notice will also be issued informing that the current NEM base regulation FCAS volumes will be maintained.

AEMO will continue to monitor power system frequency performance, and should performance degrade AEMO may further increase the regulation FCAS volumes.

