

Regulation FCAS changes – May update

AEMO will increase mainland NEM base regulation FCAS volumes by 20 MW from 23 May 2019

Increased 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 and a further 20 MW on 23 April 2019 to 200/190 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 13 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 base regulation FCAS volumes by a further 20 MW on 23 May 2019 to 220/210 MW raise/lower.

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

