

National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (“SQSS”) - Frequency Risk and Control Report 2026 Authority Decision

Decision:	The Authority ¹ directs ² the next Frequency Risk and Control Report be published by 1 April 2027
Target audience:	National Electricity System Operator (NESO), the SQSS Panel, SQSS users, and other interested parties
Date of publication:	5 March 2026

Background

The Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR) is an annual report that was introduced to the SQSS in 2020 following the 9 August 2019 frequency event that affected over one million customers.³ The FRCR sets out how the NESO assesses and manages frequency risks across Great Britain’s transmission network, and defines what frequency risks the network is secured against.

The FRCR is developed by the NESO and publicly consulted on before the SQSS Panel vote on a recommendation to send the proposal to us for decision. We have approved the first four editions of the FRCR. On 12 December 2025, we issued our decision not to approve the FRCR 2025. We required NESO revise the FRCR 2025 and re-submit it to us for decision by 31 March 2026.⁴

Each FRCR builds on the methodology and findings from the preceding report, and NESO have informed us that producing a robust report takes approximately 6 months. It is therefore not feasible to submit an FRCR 2026 by 1 April 2026 as required by section H.12 of the SQSS. The

¹ References to the “Authority”, “Ofgem”, “us”, “we” and “our” are used interchangeably in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day-to-day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA.

² This document is notice of the reasons for this decision as required by section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.

³ [9 august 2019 power outage report.pdf](#)

⁴ [Frequency Risk and Control Report 2025 | Ofgem](#)

earliest an FRCR 2026 could be published is December 2026, just three months before the FRCR 2027 would be due.

In light of this, NESO have requested that we suspend the requirement to produce an FRCR 2026, allowing for a thorough review of the FRCR with a view to developing an FRCR 2027 that addresses the most relevant topics and risks from the review.

Our Decision

We agree with NESO that the submission of an FRCR 2026 by 1 April 2026, as required by section H.12 of the SQSS, is not feasible. The FRCR 2025 will be re-submitted to us by 31 March 2026, just one day prior to the required submission of the FRCR 2026. We therefore consider it appropriate to suspend the requirement to produce an FRCR 2026. We expect NESO to proceed to the publication of an FRCR 2027 by 1 April 2027.

We note that Appendix H of the SQSS requires NESO to mitigate frequency risks as per the most recently approved FRCR. There is therefore no material impact on system risks as a result of suspending the requirement to produce an FRCR 2026.

Direction

In this letter we have set out our decision to suspend the requirement for NESO to produce an FRCR 2026.

In accordance with Standard Condition E7 of Annex E - Electricity System Operator Licence Conditions⁵ and the SQSS in force at the time, the Authority hereby directs that the next FRCR should be published by 1 April 2027. We note that this does not alter the requirement for NESO to re-submit the FRCR 2025 to us by 31 March 2026.

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

⁵ [Annex E - Electricity System Operator Licence Conditions.pdf](#)