Supply/Demand Signals in Electricity

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Two distinct types of information

- Market information
 - published on the BMRS
 - routine publication to predetermined timescales
- Operational information
 - System Warnings defined in Grid Code
 - to initiate operational liaison to preserve system integrity
 - published as required



Timescales for routine market information

- Up to five years ahead
- 2 52 weeks ahead
- 2 49 days ahead
- 2 14 days ahead
- Day ahead to real time



Up to five years ahead

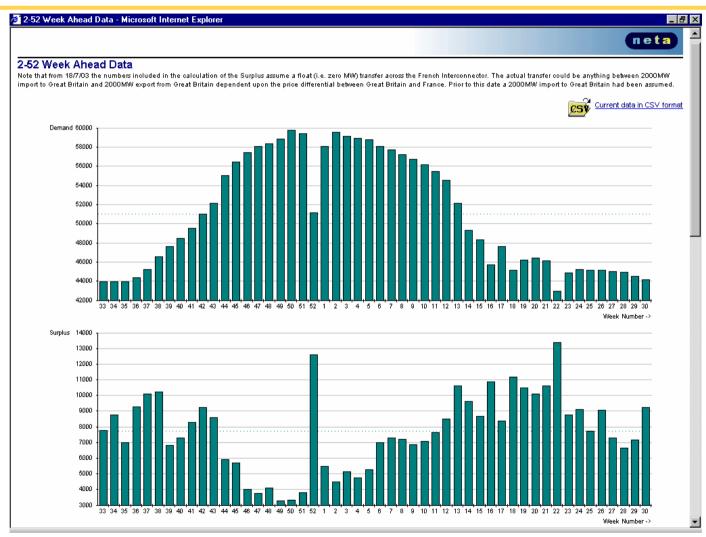
- Weekly peak half hour values of:
 - total Output Usable
 - zonal Output Usable
- Published for 1 2 years ahead and 3 5 years ahead separately
- Published twice per year



2 - 52 Weeks Ahead

- Weekly peak half hour values of:
 - demand forecast
 - Output Usable
 - surplus
- National surplus = Demand (OU + margin requirement)
- Zonal surplus = Zonal OU Zonal demand
- OU derived from generator submissions via OC2 of Grid Code
- National and zonal data published every week nationalgrid

2 - 52 Week ahead data





2 - 14 day ahead data

- Same data as per 2 52 week ahead, but daily resolution
 - published every business day
- 2 49 day ahead zonal and national output usable also published
 - daily resolution
 - weekly publication



2 - 14 day ahead data



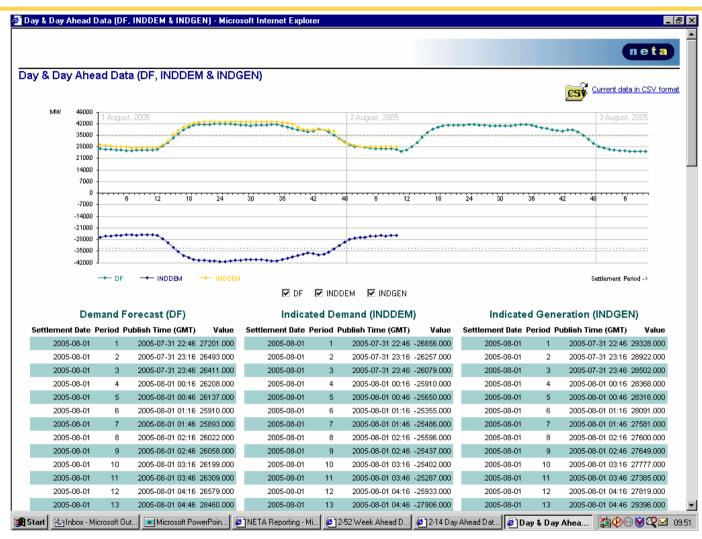


Day ahead to real time

- Half hour values of
 - National demand forecast
 - NG forecast
 - 'market' forecast (sum of demand PNs)
 - National indicated generation
 - Margin data
- Updated each half hour
- Out-turn demand published half hourly



Day ahead to real time





System Warnings

- Process described in OC7 Grid Code (Operational Liaison)
- Operational notifications published only when required
- Continual analysis from 11am day ahead
- Intended to
 - maximise plant availability
 - provide information on likely demand control



Day ahead to real time

- NG published system warnings (OC7 Grid Code)
 - Inadequate system margin (NISM)
 - period of warning
 - MW shortfall
 - High risk of demand reduction
 - possible %age level of demand reduction required
 - DNOs who may receive further instruction
 - Demand control imminent
 - specify DNOs

