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2025/2026 Procurement And Engagement Timetable

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1.0 Document Purpose

1.1 Preamble

This document details National Grid Distribution System Operator planned procurement dates for the provision of electricity distribution flexibility services and the formal engagement National Grid DSO will conduct to support its procurement activities.

1.2 About Our Procurement Activities

National Grid DSO facilitates its procurement activity through its online portal, [Market Gateway](#). Flexibility Service Providers (FSPs) seeking to deliver flexibility services should register on the Market Gateway and complete the pre-qualification requirements to enable their eligibility to enter into flexibility Trades. Pre-qualification is always open and can be completed at any time. Further Guidance can be found on the National Grid DSO [website](#).

1.3 About Our Engagement Activities

In addition to our formal engagement activities, we are happy to engage with interested parties at any time, please email nged.flexiblepower@nationalgrid.co.uk.

Where registration for engagement activities are TBC, we will update this document and the National Grid DSO [website](#) as early as possible after these are known.

1.4 Modifications

We reserve the right to amend, add or remove procurement and engagement activities at any time and will update this document accordingly and periodically when required.

1.5 Further Guidance and Contact

Document	Description
Flex in Five	A brief overview of flexibility
End to End Market Gateway Guide	A guide through the process of using Market Gateway for trades
Participation Diagrams	An overview of the steps to participation
Procurement and Engagement Timetable	Timetable and dates of our activities
Guidance for Electricity Distribution FSPs	A complete in-depth guide to flexibility

The Flexibility team can be contacted with the details below.

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2.0 Timetables for 2025/2026

Procurement Activities	Engagement Activities
Q1 '26 - Launch of Day Ahead procurement	Join our quarterly Focus Group to provide input on how we can improve our flexibility services Nov '25 - Day Ahead Webinar

2.1 Short Term

Short Term Trades occur on an ongoing weekly basis.

Flexibility locations and requirements for Short Term flexibility services are published on our Connected Data Portal	
Every Thursday From midday	Short Term Trade Opportunities for FSPs open for bids
Every Tuesday By midnight	Deadline for Trade Responses
Every Thursday By midday	Trade Awards announced for delivery from the next Monday

2.2 Long Term Summer 2026 and Winter 2026/2027 & LV Winter needs 2026/2027

Long Term Trades occur once a year Aug – Nov

15 th Sep	Publish flexibility locations and requirements for; - Long Term HV needs - LV Winter needs - Availability for Operational Utilisation only services to the Connected Data Portal and Market Gateway		
29 th Sept	Trade Opportunities for FSPs open on the Market Gateway .	23 rd Sept	On Track to Trade Long Term Webinar Request Registration
17 th Nov	Deadline for Trade Responses. Launch date +7 weeks.	From 22 nd Sept – 14 th Nov	On Track to Trade – Surgeries. Request an appointment
26 th Jan '26	Trade Awards announced. Deadline date +8 weeks.	Feb 2026	Service Provider feedback questionnaire.

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