

September 2025

# 2025/2026 Procurement And Engagement Timetable

V1

nationalgrid ► DSO



# Contents

- 1.0 Document Purpose..... 2
  - 1.1 Preamble ..... 2
  - 1.2 About Our Procurement Activities..... 2
  - 1.3 About Our Engagement Activities ..... 2
  - 1.4 Timetable Modifications ..... 2
  - 1.5 Further Guidance and Contact ..... 2
- 2.0 Timetable for 2025/2026..... 3
  - 2.1 Short Term..... 3
  - 2.2 Long Term Summer 2026 and Winter 2026/2027 & LV Winter needs 2026/2027 ..... 4

# 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](mailto: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
<a href="#">Flex in Five</a>	A brief overview of flexibility
<a href="#">End to End Market Gateway Guide</a>	A guide through the process of using Market Gateway for trades
<a href="#">Participation Diagrams</a>	An overview of the steps to participation
<a href="#">Procurement and Engagement Timetable</a>	Timetable and dates of our activities
<a href="#">Guidance for Electricity Distribution FSPs</a>	A complete in-depth guide to flexibility

The Flexibility team can be contacted with the details below.

**Contact us:**

[nged.flexiblepower@nationalgrid.co.uk](mailto:nged.flexiblepower@nationalgrid.co.uk)



## 2.0 Timetables for 2025/2026

Procurement Activities	Engagement Activities
Nov '25 - Launch of Day Ahead procurement	Join our quarterly <a href="#">Focus Group</a> 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 <a href="#">Connected Data Portal</a>		<div>23<sup>rd</sup> June</div> <div>On Track to Trade Short Term Webinar</div> <div>Watch <a href="#">HERE</a> Passcode: .WUvB2#</div> <div>You can <a href="#">request an appointment</a> to talk to our team about Short Term Trade anytime.</div>	
<b>Every Thursday</b> From midday	Short Term Trade Opportunities for FSPs open for bids		
<b>Every Tuesday</b> By midnight	Deadline for Trade Responses		
<b>Every Thursday</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Publish flexibility locations and requirements for; - Long Term HV needs - LV Winter needs - Availability for Operational Utilisation only services to the <a href="#">Connected Data Portal</a> and <a href="#">Market Gateway</a>		
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Trade Opportunities for FSPs open on the <a href="#">Market Gateway</a> .	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	On Track to Trade Long Term Webinar <a href="#">Request Registration</a>
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Deadline for Trade Responses. Launch date +7 weeks.	From 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	On Track to Trade – Surgeries. <a href="#">Request an appointment</a>
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan '26	Trade Awards announced. Deadline date +8 weeks.	Jan 2026	Service Provider feedback questionnaire.

nationalgrid ► DSO

**Flexibility Markets Team**

[nged.flexiblepower@nationalgrid.co.uk](mailto:nged.flexiblepower@nationalgrid.co.uk)