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Baseline Approach for 2026/2027 (T11) Long-Term Tender

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In March 2026, the Market Facilitator published the Standard Baselining Methodology (FMR – SBM), establishing a common approach to baselining across DNO/DSO flexibility markets. To allow for robust implementation and change process, NGED was granted derogations against sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.6 until 31/03/2027. 2026/2027 Long-term Tender (a.k.a., T11) contracts will be delivered under the new FMR baseline arrangements. This guidance explains the changes being introduced ahead of April 2027 and highlights what FSPs should consider when preparing their T11 submission.

Key message

T11 contracts will be delivered under the new FMR baseline arrangements. An alternative Baseline Methodology (ABM) will soon be available for delivery where the Default Baseline Methodology is not representative of the asset's operational behavior or characteristics. During the T11 tender, Market Gateway (MG) will still display the current T10 baseline values. FSPs should therefore assess their flexible capacity using the updated baseline to ensure the offered volume can be delivered consistently.

Changes in place before T11 gate opening

Alternative Baseline Methodology (ABM) is available. An asset's Default Baseline Methodology (DBM) is determined by its asset scale, meter point, technology type and service direction it provides. For some asset types, the applicable DBM differs between DTD/GTU and DTU/GTD. When registering an asset, the applicable DBM will be assigned and displayed. Where the DBM is not representative of an asset's operational behaviour or characteristics, FSP can apply to use the ABM instead.

MG Changes will be release on 21/09:

FSPs are now required to confirm their assets' Baseline Methodology Type (DBM or ABM) when registering new assets. Existing assets will be mapped to the applicable DBM automatically.

UI User- Additional questions are added to the Asset Registration Form

API User – below endpoints are updated
Create Asset (/__api/marketgateway/createAsset)

- Request body now expects "baselineMethodologyType" that accepts either "DBM" or "ABM" – this is a required field
- If "baselineMethodologyType" is "ABM", request body must also include the "alternativeMethodologyReason" string field (maximum length 500 characters)

Edit Asset (/__api/marketgateway/editAsset)
*Please see changes associated with **createAsset** endpoint*

Updated MU grouping rule. Assets using nomination baseline cannot be grouped in the same MU as assets using non-nomination baseline (e.g., Asset Capacity, Zero or Fixed Reference). A new validation rule has been built to prevent this. When grouping assets into an MU, FSPs can see the baseline methodology for each asset.

Applying for ABM for assets already in MU (s): If an existing asset needs to move to the Nomination Baseline through the ABM application, the assets will need to be removed from its current MU(s) before the change can be made. Once the ABM request has been approved, the asset can then be added in a new nomination-baselined MU.
Where the asset is the only asset in an MU that already has an active contract, it cannot be removed from that MU until the existing commitment has been completed unless it can be replaced by other assets in that CMZ. The asset can move to the new baseline arrangement after the contract has ended.

Updated Default Baseline Methodology for certain technology types. As part of the Market Facilitator rule, the default baselines to be applied have changed for some technologies, as laid out in the summary table below. The main impact of the change will be on domestic storage assets participating in DTD/GTU services.

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Updated fixed baseline value for LV products. As part of the LV service redesign, the service window has been reduced from 4hr to 2hr blocks following industry feedback. The fixed baseline values have therefore been recalculated to reflect the new service design and increase the commercial viability of this service.

The updated baseline values will be implemented in Market Gateway from April 2027, so the existing T10 contracts remain unchanged.
For T11 submission: please use the published T11 baseline value, rather than the T10 values currently displayed in Market Gateway, when determining the flexible capacity you would like to offer.

Non-nomination baselines will be set retrospectively post-delivery. To improve settlement accuracy, we are moving away from the current approach of determining non-nomination baseline values prospectively, when a trade is accepted and declared into FPP. Under the new approach, the applicable baseline will be calculated retrospectively for each trade following delivery, based on the factors that applied during the relevant delivery period, including the product, season, service direction, and MU composition, etc.

Change taking effect by 31st March 2027

Nomination baseline submission is changing from one static value across the week to a timeseries profile. To support the introduction of nomination baseline accuracy checks (FMR – SBM 2.6.4), FSPs using nomination baseline will be able to submit a time-series profile reflecting the expected operating pattern of their assets rather than current single value covering the full week. New functionality is currently being built in Flexible Power Portal to enable FSPs to submit the nomination baseline value directly to FPP via UI or API ahead of submission deadline.

> **The profile granularity will need to be aligned with the applicable metering interval of the MU**. For example, a half-hourly metered MU will require a half-hourly baseline value. FSPs should ensure their systems and processes can produce and submit nomination baseline profiles at the required metering granularity ahead of submission deadline.

> For nomination baseline users who are currently participating in the day-ahead market, you will need to submit timeseries baseline values as soon as this new function goes live in Q3 2026.

Nomination Accuracy Check and Performance Monitoring. FSPs with SAOU contracts using a nomination baseline – whether this is DBM or ABM - will be subject to the Nomination Baseline Accuracy Checks:

- **Before the submission deadline:** Submit the required half-hourly or minute-by-minute baseline profile covering all contracted service periods.
- **Post-event:** Submit meter data at the corresponding granularity for all contracted windows.
- **Accuracy monitoring:** NGED will compare the submitted nomination baselines against actual metered behavior, primarily using contracted service periods where the MU was not dispatched.
- **If accuracy is poor:** Where net and/or absolute error exceeds the applicable tolerance, it may lead to a Nomination Performance Review.

> **Important Change:** Currently, baseline and meter data are only required for dispatched events. Under the new arrangements, FSPs using a nomination baseline will need to provide the required data for all contracted service periods, including the non-dispatched periods.
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> Nomination baseline submission deadline remains subject to final confirmation.

Complete the right actions for your confirmed baseline

USING A NON-NOMINATION BASELINE	USING A NOMINATION BASELINE
• All existing assets will be mapped to “Default Baseline Methodology/ DBM” automatically. When registering new assets, check the methodology displayed for the asset and confirm that you are happy to use “DBM”. • If you have Generation or Storage in your portfolio, or plan to bid in LV products, review the updated baseline value to calculate your flexible capacity and ensure the offered volume can be delivered consistently.	• If your DBM is non-nomination, ABM is now available for you to select. • When creating a new MU, don’t group assets using nomination baseline with assets using non-nomination baseline. • To bid in T11, you don’t need to submit your nomination baseline value at the bidding stage. • Submit baseline & meter values (at the corresponding granularity) through the Flexible Power Portal UI or API ahead of submission deadline. • A new accuracy check process will be introduced

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