Fast Frequency Response (FFR), Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Reserve (POR, SOR, TOR1, TOR2)

System Services Test Procedure for Performance Scalar Reset

Battery ESPS

Unit Name

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# Introduction

The Unit must submit the latest version of this test procedure as published on the EirGrid or SONI website[[1]](#footnote-2).

The order of this test can be rearranged only in agreement with EirGrid/SONI

The purpose of this document is to detail the test procedure required to reset performance scalars associated with System Services.

If this data is already available then this document does not need to be completed. The Operating reserve test report for performance scalar reset should be completed and submitted to EirGrid/SONI.

All yellow sections must be filled in before the test procedure will be approved. All grey sections must be filled in during testing. If any test requirements or steps are unclear, or if there is an issue with meeting any requirements or carrying out any steps, please contact [generator\_testing@eirgrid.com](mailto:generator_testing@eirgrid.com) or [generator\_testing@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:generator_testing@soni.ltd.uk).

On the day of testing, suitably qualified technical personnel are required on site to assist in undertaking the tests. The personnel shall have the ability to:

1. Set up and disconnect the control system and instrumentation as required;
2. Ability to fully understand the Unit’s function and its relationship to the System;
3. Liaise with NCC/CHCC as required;
4. Mitigate issues arising during the test and report on system incidents.

The availability of personnel at NCC/CHCC will be necessary in order to initiate the necessary instructions for the test. NCC/CHCC will determine:

1. If network conditions allow the testing to proceed.
2. Which tests will be carried out.
3. When the tests will be carried out.

On completion of this test, the following shall be submitted to [generator\_testing@eirgrid.com](mailto:generator_testing@eirgrid.com) or [generator\_testing@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:generator_testing@soni.ltd.uk).

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| **Submission** | **Timeline** |
| A scanned copy of the test procedure, as completed and signed on site on the day of testing | 1 working day |
| Test data in CSV or Excel format | 1 working day |
| Test report | 10 working days |

# Abbreviations

AAP Available Active Power

APC Active Power Control

CHCC Castlereagh House Control Centre (SONI)

DMOL Defined Minimum Operating Level

EA Emergency Action

EDIL Electronic Dispatch Instruction Logger

ESPS Energy Storage Power Station

FFR Fast Frequency Response

kV kilovolt

MEC Maximum Export Capacity

MIC Maximum Import Capacity

MVAr Mega Volt Ampere – reactive

MW Mega Watt

NCC National Control Centre (EirGrid)

PMU Phasor Measurement Unit

POR Primary Operating Reserve

RoCoF Rate-of-Change-of-Frequency

RPM Revolutions Per Minute

SOR Secondary Operating Reserve

TOR Tertiary Operating Reserve

TSO Transmission System Operator

# Unit Data

The data in the table below should be provided for the ESPS specific to the test.

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| --- | --- |
| ESPS Name | ESPS to Specify  (name per connection agreement) |
| ESPS Test Coordinator and contact number: | ESPS to Specify |
| Associated 110 kV Station | ESPS to Specify |
| ESPS connection point | ESPS to Specify  (*i.e.* T121 in XXX Distribution or Transmission Station) |
| ESPS connection voltage | ESPS to Specify |
| ESPS Connection Type | ESPS to Specify  (TSO, DSO Topology 1, DSO Topology 2 etc.) |
| Installed module type, MW size and quantity | ESPS to Specify |
| Contracted MEC | ESPS to Specify |
| Contracted MIC | ESPS to Specify |
| Registered Capacity | ESPS to Specify |
| Energy Storage Capacity | ESPS to Specify |
| % Charge maintained in normal operation | ESPS to Specify |
| Limiter applied to Exported MW | ESPS to Specify |
| Limiter applied to AAP | ESPS to Specify |
| RoCoF Capability | ESPS to Specify |

# System Services definitions

## Fast frequency response

FFR is defined as the additional increase in MW output from a unit or a reduction in demand following a frequency event that is available within two seconds of the start of the event and sustainable for at least eight seconds afterwards

The extra energy provided by the MW increase, in the timeframe from the FFR response time to 10 seconds **shall be greater** than any loss of energy in the ten-to-twenty second timeframe afterwards due to a reduction in MW output. The energy provided and drawn should be compared to the pre-event output.



Figure : FFR being delivered after a frequency event

As shown in the diagram above, in order to be eligible for FFR the amount indicated by the blue hatched area (Power provided) must be greater than the green hatched area (Power drawn). If the amount of power drawn exceeds (or is equal to) the amount of power given (within the time frame) then the unit will not be eligible for an FFR contract.

## POR, SOR & TOR1[[2]](#footnote-3)

### Operating Reserve

Operating Reserve is defined as the additional MW output provided from Generation plant, reduction of Active power transfer to an external system or increase of Active power transfer to the Transmission system by interconnectors or storage plant, or reduction in Customer demand, which must be realisable in real time operation to contain and correct any potential Transmission system deviation to an acceptable level.

### Primary Operating Reserve (POR)

Primary Operating Reserve (POR) is the additional MW output (and/or reduction in Demand) required at the frequency nadir (minimum), compared to the pre-incident output (or Demand) where the nadir occurs between 5 and 15 seconds after an Event.

### Secondary Operating Reserve (SOR)

Secondary Operating Reserve (SOR) is the additional MW output (and/or reduction in Demand) required compared to the pre-incident output (or Demand), which is fully available and sustainable over the period from 15 to 90 seconds following an Event.

### Tertiary Operating Reserve band 1 (TOR1)

Tertiary Operating Reserve band 1 (TOR1) is the additional MW output (and/or reduction in Demand) required compared to the pre-incident output (or Demand) which is fully available and sustainable over the period from 90 seconds to 5 minutes following an Event.

### Tertiary Operating Reserve band 2 (TOR2)

Tertiary Operating Reserve band 2 (TOR2) is the additional MW output (and/or reduction in Demand) required compared to the pre-incident output (or Demand) which is fully available and sustainable over the period from 5 minutes to 20 minutes following an Event.

## Dynamic & Static Response

### FFR Dynamic Capability requirements

Dynamic response is when a Unit tracks the system frequency and adjust its response accordingly. A Unit providing a dynamic response shall meet the following criteria:

1. The unit shall track changes in frequency dynamically.
2. Contain **at least** 10 discrete steps or sources which can dynamically adjust load contributions in response to frequency. No individual step shall be larger than 5MW and the response shall be provided in a linear, monotonically increasing manner. All step sizes shall be no more than +/- 1MW of the average step size[[3]](#footnote-4).
3. The unit shall have the capability to commit to a frequency trigger set point greater than or equal to 49.8 Hz and less than or equal to 49.985 Hz.
4. Have frequency measurement installed locally.
5. The unit shall be able to operate with a minimum trajectory[[4]](#footnote-5) of 2Hz in response to a Reserve Trigger.
6. While the basic energy recovery requirement of the FFR product is to apply[[5]](#footnote-6), to qualify as a dynamic provider, the unit shall be able to operate without recovering its resource[[6]](#footnote-7) until the system frequency has recovered to within 5% of the pre-event frequency in steady-state for a period of up to 5 mins (the exact timeframe will be instructed by the TSOs);
7. The unit’s provision of POR, SOR and TOR1, if contracted for any of these Services, shall mirror its FFR response characteristics, i.e. the unit shall have the capability of continuing along the trajectory of the applicable frequency response curve for the extended timeframes obligated of POR, SOR and TOR1, as required of the TSOs in response to a Reserve Trigger.
8. The unit shall have a PMU in situ. PMU shall meet the current metering standards.

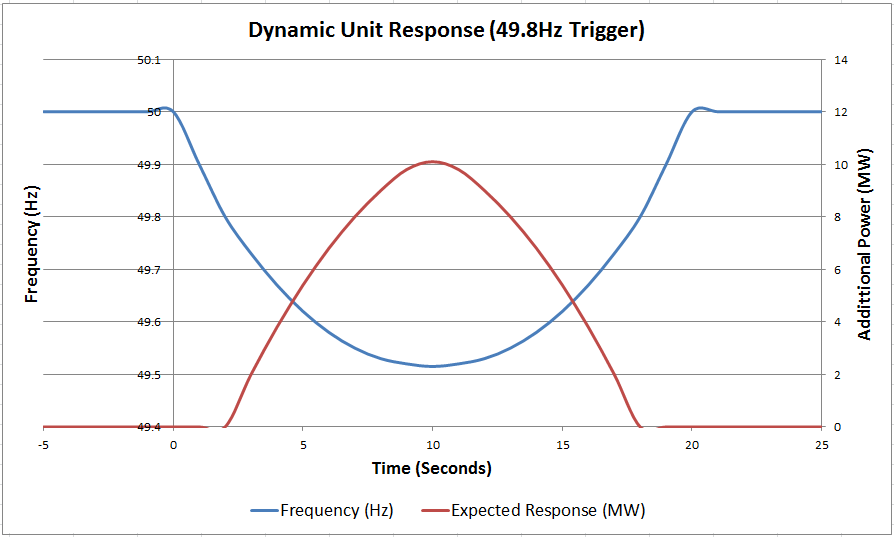


Figure 2: Example of a Dynamic unit response with a trigger point of 49.8Hz

As shown in figure 2, above, as the frequency drops the unit does not respond until the trigger point is reached (in this example the trigger point is set at 49.8Hz). When this point is reached the unit output begins ramping up in discrete steps (steps in accordance with the requirements stated in section 5.3.1), staying as close as possible to the expected output. The output steps down also as the frequency returns to nominal (50Hz). This is what is expected of a dynamic response.

### Static response capability requirements

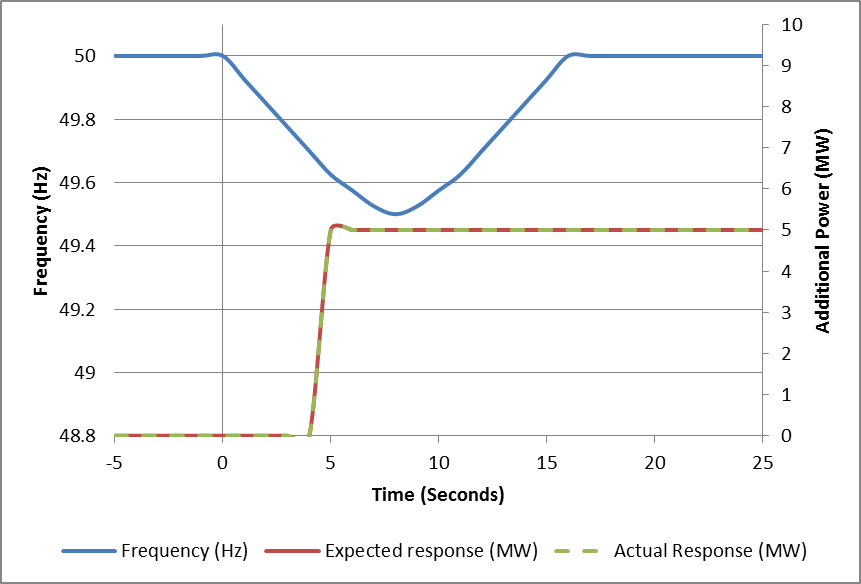
A Static response is where the Unit provides its entire response at one single trigger point.

Figure : Example of a Static response from a unit with a trigger point of 49.8Hz

# site Safety requirements

The following is required for the EirGrid/SONI witness to attend site:

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| Personal Protective Equipment Requirements   1. Site Safety boots 2. Hard Hat with chin strap 3. Hi Vis 4. Arc Resistive clothing 5. Safety Glasses 6. Gloves 7. Safe Pass | 1. Yes / No 2. Yes / No 3. Yes / No 4. Yes / No 5. Yes / No 6. Yes / No 7. Yes / No |
| Site Induction requirements | Yes / No  (If Yes, Unit to specify how and when the induction must be carried out) |
| Any further information | Unit to specify |

# Test Description and Pre Conditions

## Purpose of the Test

The purpose of this test is to verify:

* The lowest sustainable amount of energy provided by the unit in the timeframe between the FFR Response Time and 10 seconds after a frequency event.
* The unit does not draw in more energy in the ten second timeframe after the event than it provided in the initial 10 seconds.
* The levels of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Operating Reserves provided by the unit.
* Verify the response time of the Unit.

This is achieved by injecting simulated reference frequencies at different export and import levels and analysing the responses of the unit to those injections

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| **Description** | **Comment** |
| Is the frequency injected using software or external hardware? | Unit to specify |
| Can the frequency be injected as a ramp or as a step? | Unit to specify |
| Frequency injected as an offset to the system frequency or is the governor/control system isolated from the system frequency? | Unit to specify |

Throughout the test procedure, for instances where APC/EA is OFF it is noted that the expected MW output is 0MW. It is understood that there may be small MW imports at the connection point to account for house load, unless otherwise instructed by the TSO.

# Instrumentation and Onsite Data Trending

All of the following trends and screenshots must be recorded by the Unit during the test. Failure to provide any of these trends will result in test cancellation.

|  |  |  |  |
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| **No.** | **Signal Name** | **Sample Rate** | **Source** |
| 1 | Available active power export (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 2 | Available active power import (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 3 | Actual active power (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) (20 ms for FFR Scalar Product) | Unit to Specify |
| 4 | APC/EA (ON/OFF) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 5 | APC/EA set-point received from NCC/CHCC (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 6 | ESPS Frequency Response (ON/OFF) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 7 | ESPS Reserve Response Mode (1 - 5) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 8 | Simulated Test Frequency (Hz) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) (20 ms for FFR Scalar Product) | Unit to Specify |
| 9 | Grid Frequency (Hz) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 10 | ESPS Export Capacity (MWh) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 11 | ESPS Import Capacity (MWh) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 12 | FFR Availability (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 13 | POR Availability (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 14 | SOR Availability (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 15 | TOR1 Availability (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 16 | TOR2 Availability (MW) | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) | Unit to Specify |
| 17 | Other signals as required by the unit or by the TSO | Unit to Specify (≥ 10 Hz) (20 ms for FFR Scalar Product) | Unit to Specify |
| 18 | Alarm/Event page | Screenshot of alarms / events for duration of the test. | |
| 19 | Generator Overview Screen | Screenshots may be required where test data/milestone/event is not available through the trends listed above. | |
| 20 | EDIL instructions | Screenshot as logged during the test. | |

## Additional signals for system services

Please note that the list of signals required for this test, as stated above in Section 8, may be altered at any time to include any additional signals deemed necessary to demonstrate the provision of system services. If in any doubt please contact the generator testing team at: [generator\_testing@eirgrid.com](mailto:generator_testing@eirgrid.com) or [generator\_testing@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:generator_testing@soni.ltd.uk).

## Initial Conditions

Should “No” be answered to any of the following, contact [the](mailto:generator_testing@eirgrid.com) EirGrid/SONI test coordinator and agree next steps in advance of making any corrective actions.

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| **No.** | **Conditions** | **Check on day of test** |
| 1 | Test Profiles have been submitted and approved by EirGrid/SONI | Yes/No |
| 2 | The State of Charge of the Battery Unit is sufficient to complete the tests (XX%) | Yes/No |
| 3 | Required signals, as described in section 8 are available | Yes / No |

## Frequency Mode Settings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Active under frequency trigger setting (Hz)* | *Active under frequency trajectory setting (Hz)* | *Active Maximum under frequency response setting (MW)* | *Active over frequency trigger setting (Hz)* | *Active over frequency trajectory setting (Hz)* | *Active Maximum over frequency response setting (MW)* |
| ***Mode 2*** | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC |

ESPS to update table below with Mode 2 settings implemented as per unit specific signal list.

# Test Steps

## Dynamic Frequency Response

The following test steps are to verify the amount of FFR, POR, SOR, TOR1 & TOR2 available. The unit shall agree in advance with EirGrid / SONI which tests the unit shall be undertaking on the day.

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| **DYNAMIC FREQUENCY RESPONSE TESTS** | | | |
| **Step** | **Action** | **Time** | **Comment** |
| 1 | ESPS begins data recording for all trends noted in Section 8 above |  | Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2 | ESPS requests permission from NCC/CHCC to proceed with the Frequency Response ON, Mode 2 test and confirms the following with NCC/CHCC:   1. ESPS Export Capacity (MWh) 2. MW set-point is 0MW 3. APC/EA is OFF 4. MW output of the ESPS is 0MW 5. Frequency Response is ON 6. Frequency Response is in Mode 2 7. Active Under frequency Trajectory setting 8. Active Under frequency Trigger setting 9. Active Maximum under frequency response setting 10. Active Over frequency Trajectory setting 11. Active Over frequency Trigger setting 12. Active Maximum over frequency response setting |  | 1. \_\_\_MWh 2. MW set-point \_\_MW 3. APC status \_\_\_ 4. MW output \_\_\_ MW 5. Frequency Response status \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Mode 2 status \_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_ Hz 8. \_\_\_ Hz 9. \_\_\_ MW 10. \_\_\_ Hz 11. \_\_\_ Hz 12. \_\_\_ MW |
| 3 | ESPS replaces the system frequency with a simulated frequency of 50 Hz and waits 1 minute.  Expected MW Output = [Insert Target MW] |  | AAP = \_\_\_\_ MW  MW Output = \_\_\_\_ MW |
| 4 | ESPS requests NCC/CHCC to turn APC/EA ON and issue an APC/EA set-point of [insert 100% MIC] MW and waits 1 minute after set-point has been achieved |  |  |
| 5 | ESPS requests permission from NCC/CHCC to inject a simulated frequency step injection of under frequency trigger-trajectory [insert value of injection here \_\_ Hz] and waits 20 minutes  Expected MW Output = [Insert Target MW]  Note 1: Unless capacity limited, the ESPS should remain at this output until the frequency is returned towards 50Hz in step 6. |  |  |
| 6 | ESPS requests permission from NCC/CHCC to inject a simulated frequency ramp injection of 50Hz over 1 minute and waits 1 minute  Expected MW Output = [Insert Target MW] |  |  |
| 7 | ESPS requests NCC/CHCC to issue an APC/EA set-point of 0 MW and turn APC/EA OFF and waits 1 minute after set-point has been achieved |  |  |
| 8 | ESPS ends data recording |  |  |
| 9 | ESPS informs NCC/CHCC that the Frequency Response ON, Mode 2 test is complete. If further testing is not being completed, return to standard settings |  |  |
| Note any issues or deviations from test procedure  For example changes in step size, duration, test operators, parameter changes on site.  Mark as “No Comment” if test proceeded as per procedure. | |  | |

## Return to Standard Settings

The ESPS settings are returned to standard following completion of the Operating Reserve Test.

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| **Step No.** | **Action** | **Time** | **Comments** |
| 1 | ESPS removes the simulated frequency, returning the ESPS reference to system frequency |  | Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2 | ESPS confirms the following with NCC/CHCC:   1. APC/EA Set-point = 0MW 2. APC/EA is OFF 3. MW output of the ESPS 4. Frequency Response is ON 5. Frequency Response is in Mode 1 (or as agreed with NCC/CHCC) 6. ESPS Control System frequency reference is system frequency |  | 1. \_\_\_\_ MW 2. Status \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ MW 4. Status \_\_\_\_ 5. Mode \_\_\_\_ 6. Frequency Reference \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3 | ESPS informs NCC/CHCC that Frequency Response testing is complete |  |  |

# Comments & Sign-off

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| **Comments:** |
| Unit Witness signoff that this test has been carried out according to the test procedure above.  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| EirGrid/SONI Witness signoff that this test has been carried out according to the test procedure above.  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. <http://www.eirgrid.com/operations/gridcode/compliancetesting/cdgutestprocedures/#d.en.17699> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Definitions form DS3 System Services Decision Paper SEM-13-098: <https://www.semcommittee.com/sites/semcommittee.com/files/media-files/SEM-13-098%20%20DS3%20System%20Services%20Technical%20Definitions%20Decision%20Paper%20-%20FINAL_0.pdf>

   [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Where average step size = (Available FFR volume / number of discrete steps) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Trajectory is defined in the DS3 System services contract paper Pg.39: <http://www.eirgridgroup.com/site-files/library/EirGrid/DS3-System-Services-Contracts-Recommendations_final.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. DS3 System Services Technical Definitions Decision Paper SEM-13-098 20/12/2013, page 10

   <https://www.semcommittee.com/sites/semcommittee.com/files/media-files/SEM-13-098%20%20DS3%20System%20Services%20Technical%20Definitions%20Decision%20Paper%20-%20FINAL_0.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. For example, a battery charging to its pre-event output [↑](#footnote-ref-7)