

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

No	Question	Answer
1.	What should Capacity Providers state to EMRS if they know a CMU will not be able to deliver before the SSE?	If a Capacity Provider knows they will not be able to deliver in a Stress Event, they will be able to participate in Volume Reallocation to try to reduce penalties.
2.	Where can I see real-time demand-surplus figures that impact the triggering of EMNs? Is this information in the public domain?	The derated margin forecasts at different lead times published on BMRS are the best indication of forecast margins from day ahead down to one hour ahead. These forecasts might provide early indication of a higher likelihood of an EMN being issued. You can find the reports here .
3.	Does a DCE have to be preceded by a CMN in order to count as a SSE?	A DCE will immediately trigger a CMN. A CMN must have been issued for a period to be designated as a SSE post event.
4.	Are there any dependencies between the Capacity Market and Balancing Mechanism schemes? Are you able to participate in both at the same time?	There is no dependency between the Balancing Mechanism schemes and the Capacity Market. You are able to participate in both, unless the Balancing Mechanism you are performing in is within the Relevant Balancing Services list, then during a Stress Event you would be subject to penalties.
5.	Will there be a machine-readable format (e.g. via API) of CMNs in the future, instead of requiring an individual to manually read from an email or webpage?	We have looked at this in the past and concluded that there was a low cost benefit. We could consider revisiting this if there is renewed appetite from a number of users.
6.	In what instances do Capacity Providers have to pay penalties?	Capacity Providers that fail to deliver sufficient Metered Volumes to meet their Capacity Obligation during a Capacity Market Stress Event, and are unable to reallocate volumes to another CMU during the volume reallocation window will be required to pay a penalty.

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7.	Would a CMN triggered by a DCE still be subject to the 4 hour 'gap' to the first SSE?	No – a DCE would immediately trigger a CMN.
8.	Are BMRS MEL delays impacting the triggering of a CMN?	We don't believe so at present, but we will keep monitoring this over the coming winter when CMN's are more likely to be triggered.
9.	Can a CMU reallocate volume to a position below their ALFCO? i.e. from a unit with a less valuable contract to a more valuable one?	A Capacity Provider can reallocate volume to a position below their ALFCO but they should be aware that this could incur penalties. For further information on Penalties please see Guidance Document 18 Section 8.
10.	Is there a requirement for Capacity Providers to update the relevant balancing services a CMU is delivering in? How do we do action this?	To ensure a timely calculation of their ALFCO, if a CMU was providing a Relevant Balancing Service or a Relevant Interruption during the Capacity Market Stress Event, they should ensure they complete and submit the correct System Stress Event Data Template to the Delivery Body within 3 WDs of the last day of the month in which the Capacity Market Stress Event occurred. Please see Guidance Document 18 Section 6.2 for more information.
11.	Is a Schedule 7a trade or a BOA an RBS?	Please refer to the Relevant Balancing Service Guidelines to determine the approved list.