Why do we prepare a winter outlook

As the GB System Operator, part of our role is to provide credible analysis of how the energy sector might look based on the latest information available to us. This report draws together analysis and feedback from across the industry to present robust data and help optimise availability for the coming winter by ensuring the market is fully informed.
Winter Review highlights

- Instantaneous demand over 500 mcm/day
- 1 in 20 LDZ demand
- Lowest ever recorded linepack
- First Gas Deficit Warning
- More information on our website
  - Operational forum
  - Winter Review
Gas key messages

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Gassco network is complex but flexible

Aasta Hansteen could supply many destinations
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Interconnector flows and bookings

- IUK contracts expired at the end of September
- Bookings low for Q4
- Better for Q1 2019
- This does not restrict physical flows; short term capacity can be booked
Predicting LNG is always a challenge

Good delivery on 1 March
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Review of Margins Notice and Gas Deficit Warning

- Two stage alerting process
- Could we improve the forecasting?
- Could we improve the notification?
- Discussions at the Transmission Working Group
Electricity generation on 1 March 2018 with coal generation replaced by gas

- **1 March**
- **Coal generation replaced by gas**

- **45 mcm more gas**
- **IUK and BBL at max**

- **More LNG**
- **No increase UKCS or Norway**

- **Gas flow mcm/day**
  - **Demand**
  - **Supply**

- **Categories**:
  - BBL
  - IUK
  - Storage
  - LNG
  - Norway
  - UKCS
  - Power Gen
  - Moffat
  - Industrial
  - LDZ
On the Watch List

- Gas/Coal Switching
- LNG
- Groningen and BBL
- IUK
- Storage use
- Ukraine
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