



# 2023 Procurement and Engagement Timetable

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**Electricity  
Distribution**

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# Introduction

This document details National Grid's planned procurement dates for the provision of electricity distribution flexibility services and the formal engagement National Grid will conduct to support its procurement activities.

## About Our Procurement Activities

National Grid facilitates its procurement activity through its online portal, [Market Gateway](#). Flexibility Service Providers seeking an award 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 on this process is available [here](#).

## 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 our [events page](#) as early as possible after these are known.

## Timetable Modifications

We reserve the right to amend, add or remove procurement and engagement activities at any time and will update this document accordingly.

2024 procurement dates will be added when this document is updated in Nov 2023.

To receive direct updates on our flexibility programme and associated activities, Contact us [here](#)

# 2023 Timetable

| Procurement Activities         |   | Engagement Activities                   |  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Market Development</b>      |   |   |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb            | Commercial pre-qualification for FSPs opens on the Market Gateway   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb                     | Market Gateway Launch Event – Webinar. Register <a href="#">here</a> |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar            | Technical pre-qualification for FSPs opens on the Market Gateway  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar                     | Technical Qualification – Webinar. Registration details TBC          |
|                                |   | Mid-April                               | Flexibility Showcase – London, venue and registration details TBC    |
|                                |   | Oct-Dec                                 | Flexibility Evolution document publication and Consultation          |
| <b>Long Term Trade Cycle 1</b> |   |   |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb           | Publish Winter 2023/24 flexibility locations and requirements for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long Term Dynamic</li> <li>- Long Term Secure</li> <li>- Sustain</li> <li>- Restore</li> </ul> to the <a href="#">Connected Data Portal</a> |   |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar           | Trade Opportunities for FSPs open on the Market Gateway   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar                    | On Track to Trade – Webinar. Registration details TBC                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> May            | Deadline for Trade Responses  | 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr | On Track to Trade – Surgeries. Registration TBC                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun            | Trade Awards announced  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun                     | Service Provider feedback questionnaire                              |
| <b>Long Term Trade Cycle 2</b> |   |   |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep            | Publish Summer 2024 flexibility locations and requirements for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long Term Dynamic</li> <li>- Long Term Secure</li> <li>- Sustain</li> <li>- Restore</li> </ul> to the <a href="#">Connected Data Portal</a>    |   |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct           | Trade Opportunities for FSPs open on the Market Gateway   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct                    | On Track to Trade – Webinar. Registration details TBC                |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov           | Deadline for Trade Responses  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov | On Track to Trade – Surgeries. Registration TBC                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec           | Trade Awards announced  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                    | Service Provider feedback questionnaire                              |

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### Short Term Trade Cycle

Short Term Trades will occur on an ongoing weekly basis

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep                                 | Publish DNO Winter 2023/24 flexibility locations and requirements for;<br>- Short Term Dynamic<br>- Sort Term Secure<br>to the <a href="#">Connected Data Portal</a> | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep | On Track to Trade – Webinar.<br>Registration details TBC |
| <b>Every Monday</b><br>from 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct    | Short Term Trade Opportunities for FSPs open on the Market Gateway   |                      |  |
| <b>Every Wednesday</b><br>from 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Deadline for Trade Responses   |                      |  |
| <b>Every Friday</b><br>from 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct    | Trade Awards announced for delivery from the next Monday   |                      |  |

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