

Demand resources as a possibility for a TSO

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Fingrid in the Nordic electricity market

- Finnish Transmission System Operator in brief -
 - Started operations on 1 September 1997
 - Owns 99.5 per cent of the Finnish main grid and all the major interconnections
 - Number of transmission customers: 98
 - Number of personnel: 220 (31.12.2004)
 - Turnover €302 million
 - Balance sheet €1,400 million
 - Consumption in Finland in 2004 87 TWh
 - "All-time high" peak load hour (winter 2002/2003) 13 930 MW





Substations 104 pcs Transmission lines 13 900 km



Introduction

The Nordic power balance has been tightening in recent years

- more price spikes as a result of increased demand and few investments in new generation capacity
- increases risk of market clearing failure in extreme situations
- increases risk of using reserves in peak load situations for balancing the operation hour





Balance management

- The market players are responsible for ensuring that their procurement meets their commercial commitments, even in peak-load situations
- TSO's have the national balance responsibility within the operating hour



Balance management

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- TSO's tools for balance management are:
 - automatic frequency control (primary regulation)
 - manual physical regulations (secondary regulation)
 - disturbance reserves (as a back-up solution)
- TSO has no regulation capacity of its own in primary and secondary regulation
 - frequency control is based on contracted resources
 - secondary regulation is based on the regulation power market
- TSO can only produce part of the disturbance reserves itself
 - resources are purchased from resource owners

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Primary regulation

- Frequency shall be within the band 49,9...50,1 Hz
- Fingrid has established a so-called reserve bank where companies owning capacity which can be regulated can register their resources
- The resource owners maintain the measured regulation properties at their power plants in the agreed manner and receive a compensation for this from Fingrid



Secondary regulation

- Common nordic balance management => Nordic Regulation Power Market
 - An electricity producer or consumer which has available regulation capacity can make regulation bids to the regulation power market
 - all Nordic regulating power bids (min 10 MW) are collected in one common merit order list
 - The synchronous area is regulated as a one system
 - cheapest available Nordic resources are applied for balancing
 - there is a potential for increased DR participation in this market!!







Disconnectable loads - as disturbance reserves -

- Demand resources are used in Finland as disturbance reserve in the same way as power plants reserves
- Fingrid has signed contracts with large-scale process industry on disconnectable loads:
 - Metal industry (steel works and furnaces)
 - Forest industry (groundwood plants and mechanical pulping plants)
 - Chemical industry (electrolyses)
 - The minimum unit size is 15 MW with at least 7000 hours availability per year
 - Availability to be disconnected at least 3 hours



Disconnectable loads

- agreements -

Totally around 1000 megawatts to be available from 2005 to 2015

- contracts are divided in two periods:
 - in the first period only half of the agreed power is in use
 - the other half is available on temporary use until the start of new nuclear power plant
- To assure power system reliability requirements after the new (about 1 600 MW) nuclear power plant comes on-line
 - new nuclear power plant will be the biggest dimensioning fault (unit size) in Finland
 - separate system protection scheme with disconnectable loads decreases unit size to 1300 MW
- Contractual terms and payments are equal on voluntary basis to all participants

Disconnectable loads

- technical and functional terms -

• Loads are disconnected from the grid by:

- frequency sensitive relays (frequency controlled disturbance reserve)
- manually within 15 minutes, when asked by Fingrid (fast disturbance reserve)
- separate system protection scheme that disconnects 300 400 MW load instantly if the new nuclear power plant is tripping
- Loads can also be used as a part of disturbance reserve in extreme peak load situations, when no other resouces are available in regulation power market
- Participants have chosen loads so that disconnection does not interrupt significantly normal operation



Demand resource benefits for TSO

- It promotes competition and further capacity in regulating power market
- Market based resouces are a better way of maintaining the balance during extreme peak load situations than using
 - disturbance reservers
 - or as a last resort forced load shedding
- It creates additionally resources for disturbance reserves



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