

Welcome to our Flexibility Services Spring tender special edition

Northern Powergrid aims to provide you with information that's interesting and relevant, so we're interested in your feedback and what you'd like to hear more about. Contact us at

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Our Spring 2024 tender is now live.

This is the first of three tenders this year.

We are seeking to procure 5MW flexibility services across 19 locations in Yorkshire and the Northeast.



Webinar

We are running a webinar on Monday 25 March for anyone interested in our flexibility requirements and how to participate in the Spring tender. [Register here](#)

Flexibility Requirements

The service windows are for Winter 24/25 and Winter 25/26.

We are procuring the pre-fault Scheduled Utilisation product to manage demand constraints at two primary substations and 17 distribution substations, so our requirements are for demand turn-down or generation turn-up.

Additionally, we are looking for expressions of interest at a further five locations for 2025/26, 2027/28 and 2031/32. These locations are for visibility purposes only.

Full details of these requirements, including service windows and guide prices, can be found on [Piclo Flex](#)



Key dates for your diary

- Webinar: How to participate in Northern Powergrid's upcoming Spring tender: noon Monday 25 March
- Pre-Qualification closes: noon Wednesday 10 April 2024
- Deadline for asset registration: noon Wednesday 1 May 2024
- Deadline to confirm asset entry into competitions: noon Thursday 16 May (or noon Monday 3 June for visibility only competitions)
- Bidding window: noon Friday 17 May to noon Monday 3 June

What's new

We have adopted the latest industry wide work on standardisation of flexibility products. We are now procuring the new 'Scheduled Utilisation' product which is similar to and replaces the 'Sustain' product that we have procured previously.

We had also intended to adopt the latest industry standard contract for flexibility services. However, the extended stakeholder consultation process means that this "version 3" isn't yet available to use so we will be contracting on the same terms as our previous tender. We expect to adopt version 3 for our next tender round.

Bidders are to propose a baseline as part of the tender process and provide accompanying narrative to explain the proposed baseline. This information should be uploaded via Piclo Flex as part of the bidding process, before the bidding window closes.

Did you know

.... that you can specify a 'maximum runtime' when submitting a bid? For example, If the competition service window is 4 hours long, but the longest your assets can deliver the service is 2 hours, you can still bid. Just specify a max runtime of 2 hours.

.... that you can register planned assets on Piclo? The data required is less detailed than for registering operational assets, and you can enter your planned assets into competitions.

.... that as well as viewing the competitions on the Piclo Flex dashboard, you can download data files with details of the competitions and their geopackage or postcode data on the 'documentation' tab [here](#)

How to participate in our flexibility tender

Step 1: If you're new to Piclo Flex then [create an account](#). Once you have your account, we recommend that you upload your flexibility assets. Find out more about uploading assets [here](#).

Step 2: If your organisation is not already pre-qualified to provide flexibility services to Northern Powergrid, you should apply for company qualification before the Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) closes at noon on Wednesday 10 April. Find out more about the DPS application [here](#).

Step 3: Once you have passed company qualification and uploaded assets in competition zones, you will be in a position to [complete competition qualification](#) i.e. to confirm entry of assets into the competitions you wish to bid into. The deadline for this is step is noon on 16 May.

Step 4: The bidding window opens at noon on 17 May and closes at noon on 03 June. Find out more about submitting a bid [here](#).

We recommend that you read carefully the [instructions to bidders document](#) which is part of the suite of 5 tender documents on the 'documentation' tab of [the Northern Powergrid profile page on Piclo](#).

Contact us

We're very happy to chat with new or existing flexibility service providers. If you have any questions or would like to set up a 1-2-1 meeting with one of our team, email us at flexibility@northernpowergrid.com.

Contact support@picloflex.com for help with setting up your account or using Piclo.