

APX Group

Straw man proposal for Demand Side Participation (DSP)

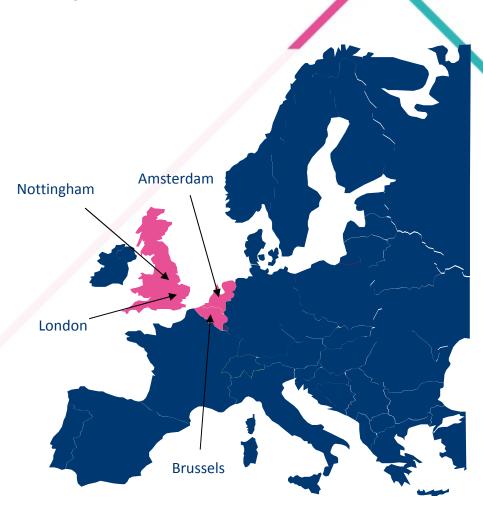
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APX Today

3 power spot markets operated in the UK, Netherlands and Belgium

86 TWh traded and cleared in 2012

Over 150 memberships across the markets from 13 countries



power spot exchange

APX Services

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- Spot & Prompt Market
- Day-Ahead Auction
- Third Party Notification Services
- Data Services
- OTC Broker Give-up Facility
- 24hr Operational Support
- Dedicated Account Management
- Training Services
- Direct Clearing
- Bilateral Clearing
- Nomination and Settlement Services



Growth in volumes

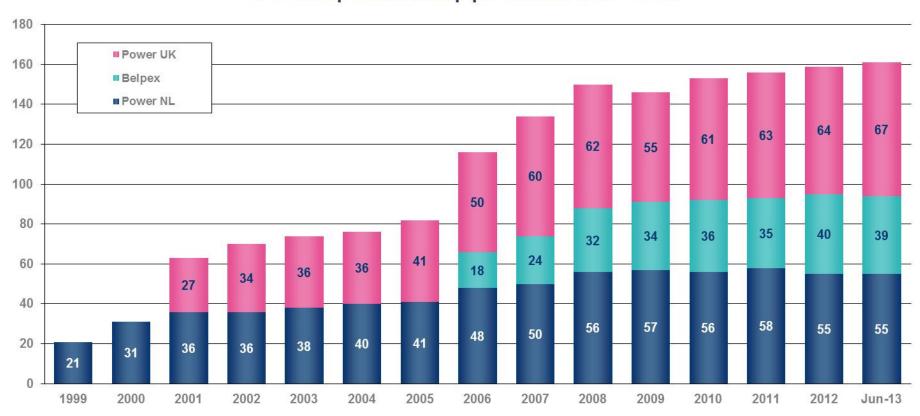
APX Group Volume, Average TWh/Month, per Market 1999 - 2013





Growth in membership

APX Group Membership per Market 1999 - 2013





Demand side participation



Problem identification

- The principle aim is to provide an opportunity for the demand side to participate in balancing the system. To date there has been limited demand side participation in the wholesale market or balancing mechanism
- A key barrier to demand side participation is that the costs outweigh the benefit. Any solution should seek to minimise the costs and should consider a support mechanism to promote participation.
- The benefit should also be maximised by allowing intraday prices to reflect the costs of balancing.
- Further barriers include the set up costs for I&C customers and the information flows between I&C customers and their suppliers
- To be successful, any proposal needs to minimise the cost of participation and be implemented in cooperation with the wider industry

APX has been working on a solution that has the potential to enable demand side participation in the wholesale market and balancing mechanism



APX - current market features

- We can provide direct access for I&C customers to the APX intraday market by creating a position account for them under their existing suppliers account
- The position account would enable the I&C customer to buy and sell power, within predefined limits, via our intraday market with any of our existing members
- As the position account would sit within the suppliers account, the I&C customer would not need to become a party to the Balancing and Settlement Code or post any additional collateral
- The supplier would also not face any additional exposure. APX systems would provide real time information on the I&C customers position to the supplier and central systems to ensure that the supplier is kept in balance
- APX operates a secure market, supported by digital password checkers to ensure authorised system access. The markets operate 24/7 and APX provided dedicated operational support. Trading is anonymous and confidential information is protected.
- National Grid is already a member of APX so can buy and sell power offered by any I&C customer with a position account



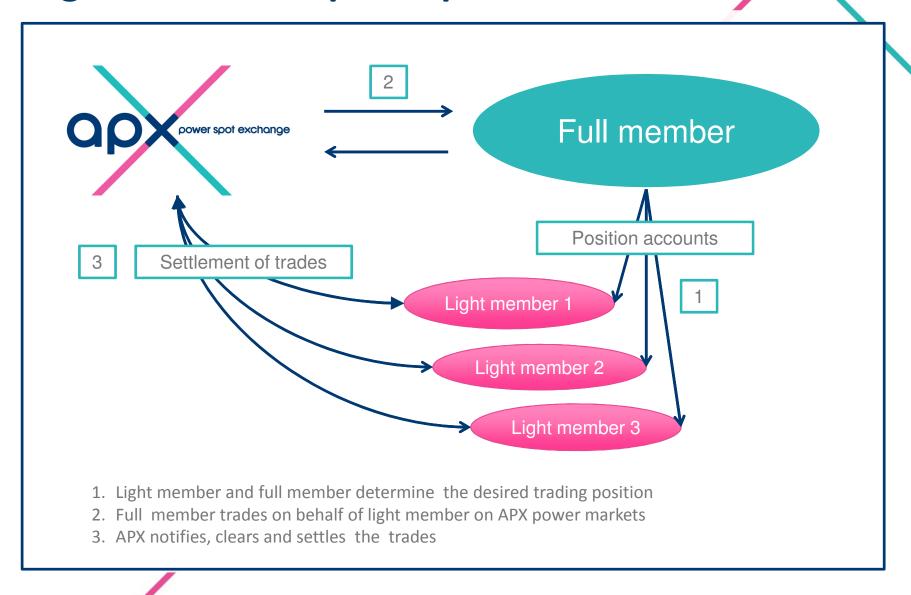
APX light membership

- Our proposal for demand side participation builds on our light membership model which has already been rolled out in the Netherlands
- I&C customers have the opportunity to join APX as light members, which means they don't have to sign up to industry codes, and faced lower membership fees than our full members
- Light membership provides I&C customers with access to our spot, prompt and auction markets and historical market data
- Light members have to post collateral and nominate their trades a full member of the exchange

APX has been working to upgrade light membership so that I&C customers don't have to post collateral and are able to trade directly on our platform



Light membership: the process





Options to enhance the market design

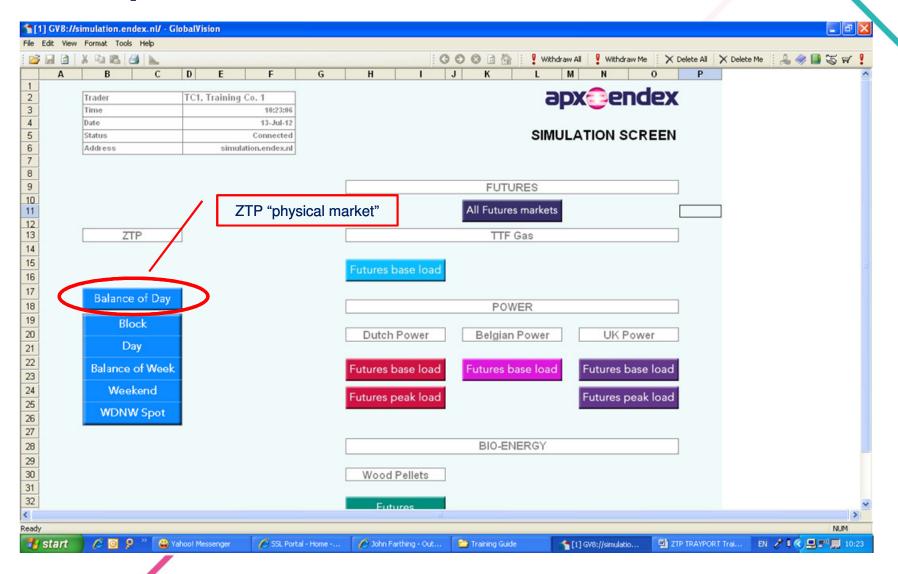
We see two options to introduce demand side participation:

- 1. Current demand side participation: APX's market functionality can already enable demand to participate on the same terms as our existing members
- **2. Enhanced demand side participation:** APX's market functionality can be augmented to include additional features considered in National Grid's proposal, such as:
 - Undertake a form of tender to launch the service for I&C customers to provide a demand response service
 - Develop a new demand side product or enhance the market design to include conditions specific to demand side response
 - At the start of the Belgian ZTP market, APX-ENDEX introduced a "physical market" where the TSO provided a notice of anticipated shortfall for a specific period of time and only the TSO could act as the counterparty to any offers
 - We recently responded to a Request for Information to develop a GB Flexibility Market, as part of Northern Power's Low Carbon Network Fund request for funding, with a detailed proposal to provide bespoke trading system

Our current market design already enables demands side participation. It can be enhanced to included additional features considered in National Grid's proposal.

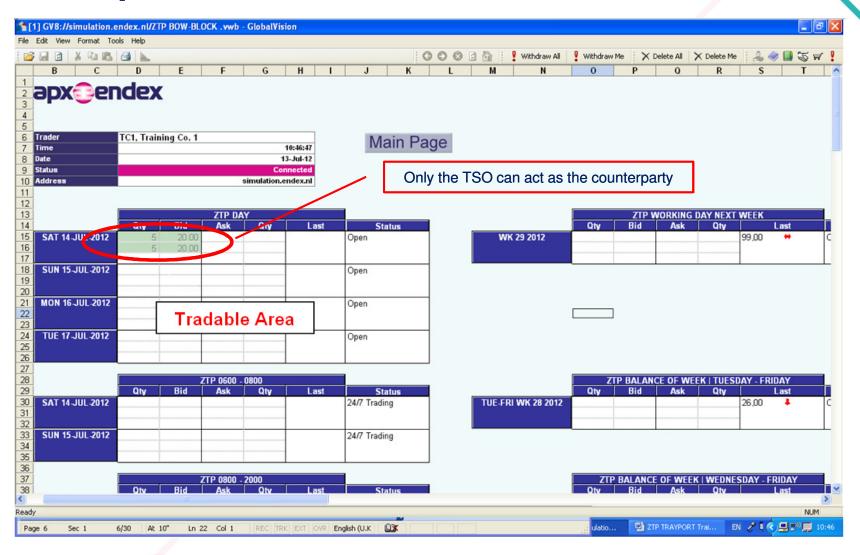


Example 1: ZTP market screen shot





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Example 2: GB Flexibility Market proposal

- The project aimed to develop a prototype market for the trading of flexibility services between network users, DNOs and the National Electricity Transmission System Operator
- The proposed GB flexibility market (GBFM) was complex and required the development of a secure 24/7 trading environment, a sophisticated matching algorithm, management of participant communications, settlement and clearing and required access to end user meter data on a minute by minute basis
- As a market operator, APX proposed to develop and provide the trading platform and settlement elements for the proposed GBFM. For the provision of metering date we proposed to cooperate with specialist companies in this area.



- We proposed COSMIX, a prototype developed by APX, as the matching algorithm for the GBFM. COSMIX is able to match multi-parameter orders, and consider technical and economic constraints, to discover the lowest cost despatch solution
- See Annex on COSMIX for information.



Three possible approaches

Features	Light	Current	Enhanced
I&C customers will not have access to information on any other supplier or customer	√	✓	✓
The supplier will have real time information on its customers position	✓	✓	✓
Central systems and suppliers will automatically be notified I&C customer trades keeping the supplier in balance	✓	✓	✓
APX and the I&C customers supplier can provide assurance and training	√	✓	✓
No additional collateral required for the I&C customer or the supplier	×	✓	✓
I&C Customer able to buy and sell on intraday market within defined limits agreed with its supplier	×	✓	✓
I&C customer participation launched through a form of tender	×	×	✓
I&C customer identified in a specific demand side account	×	×	✓
National Grid provide notification of system stress	×	×	✓
National Grid active participation on buy side at £500/MWh+ prices	×	×	✓



Benefits of APX proposal

- Builds on existing contractual and service relationship between suppliers, aggregators and I&C customers – respects and enables the role of the supplier to achieved balanced positions
- Sits within existing GB trading, settlement and clearing systems which will minimise implementation costs
- National Grid does not need to establish any new products, contracts, tender process or a direct relationship with I&C customers - as these tools and processes already exist in APXs market
- I&C customers do not need to post additional collateral to be able to trade on their Position Account
- Offered demand side response can be accessible to all market participants and National Grid up until gate closure
- Can be implemented in a phased approach, building on our existing capability to develop an enhanced solution for demand side participation

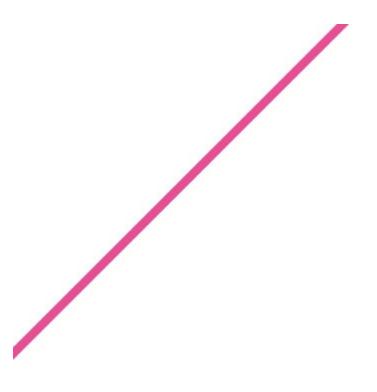
The proposal is relatively cheap and easy to implement. It builds on existing industry processes. Support from wider industry still critical to success.



Conclusions

- APX's existing market design is able to facilitate demand side participation in our intraday market with minimal disruption and can be enhanced to include features of National Grid's proposal
- We have experience of introducing similar arrangements in other markets, however success would be dependent on cooperation with National Grid, suppliers and aggregators
- The key barrier to all demand side participation for I&C customers and suppliers is whether the financial benefit to participate outweigh the cost
- The main costs for an I&C customer with APXs solution are, the process to register and manage the Position Account, staff and training costs, and the cost of the trading link and additional information tools
- The benefits are that the solution builds on existing industry processes and relationships and enables I&C customers to participate in the wholesale market or provide National Grid with specific balancing services

To overcome the initial set up costs and build a base for a future enhanced service, a support mechanism could be considered to promote DSP on our intraday market



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