



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

6 March 2024

Contracts for Difference (CfD): Budget Notice for the sixth Allocation Round, 2024

From: Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

To: National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited, EMR Delivery Body

This notice is given pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended). A copy of those regulations is included in the schedule to this notice.

This notice applies to the sixth Contracts for Difference (CfD) Allocation Round which will open on 27 March 2024. It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying note.

Technology Groups

The technology groups ('pots') are as follows:

- Pot 1: Energy from Waste with CHP, Hydro (>5MW and <50MW), Landfill Gas, Onshore Wind (>5MW), Remote Island Wind (>5MW), Sewage Gas, and Solar Photovoltaic (PV) (>5MW).
- Pot 2: Advanced Conversion Technologies (ACT), Anaerobic Digestion (AD) (>5MW), Dedicated Biomass with CHP, Floating Offshore Wind, Geothermal, Tidal Stream, Wave.
- Pot 3: Offshore Wind.

CfD Budget allocation

The overall Budget¹ applicable to this CfD Allocation Round and its division amongst the technology groups ('pots') is set out in Table 1. The overall Budget, in monetary terms, for the Allocation Round is the value given in respect of each Delivery Year² and subsequent Valuation Years. A project has a budgetary impact (in monetary terms) in the Delivery Year in which its Target Commissioning Window Start Date falls (or the first applicable Delivery Year if that is later) and all applicable subsequent Delivery and Valuation Years.

¹ Overall Budget as defined in Regulation 2 of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 as amended.

² Delivery Year as defined in Regulation 2 of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 as amended.

Table 1: CfD Budget, in monetary terms, for the sixth Allocation Round, 2024

	2026/7	2027/8	2028/9	2029/30	2030/31
Overall Budget (£ million in 2011/12 prices)	120	1,025	1,025	1,025	905
Pot 1	120	120	120	120	-
Pot 2	-	105	105	105	105
Pot 3	-	800	800	800	800

Key:

	Delivery Year
	Valuation Year

Use of Maxima or Minima

Three separate Maxima, each totalling £120 million, will be applied to Onshore Wind, Remote Island Wind and Solar PV in Pot 1. All Maxima will be applied on a monetary budget (£ million) basis and operate as 'hard' constraints.

A Minimum of £10 million will be applied in respect of Tidal Stream in Pot 2. The Minimum will be applied on a monetary budget (£ million) basis and operate as a 'hard' constraint. In addition, a Maximum of £8 million will be applied to Geothermal in Pot 2. The Maximum will be applied on a monetary budget (£ million) basis, to operate as a 'hard' constraint.

Two separate Maxima, each totalling £800 million, will be applied to Offshore Wind Permitted Reduction¹ projects and new Offshore Wind projects in Pot 3. The Maxima will be applied on a monetary budget (£ million) basis, to operate as 'hard' constraints.

Administrative Strike Prices

The Administrative Strike Prices applicable to technologies in this Allocation Round are:

Table 2: CfD Administrative Strike Prices (£/MWh, in 2012 prices)

Technology Type	Administrative Strike Price
Advanced Conversion Technologies (ACT)	210
Anaerobic Digestion (AD) (> 5MW)	144
Dedicated Biomass with CHP	179
Energy from Waste with CHP	181
Floating Offshore Wind	176
Geothermal	157
Hydro (>5MW and <50MW)	102
Landfill Gas	69
Offshore Wind	73
Onshore Wind (> 5MW)	64
Remote Island Wind (> 5MW)	64

¹ An explanation of Permitted Reduction projects is provided in the accompanying note.

Sewage Gas	162
Solar PV (> 5MW)	61
Tidal Stream	261
Wave	257

Re-basing CfD Budgets

The overall monetary budget presented has been calculated in real terms on the basis of a 2011/12 price level. To convert this into a more recent price base, a Consumer Price Index (CPI) can be applied.

Given that strike prices have been published in 2012 values, the Government will inflate the budgets presented here by a CPI inflator^{3,4} to a 2012 price base, before National Grid ESO values the bids (which will be submitted in 2012 values) against the available budget.

The inflator which we will use is 1.0193. This has been derived using the following formula:

$$CPI\ Adjustor_{\pounds2011/12 \rightarrow \pounds2012} = AverageCPI_{2012} / AverageCPI_{2011/12}$$

For the purposes of allocation, individual budgets converted to 2012 prices using the inflator above will be rounded to the nearest pence.

It is also possible to convert the budgets into current monthly prices. An illustration of this formula is provided below.

$$CPI\ Adjustor_{\pounds2011/12 \rightarrow \poundscurrent} = CPI_{current} / AverageCPI_{2011/12}$$

For stakeholders to convert the 2011/12 budget into the most recently available price base (January 2024 at time of publication), the following inflator should be used: 1.3956.

SIGNED



Sarah Redwood, Director Renewable Electricity, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

DATED: 6 March 2024

³ Please note that CPI index values are subject to the ONS CPI Revisions Policy and may change in the future.

⁴ Published by the Office of National Statistics (ONS)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt>

Schedule to the Draft Budget Notice for CfD Allocation Round

The Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 Regulation 11.

Budget notices

11. (1) The Secretary of State must by notice (“a budget notice”) specify—

(a) the overall budget which is available for each delivery year applicable to an allocation round; and

(b) the administrative strike prices applicable to applications in an allocation round.

(2) The Secretary of State may in a budget notice specify any of the following—

(a) budgets which are reserved for the descriptions of applications specified in the notice (“minima”);

(b) maximum budgets which apply to the descriptions of applications specified in the notice (“maxima”);

(c) a division of the overall budget such that a different part (“pot”) of the overall budget applies to the description of applications specified in the notice.

(3) Where maxima or minima are specified, they may be expressed as—

(a) a sum of money;

(b) an amount of capacity of electricity generation; or

(c) a combination of (a) and (b).

(4) Where—

(a) the overall budget is expressed as a sum of money; and

(b) that sum is stated by reference to a price which is not current at the date of the budget notice,

the budget notice must include a factor which, when applied to that sum, converts that sum into a price which is current at that date.

(4A) Where any budget referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (2) (that is to say, the overall budget, a minimum, a maximum or a pot) is expressed as an amount of capacity of electricity generation, the Secretary of State may specify in the budget notice that a “soft constraint” applies to that amount; and in such a case, the amount of capacity of electricity generation may be exceeded, but only in accordance with the provisions of the allocation framework that applies to that allocation round.

(5) A budget notice must—

(a) be given to the delivery body;

(b) identify the allocation round to which the budget notice applies; and

(c) be given no later than 10 working days before the commencement date of the allocation round.

END