

Request to Basslink Pty Ltd for Negative Bid for Northward Flow Notice

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Hydro Tasmania is required under the Network Service Agreement with Basslink Pty Ltd (**BPL**) to publish on its website when it has instructed BPL to make a negative bid in either direction or a positive bid in a southward direction and the reason for doing so.

1. We confirm that Hydro Tasmania instructed BPL (via an online bidding tool) to bid negative Northward flows on Tuesday 13 February 2024 on two occasions, after constraint V>>NIL_MLGT_MLGT_R2, was binding and affecting the Latrobe Valley connection point while Victorian Spot Market Price (**VSMP**) was higher than Tasmanian Spot Market Price (**TSMP**) and the TSMP was negative.
 - The initial instruction was given at 15:02 to take effect from the 15:10 (period ending) trading interval.
 - The second instruction was given at 15:10 to take effect from the 15:15 (period ending) trading interval.
 - Both instructions failed through the online bidding tool.
2. Hydro Tasmania held the reasonable belief that the conditions precedent for negative northward bidding would exist in the 15:10 Dispatch Interval based on the following information:
 - TSMP was negative (-\$918.311/MWh) in Dispatch Interval 15:05 (period ending);
 - VSMP (\$16600/MWh) was higher than TSMP in Dispatch Interval 15:05 (period ending); and
 - Basslink was backed off by a constraint affecting the Latrobe Valley connection point (due to a Northward Basslink limit being set by V>>NIL_MLGT_MLGT_R2) in the Dispatch Interval 15:00 (period ending).
3. Hydro Tasmania held the reasonable belief that the conditions precedent for negative northward bidding would exist in the 15:15 Dispatch Interval based on the following information:
 - TSMP was negative (-\$925.370/MWh) in Dispatch Interval 15:10 (period ending);
 - VSMP (\$16600/MWh) was higher than TSMP in Dispatch Interval 15:10 (period ending); and
 - Basslink was backed off by a constraint affecting the Latrobe Valley connection point (due to a Northward Basslink limit being set by V>>NIL_MLGT_MLGT_R2) in the Dispatch Interval 15:10 (period ending).
4. While attempting to instruct BPL to submit a negative northward link bid at 15:11 by telephone, changes in market conditions meant the necessary conditions under the Transport Bidding Protocol were no longer present for Hydro Tasmania to instruct BPL and this request was withdrawn before submission to AEMO.

Note that all times are Australian Eastern Standard Time.