

Extended reserve consultation engagement session Q&A

2pm, 29 April 2021

Are the listed AUFLS block settings final? – yes, the block size and trip settings listed in the draft AUFLS technical requirements document accompanying this consultation are the final proposed values.

How will distributors manage the AUFLS relays currently provided by Transpower as Grid Owner? – Transpower has already indicated that it will not modify their relay settings to suit the 4-block AUFLS scheme. Those Distributors that currently rely on Transpower relays for part of their AUFLS provision will need to install appropriate equipment in their own networks to ensure that they can comply with their AUFLS provision obligations. Transpower will then decommission their AUFLS relays.

Will distributors be able to select the loads they arm for AUFLS? – Yes, the selection of load that a distributor arms for AUFLS is at their own discretion, there will be no centralised direction of load arming patterns.

Will there still be requirements for real time indications for AUFLS feeder loads? – no, all provision assessment will be handled via the annual load submission process.

Will the data portal upload process be as onerous as the previous one? – the system operator is currently developing a new data portal for the AUFLS feeder data. System performance and usability is a consideration in the design.

Will exemption holders only be able to contract amongst themselves for AUFLS equivalence arrangements? – direct connect consumers are able to contract with any provider to meet their AUFLS provision obligations, the final decision as to whether the arrangement satisfies system security requirements lies with the system operator. The Authority encourages exemption holders to start discussions with both potential partners and the system operator as soon as possible.