

Annual Outage Plan Update for 2026-2027

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Context

The first Annual Outage Plan was issued in March 2023, with the annual outage plan for the following financial year (Apr23-Mar24, Apr24-Mar25, Apr25-Mar26). This document refers to the Annual Outage plan for April 2026 through to March 2027.

Areas of focus are as follows:

- BCDR dates avoiding 'winter' months
- To provide extra support with Price Event activity, with longer change freezes to support

The 2026_2027 Annual Outage Plan – Version 1.1

Date	Day	Hours	Start	End	Detail	Impact
27/03/2026 - 02/04/2026	n/a	n/a	00:00	23:59	Change Freeze To Support Price Event	None
11/04/2026	Saturday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
14/04/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	22:00	04:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
21/04/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
28/04/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	22:00	04:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
12/05/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	22:00	04:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
21/05/2026	Thursday	8 hours	20:00	04:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
26/05/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
02/06/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	22:00	04:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
04/06/2026	Thursday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	Low
06/06/2026	Saturday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
11/06/2026	Thursday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	Low
23/06/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
26/06/2026 - 02/07/2026	n/a	n/a	00:00	23:59	Change Freeze To Support Price Event	None
16/07/2026	Thursday	6 Hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	Low
28/07/2026	Tuesday	6 Hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
02/08/2026	Sunday	8 hours	09:00	17:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
09/08/2026	Sunday	8 hours	09:00	17:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
11/08/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance (non-functional only)	High
08/09/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
22/09/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
28/09/2026 - 02/10/2026	n/a	n/a	00:00	23:59	Change Freeze To Support Price Event	None
06/10/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
22/10/2026	Thursday	6 hours	22:00	04:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
27/10/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
31/10/2026 - 08/11/2026	n/a	n/a	00:00	23:59	Change Freeze To Support SECMOD	None
04/11/2026	Wednesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
19/11/2026	Thursday	6 hours	22:00	04:00	Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed	High
08/12/2026	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
14/12/2026 - 03/01/2027	n/a	n/a	00:00	23:59	Change Freeze (Christmas) and Price Event Support	None
19/01/2027	Thursday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
16/02/2027	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High
06/03/2027	Saturday	6 Hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
11/03/2027	Thursday	6 Hours	20:00	02:00	Business Continuity Disaster Recovery Testing	High
16/03/2027	Tuesday	6 hours	20:00	02:00	Planned Maintenance	High

Thank you
Smart DCC