

# 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 1.2

| 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   | 8 hours            | 20:00 | 04:00 | Planned Maintenance - OPSG Endorsed               | High   |
| 22/10/2026              | Thursday  | 8 hours 10 Minutes | 21:00 | 05:10 | 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   |
| 16/03/2027              | Tuesday   | 6 hours            | 20:00 | 02:00 | Planned Maintenance                               | High   |

Thank you  
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