



The CMA's Energy Investigation: Wholesale AECs and Remedies

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The CMA identified only limited issues at the wholesale level in electricity – none in gas



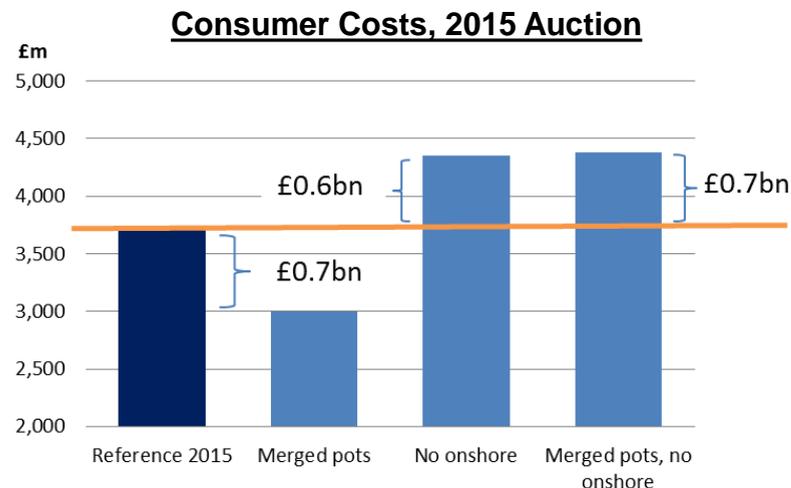
<u>Operation of Competition</u>		<u>Market Rules</u>	
Issues	AEC	Issues	AEC
Generation Market Power	X	Self dispatch	X
VI and wholesale liquidity	X	Imbalance price reform	X
		Capacity Market	X
		CFDs for low-carbon	✓
		Locational energy pricing	✓

CFDs remedy: government should publish CBAs to justify its allocation decisions

1. Non-competitive allocation of CFDs (eg, FIDeR process)

- 58% of available CfD budget to 2020/21 allocated via FIDeR
- Strike prices set without regard for individual project costs
- Detriment estimated by CMA of c.£3Bn NPV or 1% on consumer bills

2. Allocation of technologies and budget to CFD “Pots”



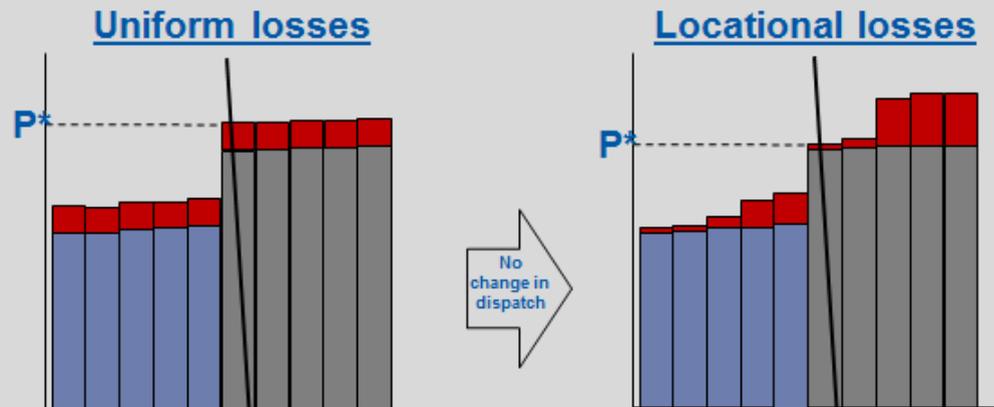
Source: NERA analysis for Citizens Advice

Locational losses remedy: NG to implement previous BSC modification proposal P229



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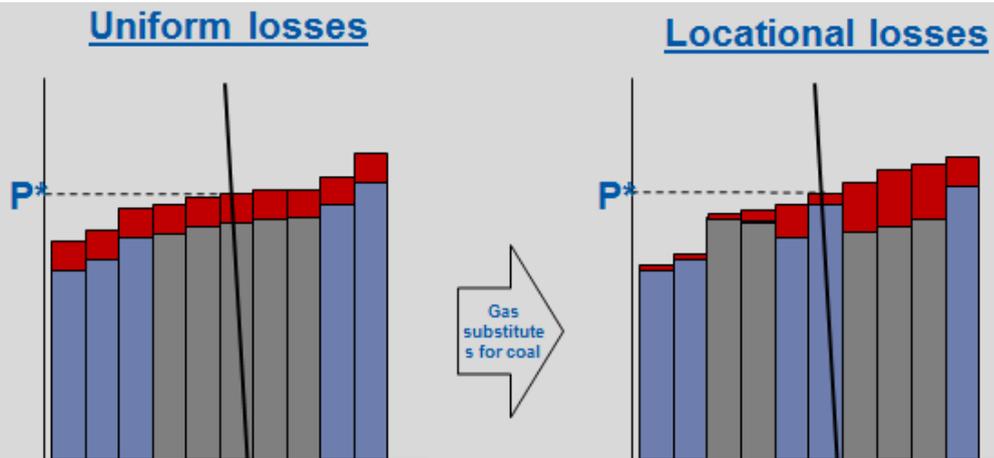
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- NERA-Imperial College undertook modelling on behalf of the CMA to assess dispatch benefits
- We looked at 3 commodity price scenarios to test different supply curves
- We took account of interactions with neighbouring markets
- We forecast systematic savings from P229 of £131Mn to £159Mn (2015 prices) over the period 2017-2026
- In contrast, distributional impacts were non-systematic

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Positive
benefits



The CMA report is not the final word



- Some important wholesale market issues were deemed out of scope by the CMA, including:
 - Ancillary service markets: excluded on grounds they concerned “natural monopoly regulation of National Grid”
 - Embedded benefits: which have now become a major regulatory issue that affects wholesale competition
- The CMA also eschewed detailed investigation of locational charging for constraints

The GB wholesale market is heading in the right direction, but there is still work to be done

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