

Nordic Winter Power Balance Forecast 2018 – 2019

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POWER BALANCE 2018-2019

With estimated power exchange [MW]
Cold winter day in 1 of 10 winters

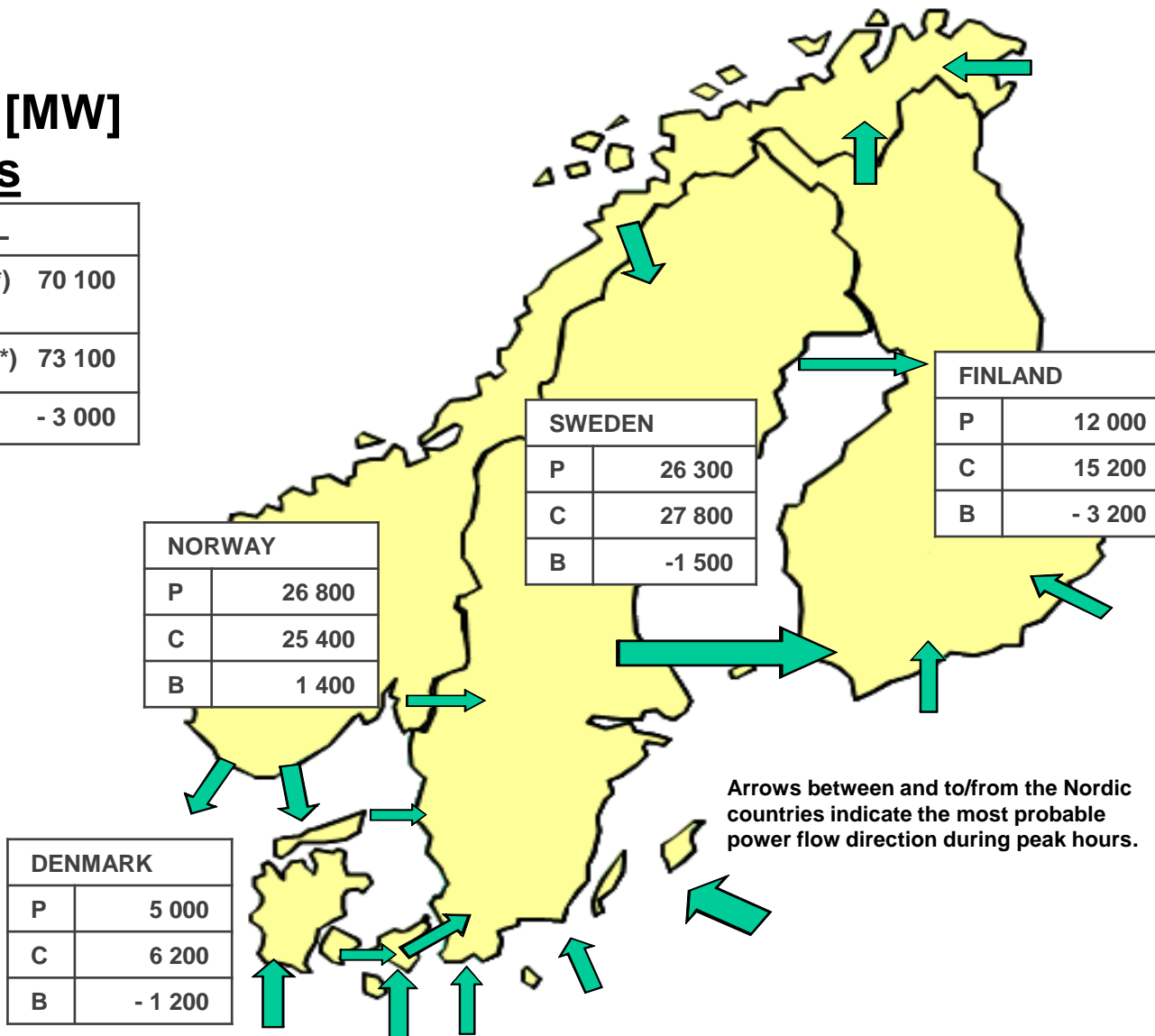
NORDIC MARKET	TOTAL
P = Available capacity for market, TSO reserves excluded	*) 70 100
C = Peak demand	**) 73 100
B = Balance without power exchange	- 3 000

Remarks :

*) Assumed availability in percentage
Nuclear power: 100 % in Finland, 90 % in Sweden
Wind power: 6 % in Finland, 9 % in Sweden,
11 % in Norway, 5 % in Denmark

**) Nordic peak demand 2 % lower than sum of national peaks.

TSOs' contracted reserves are excluded from this forecast.



Comments

Denmark

- The winter 2018/2019 is expected to be normal with no particular problems, even if Denmark is a deficit area in severe winter conditions. The critical point in the Danish system is the power balance in Denmark East, which is weaker compared with Denmark West. The balance on Denmark East is dependent on interconnectors from Denmark West, Sweden, and Germany. The wind power in Denmark is only taken into account with 5% which is the statistical value, but there might be a higher amount depending on wind conditions. Solar power is not taken into account as we predict the peak to be in the late afternoon in hour 18.

Finland

- Finland is strongly dependent of electricity import during peak hours. Compared to the previous winter, the situation has remained the same. The 3.2 GW deficit is expected to be met with import from neighboring areas. However, in case of a major power plant or interconnection failure in cold period, there is a risk for power shortage. The import capacity on interconnections, 5.1 GW, is sufficient to meet the deficit. However, it should be noted that there are uncertainties with Russian import due to the impact of capacity payments on the Russian electricity markets.
- During the winter period of 2018/2019, there is 22 MW load reduction available as a part of the peak load reserve, in addition to the figures presented on the previous slide.

Norway

- The power balance in Norway is expected to be positive during peak hours, with export to Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands. The exchange between Southern Norway and Sweden is expected to be around zero on a cold winter day.
- The export capacity is expected to be higher compared with last winter due to the new 300 kV cable Flesaker-Tegneby.

Sweden

- During peak hours at severe conditions, the power balance in Sweden is expected to be negative and import is expected to play a role in maintaining adequacy. The Swedish power balance is approximately 700 MW weaker during severe conditions than previous winter, mainly due to reduced assumed availability of hydro power and updated method for prognosis of peak load.
- Outdoor temperatures and availability of the Swedish nuclear power are the main factors impacting on the balance.
- During the winter period of 2018/2019, there is 205 MW load reduction available as a part of the peak load reserve, in addition to the figures presented on the previous slide.

Overall assessment

On a cold winter day in 1 of 10 winters the total Nordic power system is for the winter 2018-2019 expected to have a negative power balance of -3 000 MW in peak hours, which must be imported from neighbouring systems. This is a change of -1 100 MW from last year's forecasted power balance.

The Nordic power balance is highly dependent on the availability of transfer capacity between the Nordic countries, import from other synchronous areas and high availability of nuclear power plants.

Available capacity on interconnectors into the Nordic system cannot simply be added to the power balance, due to internal congestions in the Nordic AC grid and the power balance in the Continental power system.

Comments and assumptions

Assumed wind power production will be 120 FI + 676 SE + 196 NO + 130 DK = 1 112 MW (1 235 MW in previous winter), but naturally the uncertainty is high during a peak load situation.

During high-price periods, the price elasticity of consumption might reduce the peak demand compared to the presented values. This will improve the power balance.

Production and Consumption trend

