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# National Grid to lean on demand-side response this winter

Britain will have a 5.1% buffer between peak electricity demand and the capacity available to meet it, according to its gas and electricity grid operator National Grid's Winter Outlook 2015-16, published on Thursday. Peak demand is expected to be 54.5 GW, slightly higher than the previous winter's 53.5 GW. In July, National Grid reported that the country's capacity margin had dwindled to just 1.5% – the worst for a decade.



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