



Barr River hydro scheme

Monthly report – August 2023

1 Summary

A strong month ahead of forecast but with some generation lost due to G59 trips early month and pigging at the end of the month.

2 Monthly generation & revenue

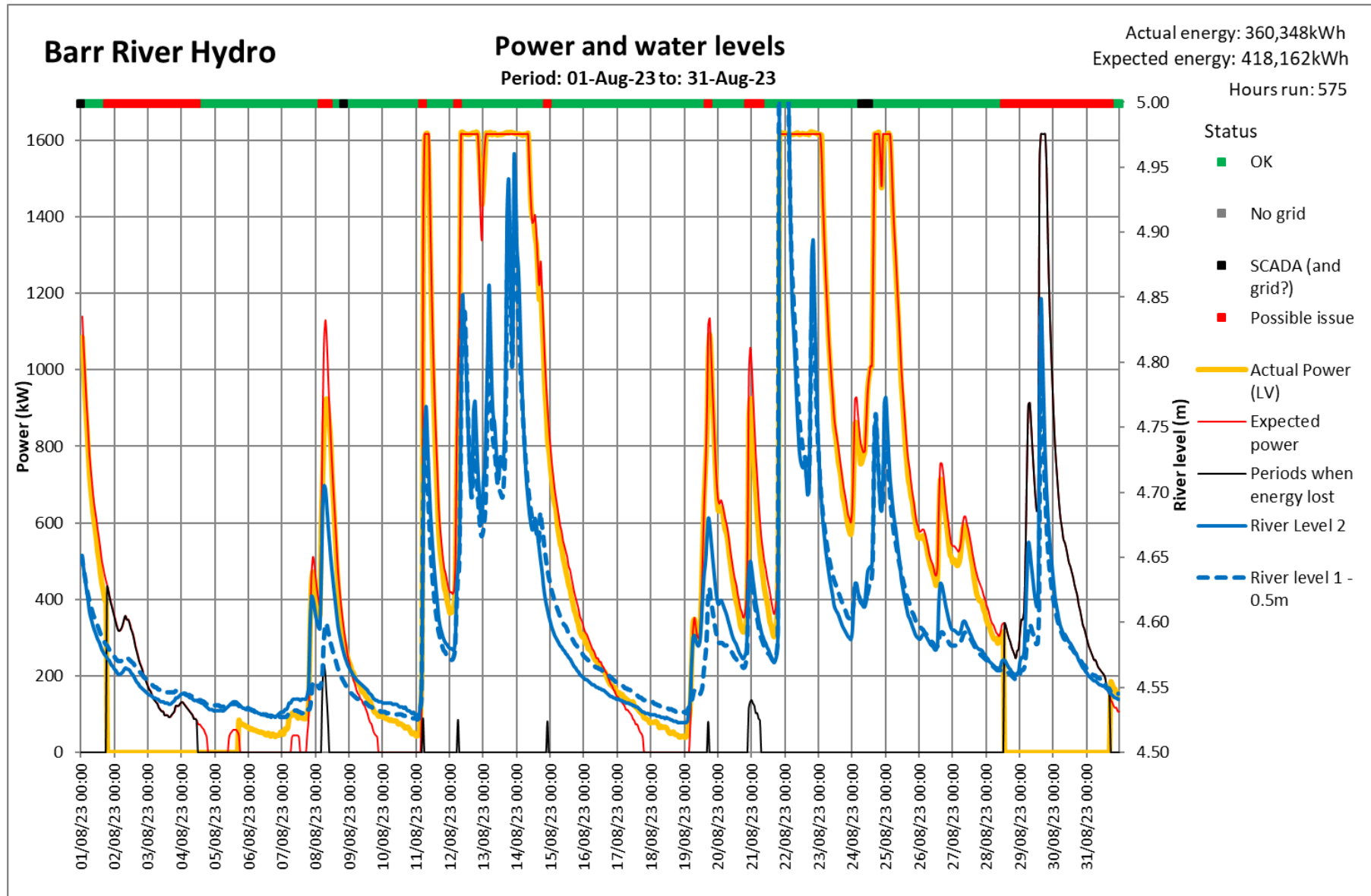
Parameter	Value
Actual generation (FIT meter), kWh	360,348
Average generation in month, kWh	174,610
Forecast generation in month (P50), kWh	280,601
Actual relative to forecast	128.4%
Rainfall relative to 1991-2020 average by month	73%
Calculated generation ¹ kWh	418,162
Actual relative to calculated generation, kWh	-57,814
Actual relative to calculated generation, %	-13.8%
Approximate revenue in month ²	£50,104

¹ Calculated generation is based on river level data and seeks to establish the expected generation with no performance issues.

² Export revenue based on reported export and estimated GDUoS charges.

Export meter	Value
Export, kWh	355,223
Variance to generation, kWh	-5,125
Variance to generation, %	-1.4%

3 System reporting



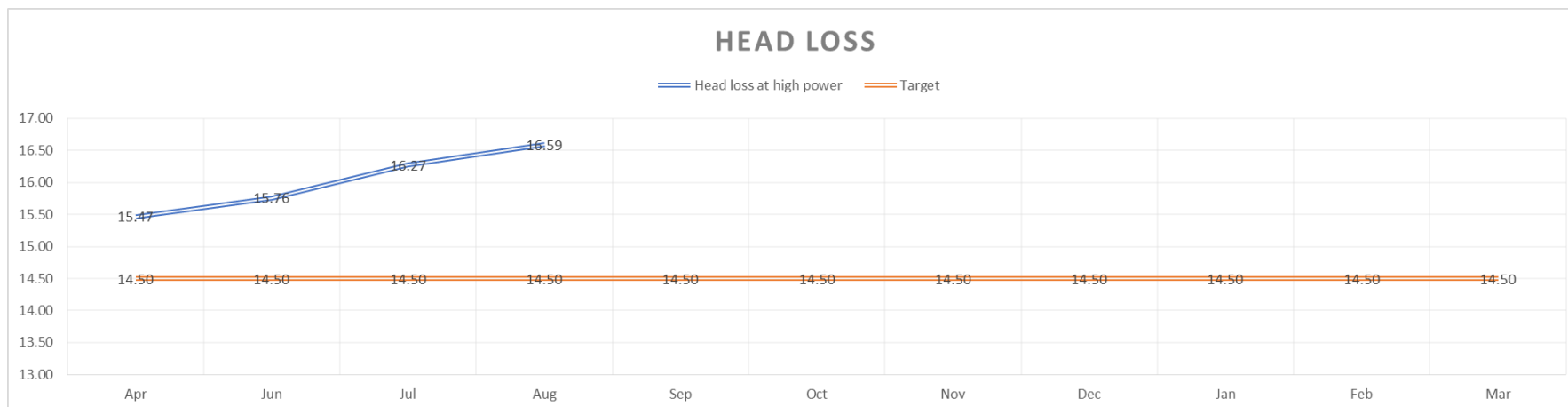
3.1 Scheme anomalies to calculated generation

Date/time	Details	Action required
03/08/2023	1 Aug: G59 fault 4 Aug: G59 fault Turbine required a manual reset of the turbine breaker, following G59 trips.	Contacted Douglas who reset ACB, turbine re-started.
29-31/8/2023	Pigging by D A McDonald	GHC to report on resulting change in head-loss when sufficient data available.

3.2 Other system events

Date/time	Details	Action required
11/8/2023	G59 trip	

3.3 Head loss - pigging undertaken at end of month



3.4 Temperatures

Parameter	Temperature at or near full power, °C	Alert level, °C	Parameter	Temperature at or near full power, °C	Alert level, °C
Generator DE bearing	43	85	Generator winding 1	72	145
Generator NDE bearing 1	48	85	Generator winding 2	69	145
Generator NDE bearing 2	50	85	Generator winding 3	73	145
Turbine room	28	30	Power cabinet (RG1)	35	42

3.5 Vibration

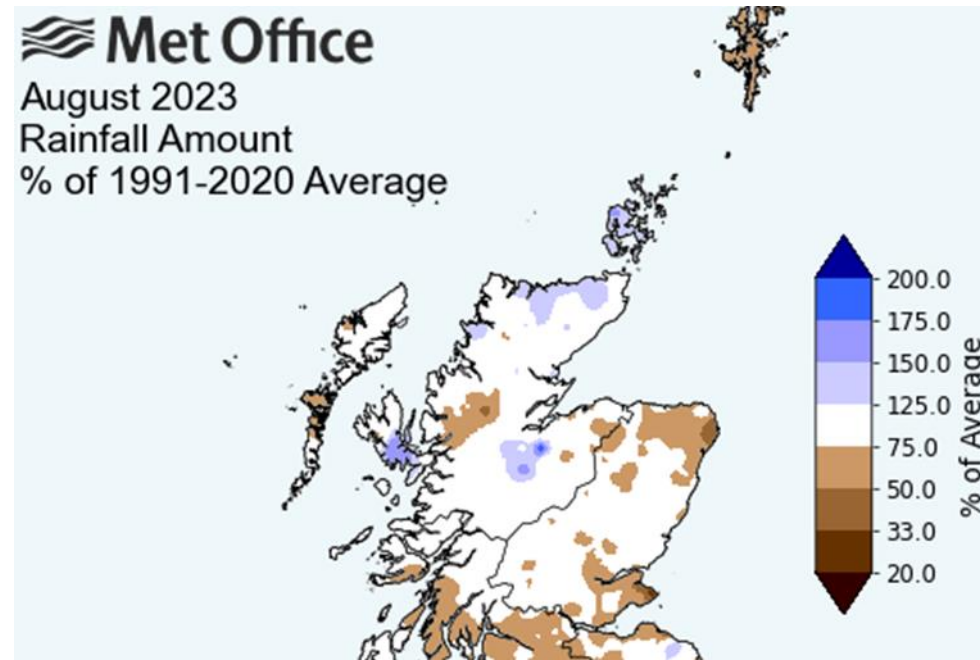
Parameter	Vibration at or near full power, mm/s	Alert level, mm/s	Parameter	Vibration at or near full power, mm/s	Alert level, mm/s
Generator DE	0.43	3.0	Generator NDE	1.24	3.0

3.6 Recommended and ongoing actions

Action	Responsibility	Status
Install power quality monitoring equipment at grid connection to address grid trips affecting the generator breaker and requiring a site visit.	GHC	After much painful discussion with SSEN around this, we have concluded that we would need to pay for external help to monitor the grid. MorVolts have confirmed that they wish to do that. GHC to obtain quotes.
Chase SSE for details of planned outage in 2024	GHC	RH has had one high level meeting with SSE regarding this. GHC continue to keep up the pressure on SSEN to try to reduce this outage. Latest communication sent 15/9/23, involving other scheme operators.
Housekeeping in turbine house	Morvolts	Spares to be arranged on shelves/in cupboard. Complete.
Spares stock to be reviewed	Morvolts/GHC	Missing spares to be ordered by MorVolts, with GHC assistance.
Confirm ACB spares requirement	GHC	RB Switchgear to inspect breaker when 'it is next switched off' - i.e. during next service/site attendance - but note that this will require isolation by the AP.
Maintenance schedule and training to be reviewed	GHC	GHC have propose a simplified maintenance schedule. This will be discussed with Morvolts on a call, w/c 25th September.
Arrangements to be established with Colin Thwaites for HV switching/isolation	Morvolts	MorVolts have confirmed that confirm that Colin has been appointed as AP. Padlocks to be changed to Colin's locks.
Chase up export payment for late January and early February when scheme was generating but no export recorded.	Morvolts	Raised with EDF and SCADA data provided. Chased again by GHC 21/6/23 and followed up 19/7/23. DC disputing supplied SCADA data. Raised further with EDF and chased 18/9/2023.
Missing data from March export statement	GHC	Should be automatically updated but raised with EDF and SCADA supplied. Chased 31/6/2023 & 18/9/2023.
Intake 1 – copper earthing rod protruding from the intake wall to be cut/ground off, leaving 15mm only protruding	Morvolts	Noted at annual visit
Intake 2 - plunge pool stop log to be replaced	Morvolts	Washed away and destroyed

MN6, MN7 and Intake 3 head ponds to be dug out	Morvolts	Should be monitored for some time to ensure flow is not impeded
First aid kits to be wall mounted	Morvolts	
Head loss to be reported on following pigging	GHC	
Replace restrictor valve on MIV ram	GHC	Leaking slowly
Complete procurement of outstanding spare parts	Morvolts/GHC	Parts are identified on Spares schedule. Some have recently been identified as being required, some are yet to be identified/located.
Inspection/service of comms due June 23	GHC	Hydrocomm chased

4 Rainfall



Rainfall this month (rain gauge), mm	159
Western Scotland rainfall in month with respect to 1991-2020 long term average	73%

5 Scheme annual performance summary

FY 2023/4	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Actual generation kWh	240,542	57,453	111,100	374,109	360,348								1,143,552
Average generation since commissioning	247,605	424,386	286,501	165,261	174,610	297,736	672,489	693,043	368,179	594,556	547,677	298,520	1,298,362
Forecast generation (P50)	369,360	226,766	188,561	195,146	280,601	387,431	582,631	618,214	620,057	695,941	554,678	611,047	1,260,434
Actual relative to forecast	65.1%	25.3%	58.9%	191.7%	128.4%								90.7%
Rainfall relative to 1991-2020 average	83%	45%	81%	152%	73%								87%
Calculated generation kWh	243,307	59,162	112,194	377,850	418,162								1,210,675
Variance to calculated generation kWh	-2,765	-1,709	-1,094	-3,741	-57,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-67,123
Variance to calculated generation %	-1.1%	-2.9%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-13.8%								-5.5%
Approximate revenue	£18,747	£7,087	£14,675	£52,099	£50,104								£157,344
Capacity factor (monthly)	20.6%	4.8%	9.5%	31.0%	29.9%								19.2%
Industry wide RoR capacity factor	20.7%	5.7%	6.0%	27.5%									15.0%
FY 2022/3	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
Actual generation kWh	247,605	424,386	286,501	329,058	257,505	238,578	692,787	709,873	223,709	633,347	447,449	356,352	4,847,150
Average generation since commissioning	247,605	424,386	286,501	165,261	174,610	297,736	672,489	693,043	368,179	594,556	547,677	298,520	4,770,561
Forecast generation (P50)	369,360	226,766	188,561	195,146	280,601	387,431	582,631	618,214	620,057	695,941	554,678	611,047	5,330,433
Actual relative to forecast	67.0%	187.1%	151.9%	168.6%	91.8%	61.6%	118.9%	114.8%	36.1%	91.0%	80.7%	58.3%	90.9%
Rainfall relative to 1991-2020 average	77%	126%	104%	74%	65%	93%	134%	112%	89%	104%	56%	118%	96%
Calculated generation kWh	253,540	432,296	294,437	330,341	257,587	239,724	700,013	748,966	295,507	639,670	459,640	358,262	5,009,984
Variance to calculated generation kWh	-5,935	-7,910	-7,936	-1,283	-82	-1,146	-7,226	-39,093	-71,798	-6,323	-12,191	-1,910	-162,834
Variance to calculated generation %	-2.3%	-1.8%	-2.7%	-0.4%	-0.0%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-5.2%	-24.3%	-1.0%	-2.7%	-0.5%	-3.3%
Approximate revenue ¹	£28,994	£50,244	£33,677	£38,789	£30,177	£27,894	£108,061	£111,476	£34,832	£44,660	£31,298	£52,804	£669,447
Capacity factor (monthly)	20.5%	39.0%	23.8%	28.2%	21.4%	20.5%	57.5%	60.9%	18.6%	52.5%	41.1%	29.6%	34.2%
Industry wide RoR capacity factor	19.4%	34.6%	18.3%	15.5%	15.5%	11.9%	55.8%	59.0%	32.6%	58.8%	50.2%	30.9%	33.5%

¹Export element of revenue updated to reflect actual export and rate.

