



Barr River hydro scheme

Monthly report – September 2023

1 Summary

A strong month on the back of good rainfall levels, above forecast and long term average.

2 Monthly generation & revenue

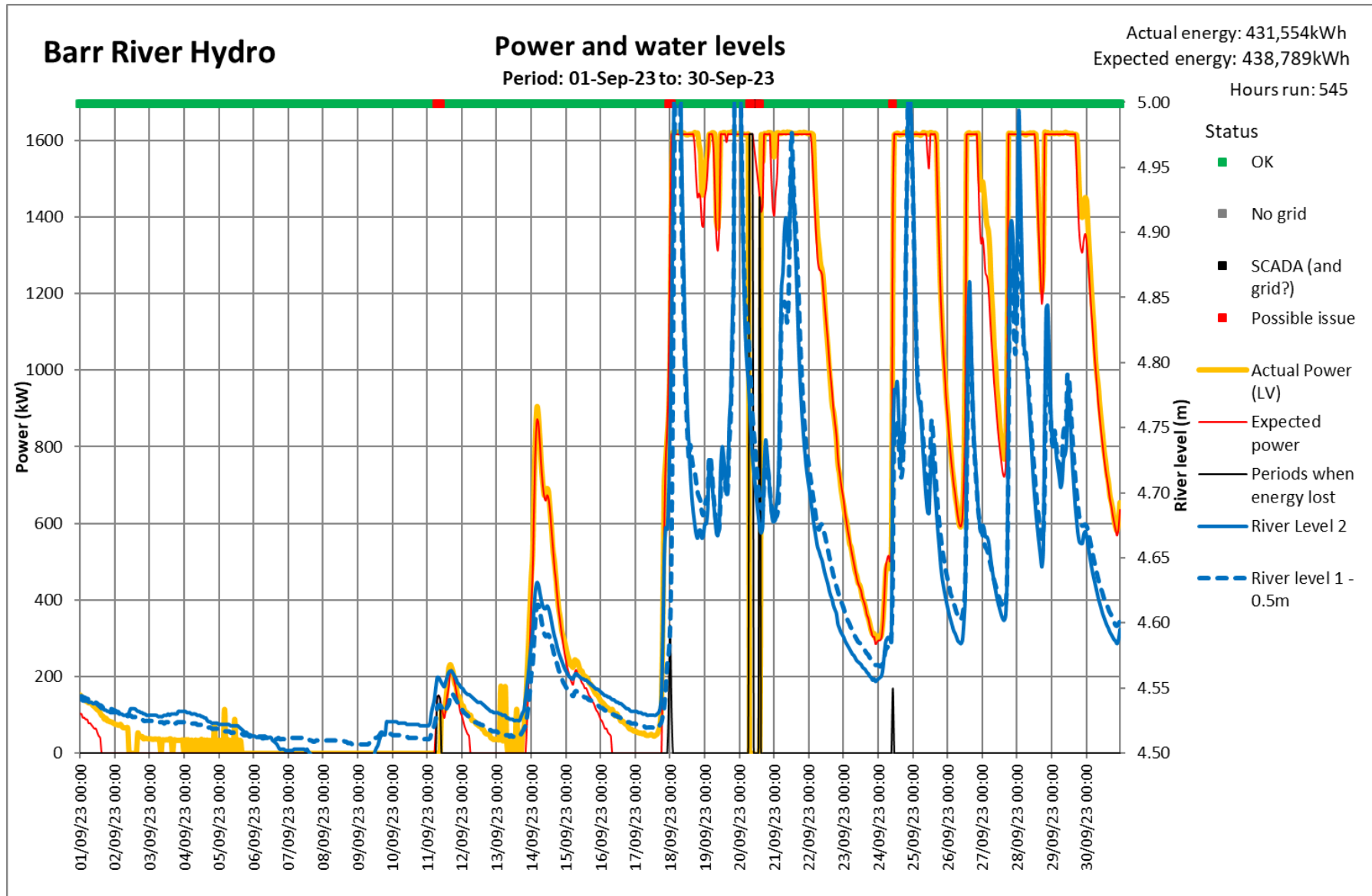
Parameter	Value
Actual generation (FIT meter), kWh	431,554
Average generation in month, kWh	297,736
Forecast generation in month (P50), kWh	387,431
Actual relative to forecast	111.4%
Rainfall relative to 1991-2020 average by month	145%
Calculated generation ¹ kWh	438,789
Actual relative to calculated generation, kWh	-7,235
Actual relative to calculated generation, %	-1.6%
Approximate revenue in month ²	£34,110

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	425,018
Variance to generation, kWh	-6,536
Variance to generation, %	-1.5%

3 System reporting



3.1 Scheme anomalies to calculated generation

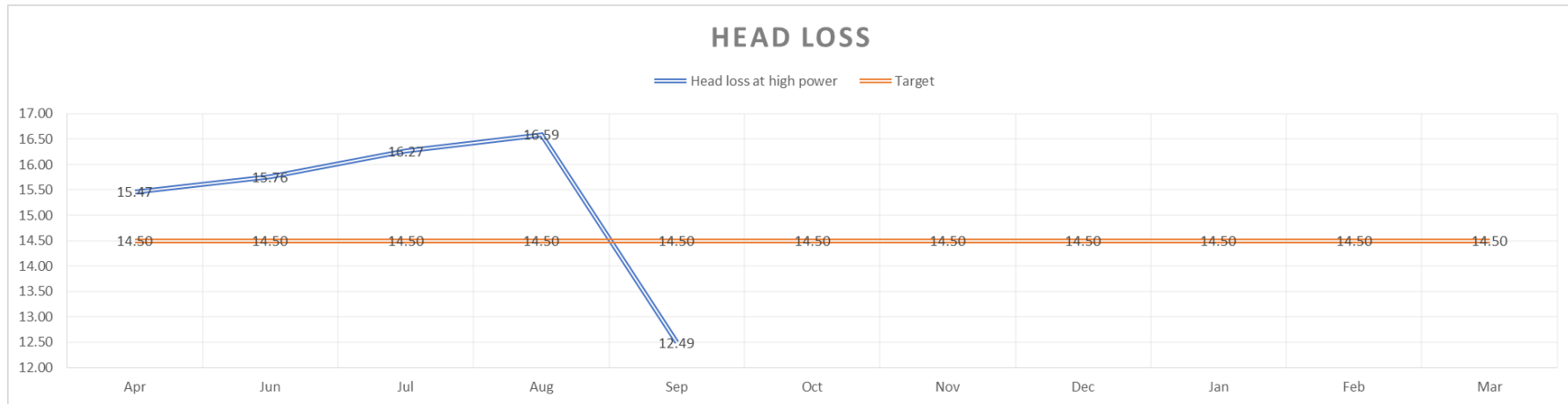
Date/time	Details	Action required
	Scheme generating above calculation especially at low levels	None
20/9/2023	Outage 06:00-15:00. This was an SSEN planned outage.	The scheme was shut down by GHC.

3.2 Other system events

Date/time	Details	Action required
1/9/2023	CINK annual M&E inspection	
27/09/2023	26 Sep: F003 high reactive energy Turbine appears to have shut down and re-started without any issues. Fault not included in SCADA faults list.	Contact CINK for advice if issue recurs.

3.3 Head loss

The graph below shows that the head loss has improved from about 16.5m to 12.5m following the pigging operation. The improvement in production from this should be around 60MWh pa, worth about £10.8k



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	41	85	Generator winding 1	70	145
Generator NDE bearing 1	47	85	Generator winding 2	68	145
Generator NDE bearing 2	50	85	Generator winding 3	72	145
Turbine room	26	30	Power cabinet (RG1)	33	42

3.5 Vibration

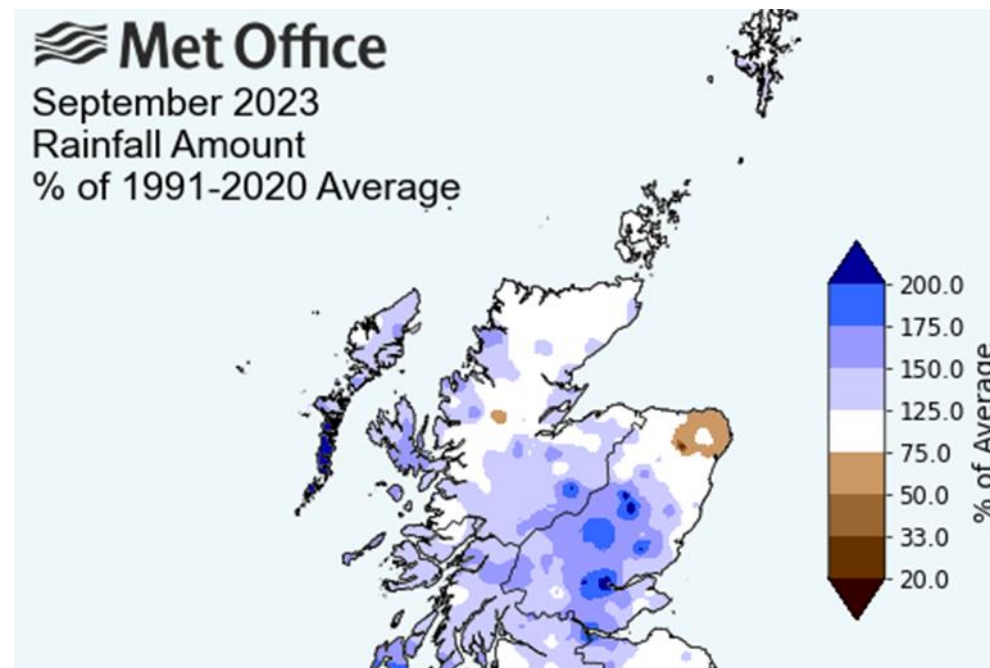
Parameter	Vibration at or near full power, mm/s	Alert level, mm/s	Parameter	Vibration at or near full power, mm/s	Alert level, mm/s
Generator DE	0.43	3.0	Generator NDE	1.29	3.0

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 are obtaining quotes for this work.
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, including other scheme operators.
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 with Douglas. Morvolts to propose a time and date for this call.
Arrangements to be established with Colin Thwaites for HV switching/isolation	Morvolts	MorVolts have confirmed 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	
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 20/10

4 Rainfall



Rainfall this month (rain gauge), mm	245
Western Scotland rainfall in month with respect to 1991-2020 long term average	145%

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	431,554							1,575,106
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	1,596,098
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	1,647,865
Actual relative to forecast	65.1%	25.3%	58.9%	191.7%	128.4%	111.4%							95.6%
Rainfall relative to 1991-2020 average	83%	45%	81%	152%	73%	145%							97%
Calculated generation kWh	243,307	59,162	112,194	377,850	418,162	438,789							1,649,463
Variance to calculated generation kWh	-2,765	-1,709	-1,094	-3,741	-57,814	-7,235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-74,357
Variance to calculated generation %	-1.1%	-2.9%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-13.8%	-1.6%							-4.5%
Approximate revenue	£18,747	£7,087	£14,675	£52,099	£50,104	£60,181							£217,525
Capacity factor (monthly)	20.6%	4.8%	9.5%	31.0%	29.9%	37.0%							22.1%
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.

