



# Medway

## Capacity Market Factsheet



The Capacity Market is a Government mechanism designed to ensure that the electricity system remains secure in the future. It works by introducing contracts which will require generators to be available to the system at times when the National Grid needs them. This is a new service that we haven't seen in the electricity market before.

In order to determine which generators would receive these new contracts the government has run an auction for contracts starting in 2018 this week. Only the cheapest generators, i.e. those which were willing to provide the new service at the lowest cost, have been successful.

### Key Facts

#### Fuel Type

Gas

#### Capacity

700MW

#### Location

Isle of Grain, Kent

#### Employees

70

#### Web Address

[www.sse.com/medway](http://www.sse.com/medway)

### Capacity Market Auction Information

- The provisional results show that Medway has been successful in the auction.
- The station will therefore have to be available to generate electricity when required by the National Grid, in the winter of 2018/19.
- SSE is pleased that the station has been successful in the auction.
- The result does not affect existing operations at the station.
- Medway underwent a comprehensive programme of works to increase the plant's flexibility and efficiency - completed in 2012.
- The Capacity Market is just one of multiple options available to existing plant. SSE will continue to analyse market conditions and opportunities for all our plant going forward.
- These options include future Capacity Market auctions, future SBR tender rounds, contracts with National Grid, and business-as-usual operation in the market.
- Please visit the following for more information about the mechanism:  
[SSE Statement on Capacity Market Auction Provisional Results](#)  
[Gov.uk - Capacity Market Location of Provisional Results](#)