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## Press Release

### **ELEXON LAUNCHES INDUSTRY CONSULTATION ON THE IMPACT OF SMART AND ADVANCED METERING ON ELECTRICITY SETTLEMENT**

ELEXON, a provider of core services to the energy industry, has today launched its industry consultation to obtain views on the impact of Advanced and Smart meters on settlement, particularly in the areas of smaller non-domestic and domestic markets.

Now is the right time to look at the issues surrounding these exciting developments and identify any improvements or opportunities, particularly in the settlement of half hourly data, in order to ensure that the wholesale electricity market seizes the opportunity to facilitate the most efficient, effective and economic processes.

Currently, these markets are settled on periodic meter readings over periods varying between a month, 3-6 months and a year, and then estimates are calculated for each half hour (as there are wholesale prices for each half hour). The roll-out of Smart Meters in the domestic market and Advanced Meters for larger non domestic companies could bring large changes to this process, as settlement could now be based on actual half hourly consumption data, rather than the estimated process. However, this all depends on how suppliers will be submitting readings from these advanced or smart meters into settlement- e.g. for individual half hours or longer periods.

Over the last 2 months, ELEXON has been leading a review of the wholesale market to consider these issues, and we are now seeking a wider response from the industry. To read the consultation document, and find out how to respond, please visit [www.elexon.co.uk/smart](http://www.elexon.co.uk/smart). Responses should be received by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

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## **About ELEXON**

ELEXON is a provider of core services to the energy industry, and operates as the balancing and settlement code (BSC) company of Great Britain. We handle over £1billion of our customers' funds each year and interact with every one of the over 200 companies that take part in the electricity industry, who in turn deal with over 28 million customers across the country.

As part of our role in ensuring that electricity settlement takes place, we have expertise in procuring and managing large industry leading contracts for systems and processes, we provide assurance services that the system works, and that our customers are complying, and manage the governance of one of Great Britain's largest energy industry codes.

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