



CVA Change Circular 236

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Purpose For Information

Delayed Availability of Zonal Output Usable data for the June 2012 Release of BSC Systems

Background

CVA Change Circular 235 set out the scope of the June 2012 Release of BSC Systems (the "Release"). One of the changes introduced by the Release is Zonal forecast data published on the [Balancing Mechanism Reporting System](#) (BMRS) provided in 17 Zones (instead of five or eight zones).

This data is provided to the BSC Central Systems by National Grid Electricity Trading (NGET).

All changes to the BSC Central Systems software for the Release, including data feeds from NGET, were thoroughly tested by ELEXON and its service providers prior ELEXON approving go-live for the Release on 20 June 2012.

What is the purpose of this Circular?

This circular is to inform you we have received notification from NGET that it is not yet able to provide **the Zonal Output Usable Data** in 17 zones in time for the completion of the BSC Agent Downtime tomorrow (ELEXON Circular [EL01964](#) refers). A copy of the statement from NGET is attached as Appendix 1.

How can I obtain Zonal Output Usable Data?

NGET is still investigating the issue with its systems; when it has been resolved, and NGET is able to provide **Zonal Output Usable Data** in 17 Zones, it will be published on the BMRS. Based on the information provided by NGET, we anticipate that this issue will be resolved within two weeks.



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In the meantime, we will make the daily **Zonal Output Usable Data** (in the existing eight zones format) available from the [ELEXON Portal](#) when received from NGET – we'll endeavour to publish the daily data files by close of business on the same day it is received, but if we can't do that, they will be published the next morning.

If you have any questions about this Circular, please contact Colin Berry on 020 7380 4112 or email Releases@elexon.co.uk.

Appendix 1 – Details of the Statement on the National Grid delay to the June 2012 ELEXON release

During final pre-release testing of the National Grid systems impacted by the June 2012 release, a critical issue was identified in one of the systems delivering this change.

This issue was identified on the 26th June and confirmed later in the evening of the same day. This issue affects the delivery of OC2 Data only. The cause of the issue is still unknown and the nature of the issue is such that it presents a bar to the implementation of these changes in the production environment. The delivery of TSDF, INDGEN, INDDM, MELNGC and IMBALNGC files will not be affected.

Investigations into the cause of the issue continue, but as yet, no conclusions have been reached. National Grid is committed to resolving this situation as soon as possible. National Grid will provide additional information on the progress in resolving this issue as it becomes available.