



Coming up this week

14 March

[P299 'Allow National Grid access to Metering System Metered Consumption data to support the Demand Side Balancing Reserve \(DSBR\) service' Assessment Procedure Consultation](#) - responses are due by **17.00**

Would you like to help shape the new BMRS?

The Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) is the primary channel for providing operational data for the GB Electricity Balancing and Settlement arrangements to our customers. These include generators, energy suppliers, wholesale traders, plus third parties such as data providers, industrial and commercial end users, research institutions and universities. BMRS is currently delivered through architecture and systems developed for NETA in 2001. Whilst these have served the market well, they increasingly struggle to support the burgeoning data requirements. Whilst we have maintained BMRS on supported software, the costs and timescales of changing the existing platform are significantly greater than those associated with a more modern architecture. Near real time reporting currently requires a dedicated communications line. For users who don't or can't invest in a dedicated line, the alternative is often to 'scrape' data from the BMRS website. This approach can severely impact overall performance where the website struggles to handle more than 20 million website hits per month. Faced with these issues, we believe that the existing BMRS platform must be replaced in the short to medium term.

Following a survey of BMRS users and a formal consultation last year, the ELEXON Board and the BSC Panel agreed that ELEXON should establish a new platform for BMRS, and that the recently approved [Modifications P291: REMIT Inside Information Reporting Platform for GB Electricity](#) and [P295: Submission and publication of Transparency regulation data via the BMRS](#) should be developed on that platform as Phase 1 of a phased delivery.

The new platform will offer a new user interface, the ability to download data using an Application Programme Interface (API) as an alternative to scripting, and will be built on products enabling changes to be implemented faster and at lower cost. The API offers an alternative to scripting and TIBCO, however we recognise that the TIBCO interface is critical for many users and must remain in place for the foreseeable future.

We would like to invite interested users to be part of a BMRS user group to help shape the new platform. The group will provide the user perspective on the requirements, navigation and web interface design and the policies for use of the new platform. We also seek users who want to test the new front end and APIs later in the development.

If you would like to be part of the user group, please contact [Alex Grieve](#) or [Zaahir Ghanty](#). We expect to hold our initial user group meeting in late March or early April, and we will provide terms of reference for the group.

For users who don't want to be part of the user group we will hold briefing and education sessions, and dates for these will be published in the change management section of the ELEXON website as soon as they are available.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Join the Workgroup for Electricity Market Reform Capacity Market Half-Hourly Data Aggregator (HHDA) Metering Option

We are holding a workshop on behalf of DECC to discuss how to implement DECC's EMR Demand Side Response Metering Option (a) – use of the HHDA.

Who should join the workgroup?

The proposal will impact **Suppliers, HHDAs**, and the **Capacity Market Settlement Agent**. It may also impact **Half-Hourly Data Collectors (HHDCs)**, so this workshop is of interest to this group and other relevant experts.

We are looking to hold an initial workshop at [ELEXON's office](#) on **Monday 24 March** or **Wednesday 26 March** between **10.00** to **15.00**. If you would like to join the group please email emr@elexon.co.uk by **17.00** on **Wednesday 19 March 2014**, indicating your availability for the proposed dates. We will confirm the date of the workshop on **Thursday 20 March 2014**.

More information

You can find out more about this workshop on the [ELEXON EMR](#) page of our website.

If you have any questions, please contact [Lawrence Jones](#) on 020 7380 4118.

Consultation on EMR data flows – now closed

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to respond to the [Consultation on EMR data flows: Potential mechanisms for parties to exchange data with EMR Settlement Systems](#). This consultation is now closed and we are reviewing all the responses. We expect to send a report to the Counterparty on **Monday 31 March** outlining the collective response to each question, and ELEXON's subsequent proposed IT approach. Following this, we expect DECC/Counterparty to respond to us stating their preferred solution which we will share with licensed suppliers, generators and capacity providers in early April.

Please remember to check our [EMR webpages](#) regularly to find out about ELEXON's role in EMR and latest news. You can also find our latest consultations and updates to the BSC Panel and Committees with a log of questions and answers raised at recent committee meetings on the [Additional Information on EMR](#) page.

If you have any questions, please email the [EMR team](#).

April "Introducing ELEXON" Seminar fully booked!

Our next "Introducing ELEXON" seminar on **Wednesday 9 April 2014** is now fully booked, but if you would like to be put on a waiting list please email us at events@elexon.co.uk and we will let you know if we receive any cancellations.

We are holding another seminar on **Wednesday 25 June 2014** which will be useful if you are a newcomer to the industry, have recently entered the market or are in the process of doing so, or have changed roles within the energy sector. The seminar provides a useful overview of the balancing mechanism and imbalance

settlement processes and how the different industry bodies interact with them. To give you a complete view of the industry, we combine presentations from ELEXON with perspectives from across the industry.

[Click here for more information and to register for the June 2014 seminar.](#)

Our seminar is free to BSC Parties, BSC Party Agents, Government/Trade Bodies, and students.

If you have any queries, please email events@elexon.co.uk.

Authority direction to the BSC Panel to consult on a revised implementation date for P286

On **Friday 7 March 2014** the Authority issued a direction to the BSC Panel to consult on a revised implementation date for Proposed Modification [P286: Revised treatment of Residual Cashflow Reallocation Cashflow \(RCRC\) for generation Balancing Mechanism \(BM\) Units](#). You can read this direction on the [P286](#) page of our website.

We will present a paper to the BSC Panel at its meeting on **Thursday 20 March 2014** to propose revised implementation dates for P286. We will then issue an industry consultation on these proposed dates.

If you have any questions, please contact **David Kemp** on 020 7380 4303 or email elexon.change@elexon.co.uk.

Next BSC Panel meeting: 20 March 2014

The next scheduled [BSC Panel](#) meeting is on **Thursday 20 March 2014** and will start at **10.00** at [ELEXON's offices](#): ELEXON Ltd, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW.

All agenda items will be held in open session (except those deemed confidential) and representatives of BSC Parties may attend. Meeting papers will be published on the [BSC Panel meeting](#) section of the website on **Thursday 13 March 2014**.

If you would like to attend or have any queries, please email the [Panel Secretary](#) by **Tuesday 18 March 2014**.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

New Modification Proposal:

Electricity North West raised [P300: Introduction of new Measurement Classes to support Half-Hourly Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement \(DCUSA\) Tariff Changes \(DCP179\)](#) on **Wednesday 5 March 2014**.

Live Consultations:

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[Risk Evaluation Methodology \(REM\) 2015/16 Industry Consultation](#) - responses are due by **17.00** on **Friday 21 March 2014**.

Settlement Calendars published on the ELEXON Portal

The following Settlement Calendars have been published on the ELEXON Exchange on the [ELEXON Portal](#). You can find them in the **Settlement Calendars** section under the **Operational Data** menu:

- D0095 Calendar for the 2014/15 Settlement Year
- Draft 2014_2015_Settlement_Administration_Agent_(SAA)_Calendar_v1.0
- Draft 2014_2015_Supplier_Volume_Allocation_Agent_(SVAA)_Calendar_v1.0
- Funds Administration Agent (FAA) Payment Calendar 2014
- Post-Final Settlement Run Calendar 2014_2015

If you have any questions about the Settlement Calendars, please email [James Townsend](#).

TDC Meeting Headlines: 6 March 2014

Trading Disputes

At its March meeting the Trading Disputes Committee (TDC) heard one Trading Dispute:

- **DA513 upheld:** DA513 was raised as a result of a meter's Current Transformers (CT) ratio being incorrectly set and check meters were also incorrectly settled.

Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) / Annual Advances (AA)

Since its November 2013 meeting, the TDC has determined Exit dates for all 14 Grid Supply Point (GSP) Groups. No further decisions on Post-Final (DF) Run authorisation will occur, unless GSP Groups re-enter the large EAC/AA Disputes process at some point in the future. ELEXON and the TDC continue to monitor large EAC/AA levels, to ensure that GSP Groups are below their respective levels of acceptable error.

No further GSP Group-level DF Runs will be available for the correction of error without re-entry of one or more GSP Groups to the Disputes process. The Final Reconciliation (RF) is now the last opportunity to make any corrections that are not the subject of an upheld, MSID-level Trading Dispute.

GSP Group	December 2011
Eastern	Not in process
East Midlands	Not in process
London	Not in process
Merseyside & North Wales	Not in process
Midlands	Not in process
Northern	Not in process
North Western	Not in process
Southern	Not in process
South Eastern	Not in process
South Wales	Not in process
South Western	Not in process
Yorkshire	Not in process
South Scotland	Not in process
North Scotland	Not in process

For more information, please email disputes@elxon.co.uk.

Changes Awaiting Implementation page updated

We have updated the [Changes Awaiting Implementation](#) page of our website following implementation of the [February 2014 Release](#) on **Thursday 27 February 2014**.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since **Monday 3 March**, we have published three ELEXON Circulars.

The Circulars were for information and related to:

EL02078: Risk Evaluation Methodology 2015/16 consultation published

We invite you to respond to the consultation, which sets out how the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) will identify, evaluate and assess the materiality of Settlement Risks in relation to Performance Assurance Parties. The proposed REM 2015/16 and questionnaire are published on the [Consultations](#) page of the ELEXON website.

Please email your response to [Melinda Anderson](#) by **Friday 21 March 2014**.

EL02079: Planned National Grid Balancing Mechanism (BM) Outage on Thursday 13 March 2014

National Grid has notified us that there will be a planned outage on **Thursday 13 March 2014** between **10.10** and **13.10** (indicative timings) which will affect submission of BM data to the BSC Central Services.

EL02080: Planned National Grid Balancing Services Adjustment Data (BSAD) Outage on Friday 14 March 2014

National Grid has notified us that there will be a planned outage after working hours on the evening of **Friday 14 March 2014** (timings to be confirmed and posted on the [ELEXON Portal](#)) which will affect submission of BSAD to the BSC Central Services.

Circulars are published in the [News](#) section of the ELEXON website.

Upcoming meetings and events

19 March - [Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group](#)

20 March - [BSC Panel](#)

20 March - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)

25 March - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

27 March - [Performance Assurance Board](#)



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