



Coming up this week

28 April

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

29 April

[Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#) at **10.00**

30 April

[Profiling and Settlement Review Group](#) at **10.00**

1 May

[Trading Disputes Committee](#) at **10.00**

ELEXON to work with Hitachi Consulting UK to deliver phase 1 of the Business Process and Reporting (BPR) project

In our Business Plan we highlighted the need to transform the set of applications that we run internally to provide reports to BSC Parties, the BSC Panel and its Committees. Over the past few months we have explored your needs and aspirations, and relevant technologies. Our consistent aim has been to deliver a coherent and secure reporting suite that is easier to use and more accessible; adaptable to evolving user needs; easier and less costly to change and less reliant on manual intervention. Following a competitive procurement we are pleased to announce that we have appointed **Hitachi Consulting UK Ltd** as the delivery organisation. Hitachi brings considerable expertise in the effective design and delivery of data warehouse/business intelligence tools and is aligned to our belief that this solution should not just focus on the technology but should focus on our customers' requirements and use.

Hitachi Consulting Vice President for EMEA David Brindle said *'We're delighted that ELEXON has chosen to place its trust in Hitachi Consulting, and look forward to enabling a great solution to the UK electricity supply industry. Hitachi has a long history in power generation, distribution, infrastructure and engineering. Working with ELEXON is a great step to bringing further Hitachi innovation to the UK, and we look forward to building on this within the UK industry.'*

For those interested in the technology, the chosen solution is built around a data warehouse and employs standard business intelligence tools. It will still support all existing reporting formats, but will also enable users to have easier and greater access to their data.

We plan to deliver the new reporting suite in three phases.

1. The initial phase will only be accessed directly by ELEXON operations staff, and will put in place the new platform which will be focused on a set of the key business processes (Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC)/Annualised Advances (AA) reporting and Operational Support Manager (OSM) performance reports). This phase is planned to complete in summer 2014.
2. The second phase will deliver a suite of reports and data views that BSC Parties can access directly using data from central systems, and data received directly from customers. The suite will provide you with secure access to this data, and allow easier analysis.
3. The third phase will transform the remaining suite of reports and will add functionality to support complex “what if analysis” around the Trading Arrangements.

Our longer term vision is to provide a reporting template that can be extended to address reporting from the central BSC systems.

We will keep you updated you on our progress and how you can get involved. You are key customers of this project and we need your input.

For more information, or if you would to discuss how you can get involved, please email [Caroline Wright](#).

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Response to consultation on EMR data flows

We have published a [response](#) to our February 2014 consultation on EMR data flows which is available on the [Consultations](#) page of the ELEXON website.

Background

As part of the implementation of Electricity Market Reform (EMR), ELEXON is procuring an IT provider to build, host and operate an IT system (‘the EMR Settlement System’) that will calculate and invoice Capacity Market (CM) and Cotntract for Difference (CfD) payments. On **Tuesday 11 February 2014** we issued a [consultation document](#) requesting views on the mechanisms this IT system should support for exchanging data with market participants.

We received [23 responses](#) to the consultation, from a range of stakeholders. Many thanks to those stakeholders who provided responses.

We have reviewed all the consultation responses and provided a report to the CfD Counterparty outlining the collective response to each question and a subsequent proposed IT approach.

Based on the responses received, ELEXON proposed the following course of action to the CfD Counterparty:

- We propose to give Suppliers, generators and capacity providers the choice of receiving reports via option 1 (email) or option 3 (existing Data Transfer Network).
- Half-Hourly Data Aggregators (who are required to provide metering data to the EMR Settlement Services Provider) should be required to do so via the Data Transfer Network (DTN).

The CfD Counterparty has endorsed our proposal. The detail of the proposal is included in the [response document](#), which is available to download (along with the non-confidential consultation responses) from the ELEXON website.

Where can I get more information?

Find out more about ELEXON’s role in EMR on the [ELEXON website](#).

If you have any questions, please email emr@elexon.co.uk.

ELEXON EMR Circulars: Reminder to comment

The deadline to respond to **ELEXON EMR Circular 2: Proposed naming convention for additional Balancing Mechanism (BM) Units registered for EMR** is **17.00 on Wednesday 30 April 2014**.

This [Circular](#) seeks comments on the impacts the proposed naming convention for Additional BM Units will bring. [Attachment 1 of EMR Circular 2](#) explains the proposed naming convention to be used for Additional BM Units registered for EMR.

In particular, BSC Parties, Suppliers and Half-Hourly Data Aggregators are invited to comment and include any impacts and the likely implementation timescales and email to emr@elexon.co.uk.

The deadline to respond to DECC's **Consultation on BSC Code Subsidiary Documents** is **23.45 on Wednesday 7 May 2014**. The consultation seeks views on the modifications to the BSC Code Subsidiary Documents and Configurable Items needed to implement EMR. You can find more details in our [EMR Circular 3](#) and the [consultation here](#).

Subscribe to EMR Circulars

If you'd like to subscribe to EMR Circulars, please email emr@elexon.co.uk stating your name and company details and what your interest in EMR is.

'Introducing ELEXON' Seminar feedback: 9 April 2014

Our 'Introducing ELEXON' Seminar on **Wednesday 9 April** was a great success. Some of the very positive feedback from our audience of the Big Six, smaller Suppliers and other attendees included:

'The delivery of all the presentations was good and it was clear that the presenters had an expert knowledge of their topics which made them easy to understand and listen to.'

'Excellent course which I will recommend to others.'

'While I have been in the industry for a number of years I still found the day very useful in providing more information and listening to people involved in areas outside my normal role. It was well organised and structured with good presentation material. Will recommend this seminar to colleagues.'

Our next seminar is on **Wednesday 25 June 2014** which you can register for [here](#).

For further information, or if you have any queries, please email events@elexon.co.uk.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

New Modification Proposal:

National Grid raised [P301: Replacement of National Consumer Council by Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland](#) on **Thursday 24 April 2014**.

Live Consultations:

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[2014 Review of Grid Supply Point \(GSP\) Group Correction Scaling Weights](#) - responses are due by **17.00** on **Friday 9 May 2014**.

[P298 'Consequential amendments to the BSC Modification process following the implementation of Third package and other miscellaneous changes' Report Phase Consultation](#) - responses are due by **17.00** by **Friday 9 May 2014**.

[Profiling and Settlement Review Consultation: April 2014](#) - responses are due by **17.00** on **Friday 9 May 2014**.

Next BSC Panel meeting: 8 May 2014

The next scheduled [BSC Panel meeting](#) is on **Thursday 8 May 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 **Wednesday 30 April 2014**.

If you would like to attend or have any queries, please email the [Panel Secretary](#) by **Tuesday 6 May 2014**.

Credit Assessment Load Factor appeal deadline: Thursday 1 May 2014

Credit Assessment Load Factor (CALF) values are available for the **Summer 2014** BSC Season, which runs from **1 June - 31 Aug 2014**. You can download these from the [Credit/Credit Alerting](#) section under the [Financial and Credit](#) menu on the [ELEXON Portal](#).

What can I do if I believe the assigned value does not accurately represent the expected Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit activity?

If you are the Lead Party of a non-Credit Qualifying BM Unit, you can appeal an assigned CALF value if you believe it does not accurately represent your expected activity.

To raise an appeal, please complete the CALF Appeals pro forma in **Appendix 5** of the [CALF Guidance document](#) and email it to bscservicedesk@cgi.com by **Thursday 1 May 2014**.

You can find more information on CALF appeals in **Section 12** of the [CALF Guidance document](#).

Where can I find further information?

For more information about CALF, please see the CALF Guidance document or email **James Townsend** at SettlementOperations@elexon.co.uk.

ELEXON Circular published last week

Since **Tuesday 22 April**, we have published one ELEXON Circular.

The Circular was for information and related to:

[EL02097](#): **BSC Central Systems and ELEXON Website Security Update**

The BSC Central Systems and ELEXON websites have not been impacted by the recently publicised [Heartbleed Bug](#).

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

Upcoming meetings and events

8 May - [BSC Panel](#)

14 May - [Joint European Standing Group](#)

15 May - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)



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