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RE: BSC Panel request the P408 Implementation Date is extended from 3 December 2020 to 2 February 2021

Dear Mr Singh,

The BSC Panel requests that the P408 'Simplifying the Output Usable Data Process' Implementation Date is extended from 3 December 2020 to 2 February 2021, in accordance with BSC Section F2.11.8.

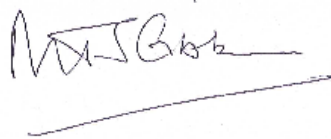
The National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) wrote to the BSC Panel on 7 October 2020 to ask that the P408 Implementation Date is moved to 2 February 2021 (see attachment 1). NETSO are requesting this extension as it is no longer confident in hitting the original delivery date due to delays with its IT development. Specifically the delay has been caused by "the unanticipated complexity of the project, internal competition for resources with other priorities and the impact of COVID-19 on working arrangements."

NETSO presented this request to the Panel at its meeting on 8 October 2020. At this meeting Elexon presented three options for it to manage the request, should it be approved. Elexon noted that all options would incur a cost and require integration testing with NETSO for its pre-go-live activities. Elexon noted that the option with the least impact for it was to proceed as currently planned.

However, Elexon advised it would build additional functionality, 'a switch,' into the P408 system solution to accommodate the NETSO request. This option would see the P408 system solution deployed on 3 December 2020, but would remain dormant until switched on with the implementation of the associated BSC document changes. This would minimise disruption to the Elexon delivery pipeline, avoid disruption to the Output Useable data on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) and not put ESO into non-compliance with the BSC.

It should be noted that in order to avoid both NGESO and Elexon delivery issues, both parties are proceeding on the basis of delivering on 2 February 2021. Given the imminent current scheduled delivery date for P408, the Panel kindly asks for a decision as soon as possible and no later than the 10 November 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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Michael Gibbons
BSC Panel Chair

Attachment A: ESO request to change the P408 implementation date