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RE: BSC Panel request the P408 Implementation Date is extended from 2 February 2021 to 18 March 2021

Dear Mr Singh,

The BSC Panel requests that the [P408](#) 'Simplifying the Output Usable Data Process' Implementation Date is extended from 2 February 2021 to 18 March 2021, in accordance with BSC Section F2.11.8.

The National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) wrote to the BSC Panel on 20 January 2021 to ask that the P408 Implementation Date is moved to 18 March 2021 (see attachment 1). NETSO are requesting this extension as it is no longer confident in hitting the delivery date due to delays with its IT development. Specifically the delay has been caused by delays with end to end testing and "too many data related issues" following testing of the more complex scenarios.



At the BSC Panel meeting on 14 January 2021 NETSO highlighted that this request may be needed, but was still assessing the risks and impacts. Given that the next scheduled Panel meeting is on 11 February 2021, after the current P408 Implementation Date, the Panel agreed, via email, to request the further P408 extension, noting its disappointment that a further delay was necessary and inviting the NETSO to provide a detailed update at the next scheduled Panel meeting on 11 February 2021.

We are confident that we can deploy P408 on 18 March 2021, with nominal costs. However, during end to end testing with NETSO a need for an additional communications link between our systems was identified. Initial assessment indicates it will cost approximately £10k.

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 18 March 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 1 February 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Gibbons
BSC Panel Chair

Attachment A: ESO request to change the P408 implementation date Jan 2020