

MINUTES

MEETING NAME Imbalance Settlement Group

Meeting number 224

Date of meeting Tuesday 17 December 2019

Venue ELEXON Offices

Classification Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	David Thomas	DaT	ISG Vice Chair
	Angus Fairbairn	AF	Technical Secretary
	Lisa Waters	LW	Panel Sponsor
	Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member
	Dennis Timmins	DeT	ISG Member
	Walter Hood	WH	ISG Member
	Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member
	Andrew Colley	AC	ISG Member (via Teleconference)
	Graeme Neale	GN	ISG Member (via Teleconference)
Mike Smith	MS	ELEXON	

Apologies	Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair
	Olaf Islei	OI	ISG Member
	Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member
	Peter Berry	PB	ISG Member

DECISION PAPERS

1. Metering dispensations D/498 and D/499 - AIKENGALL II and IIA – (ISG224/01)

- 1.1 Aikengall II Community Wind Company Ltd and Aikengall IIA Community Wind Company Ltd have applied for Metering Dispensations from Code of Practice (CoP) 1 for the location of Metering Equipment for the Aikengall II and Aikengall IIA wind farms (D/498 and D/499, respectively). The Actual Metering Points for the new CoP1 Metering Equipment for each wind farm will be 20m from the Defined Metering Point (the point of connection to the Transmission System). We invite the ISG to approve Metering Dispensations D/498 and D/499 on a lifetime basis.
- 1.2 An ISG Member enquired about the Review of Metering Dispensations (and Non-Standard BM Units). ELEXON stated the Review of Metering Dispensations (and Non-Standard BM Units) has been completed and it is contacting Registrants responsible for out-of-date Metering Dispensations to update them. Only one material issue was found on an Offshore wind farm and this did not meet the materiality threshold for a valid Trading Dispute. The Party responsible is in the process of applying for a Metering Dispensation not to meter its low voltage (LV) supplies Offshore (due to cost/lack of space), but account for estimated volumes.

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1.2.1 ELEXON noted that this particular wind farm was commissioned in 2010 and was transferred to an Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) in 2011 (and metered Offshore from that point), three years before ELEXON issued guidance on metering for Offshore wind farms (and their LV supplies) to counter the spate of related LV supply Metering Dispensations. The ISG Member questioned whether the Metering Dispensation process would change as a result of the Review. ELEXON confirmed it does not plan on changing the process at this time, but has drafted an Issue for metering Offshore and onshore LV substation supplies and this is with the Change Team. The Metering Team will also be monitoring the number of Central Volume Allocation (CVA) Metering Dispensations which utilise the difference metering principle to see if a generic Metering Dispensation like D/380 (for Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) CoP3 or 5 Metering Systems embedded in a private network) would help reduce the number of different metering applications that need ISG approval.

1.3 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/498 for Aikengall II Community wind farm on a lifetime basis; and
- b) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/499 for Aikengall IIa Community wind farm on a lifetime basis.

2. BSC Operations Headline Report

2.1 The BSC Operations Headline Report provides an overview of the operations of the BSC for October and November.

2.2 The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

3. Change Report

3.1 This report presents a comprehensive monthly overview of the changes in the BSC Change Process.

a. The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

4. SPAR Report

4.1 The System Prices Analysis Report (SPAR) provides a monthly update on price calculations. It is published by the ELEXON Market Analysis Team to the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG), and on the ELEXON Website ahead of the monthly ISG meeting.

4.2 An ISG member stated they found the new format an improvement, and that any changes to reporting that saved time were welcome.

4.3 The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Panel Update

5.1 The Panel Sponsor informed ISG on the Open Data Modification, which seeks to increase accessibility to data held by ELEXON and BSC Agents.

5.2 The Panel Sponsor informed the ISG on the results from ELEXON's annual customer survey.

5.3 The ISG discussed BSC Modification [P394 'Removal of Unused BSC Provisions'](#), which seeks to improve the efficiency of the BSC by removing redundant Sections after its approval at Panel Meeting 297.

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- 5.4 The Panel Sponsor updated the ISG on BSC Modification [P371 'Inclusion of non-BM Fast Reserve actions into the Imbalance Price calculation'](#), which is awaiting a decision from Ofgem.
- 5.5 The ISG discussed the impacts from BSC Modification [P375 'Metering behind the Boundary Point'](#) on both BSC Modification [P376 'Utilising a Baseline Methodology to set Physical Notifications'](#) and BSC Modification [P379 'Multiple Suppliers through Meter Splitting'](#).
- 5.6 Modification [P392 'Amending BSC Change Process for EBGL Article 18'](#) was discussed at Panel as SSE had written a letter to Ofgem expressing concern over the perceived lack of decision. Ofgem responded saying the decision was clear, the National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) agreed with Ofgem.
- 5.7 The Panel Sponsor informed the ISG on the raising of BSC Modification [P397 'Assessing the costs and benefits of adjusting Parties' Imbalances following a demand disconnection'](#) by the Panel. The Modification was raised after the demand disconnection on 9 August 2019, and was approved to go straight to 'Report Phase'. It is currently out for consultation until 8 January 2020.

6. Actions

- 6.1 There were no comments on the Actions.

7. Minutes from previous meeting

- 7.1 The ISG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

8. Areas of Other Business

- 8.1 An ISG Member questioned why there has been an increase in the number of Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service outages. ELEXON will gather information about the outages and feed this back to the ISG.

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