

# MINUTES

<b>MEETING NAME</b>	Imbalance Settlement Group
<b>Meeting number</b>	229
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Tuesday 5 May 2020
<b>Venue</b>	ELEXON Ltd. (via Teleconference)
<b>Classification</b>	Confidential

## ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

<b>Attendees</b>	Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair (via Teleconference)
	David Thomas	DaT	ISG Vice Chair (via Teleconference)
	Angus Fairbairn	AF	ISG Technical Secretary (via Teleconference)
	Peter Berry	PB	ISG Member (via Teleconference)
	Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member (via Teleconference)
	Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member (via Teleconference)
	Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member (via Teleconference)
	Dennis Timmins	DeT	ISG Member (via Teleconference)

<b>Apologies</b>	Lisa Waters	LW	ISG Panel Sponsor
	Olaf Islei	OI	ISG Member
	Andrew Colley	AC	ISG Member
	Jamie Webb	JW	ISG Member

## OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

### 1. New Generic SECALF Values – (229/01)

- 1.1 This paper proposes changes to generic Supplier Export Credit Assessment Load Factor (SECALF) values for use from the Autumn 2020 BSC Season onwards and changes to the way that these factors are calculated.
- 1.2 The ISG:
- NOTED** that ELEXON has completed the annual generic SECALF process;
  - NOTED** that ELEXON propose changes to the calculation of generic SECALF values from Autumn 2020 onwards
  - APPROVED** the proposed new set of generic SECALF values, for use from the Autumn 2020 BSC Season onwards; and
  - APPROVED** the red-lined changes to the CALF Guidance Document.

## OPEN SESSION - TABLED ITEMS

### 2. BSC Operations Headline Report

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2.1 The BSC Operations Headline Report provides an overview of the operations of the BSC for February and March.

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.

3.2 An ISG Member asked whether the Change Report will be highlighted where any Change has been delayed due to Covid-19. ELEXON took an Action to raise the matter with the Change Team.

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3.3 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 on the ELEXON Website ahead of the monthly ISG meeting.

4.2 The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

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## 5. Panel Update

5.1 ELEXON updated the BSC Panel on the measures that were being considered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- a) This included relaxations on Performance Assurance Techniques (PATs):
  - i) Suspension of Error and Failure Resolution (EFR);
  - ii) Suspension of Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) visits;
  - iii) Postponement of Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) checks;
  - iv) Delay to finalisation of BSC Audit;
  - v) Ongoing review of other PATs; and
  - vi) Suspension of Supplier Charges from March 2020 onwards.
- b) Holding an industry Workgroup on 1 April 2020 to identify Supplier areas that have been impacted. These included:
  - i) Use of inappropriate estimates in Settlement;
  - ii) Energy moved from pre-lockdown to post-lockdown days (or vice versa); and
  - iii) ELEXON are assessing and drafting guidance on potential solutions identified in the workgroup and aiming to issue guidance to industry on 3 April 2020.
- c) The actions taken to date:
  - i) Implementation of a change in working practice to enable more than two seasonal reductions in Demand Capacity (DC);

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- ii) Drafted a BSC Modification proposal to address certain obligations that ELEXON cannot meet due to lockdown; and
- iii) Investigated whether there would be value in seeking BSC Panel approval to increase the £500 threshold on invoices to ease the administrative burden on Parties, but ELEXON had determined there was little benefit from this.

5.2 In the Change Report, the BSC Panel received updates on:

- a) BSC Modification [P375](#) 'Metering behind the Boundary Point.
- b) BSC Modification [P395](#) 'Excluding generators from BM Unit Gross Demand and the calculation of EMR Supplier Charges'.
- c) BSC Modification [P398](#) 'Increasing access to BSC Data'.
- d) BSC Modification [P399](#) 'BSAD Identity Visibility'.
- e) BSC redlining for Ofgem's switching programme.

5.3 The Panel were also presented with reports for BSC Modifications:

- a) [P404](#) 'Moving the Self Assessment Document to a Category 3 BSC Configurable Item'.
- b) [P403](#) 'BSC TERRE Market Suspension Arrangements'.
- c) [P390](#): 'Allowing extensions to ELEXON's business and activities, subject to additional conditions'.
- d) [P392](#): 'Amending BSC Change Process for EBGL Article 18'

## 6. Actions

6.1 The ISG noted the update on 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 highlighted the errors in the Imbalance Prices reported on the [BM Reports](#) website. The issue is caused by issues with National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Trade data submissions. The Member expressed frustration over the recurrence of the issue and the resolution time for the issue. ELEXON took an Action to raise the ISG Member's concerns with the relevant team to push through a solution.

**ACTION 229/02**