

Minutes

Imbalance Settlement Group

Meeting number **236**

Venue **Elxon (via Teleconference)**

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Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair
Angus Fairbairn	AF	ISG Technical Secretary
Lisa Waters	LW	Panel Sponsor
Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member
Dennis Timmins	DT	ISG Member
Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member
Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member
Grahame Neale	GN	ISG Member
Robert Johnston	RJ	ISG Member

Apologies

Open Session – Decision Papers

1. **CP1539 ‘Inclusion of Low Carbon and Contracts Company (LCCC) as an Affected party for Metering Dispensations’ Progression’ – (ISG236/01)**
 - 1.1 This document provides information on new Change Proposal (CP) CP1539 and outlines our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch.
 - 1.2 An ISG Member questioned the knowledge of metering within the LCCC and whether they would be using a third party within the new arrangements. Elxon stated the role of the LCCC was to facilitate dialogue within metering dispensations.
 - 1.3 The ISG:
 - a) **NOTED** that CP1539 has been raised;

- b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1538; and
- c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation

2. CP1538 'Correct Specification of Trans European Replacement Reserves Exchange (TERRE) Tibco messages in the IDD Part 1 document' – (ISG236/02)

- 2.1 This document provides information on new Change Proposal (CP) CP1538 and outlines our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch.
- 2.2 The ISG:
 - a) **NOTED** that CP1538 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression

3. Continuous Acceptance Duration Limit (CADL) review – (ISG236/03)

- 3.1 The Continuous Acceptance Duration Limit (CADL) is a pricing parameter used to identify short duration Bid- Offer Acceptances (BOAs). These are likely to be associated with system balancing actions, and may be repriced in the Imbalance Price calculation. The CADL was 15 minutes since its introduction in 2001 until it changed to 10 minutes effective from 1 April 2019.
- 3.2 This review covers the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020, using analysis provided by National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO). Considering the volume of Fast Reserve correctly flagged, and the volume of Non-Fast Reserve incorrectly flagged, by the current 10-minute CADL and comparing these to what would otherwise be the case, it is our view that the analysis suggests that the current 10-minute CADL remains suitable.
- 3.3 The Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) is invited to note the analysis and agree that Elexon will conduct the next scheduled review in two years' time.
- 3.4 An ISG Member noted that a new flag to identify Fast Reserve products may be beneficial.
- 3.5 The ISG:
 - a) **NOTED** the analysis presented in this paper;
 - b) **RECOMMENDED** to the BSC Panel that no change is made to the CADL; and
 - c) **AGREED** that Elexon conduct the next scheduled review in two years' time.

4. De Minimis Acceptance Threshold (DMAT) Review – (ISG236/04)

- 4.1 The De Minimis Acceptance Threshold (DMAT) is a pricing parameter used to identify and remove balancing actions with a volume smaller than a set value from the Energy Imbalance Price calculation. DMAT is set to 0.1MWh and is reviewed from time to time in accordance with the BSC.
- 4.2 This review suggests that the current value, 0.1MWh, should not be changed. The Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) is invited to note the content of the analysis and agree that Elexon will conduct the next scheduled review in two years' time.
- 4.3 An ISG Member questioned whether the new TERRE Volumes in settlement would affect the DMAT parameter. The ISG and Elexon stated the TERRE volumes are aggregated during each Settlement Period and, therefore, there combined volume would be unlikely to impact or be impacted by the DMAT parameter.
- 4.4 The ISG:
 - a) **NOTED** the analysis presented in this paper;
 - b) **RECOMMENDED** to the BSC Panel that no change is made to the DMAT; and
 - c) **AGREED** that Elexon conduct the next scheduled review in two years' time..

5. Metering Dispensation D/509 – Whitelee 1 BESS – (ISG236/05)

- 5.1 Following ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/509), against Code of Practice 1, for the location of the Metering Equipment associated with its Whitelee 1 Battery

Energy Storage System (BESS). The Whitelee 1 BESS Metering Equipment will be to CoP2 standards and located below the Defined Metering Point, and the Whitelee 1 wind farm Metering Equipment, which are both at the point of connection to the Transmission System. We invite the ISG to approve D/509 on a lifetime basis.

5.2 The ISG

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/509, for Whitelee 1 Battery Energy Storage System, on a lifetime basis.

6. Metering Dispensation D/511 – Wylfa GSP (Caergeiliog DT2) – (ISG236/06)

6.1 SP Manweb plc has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/511), against Code of Practice 2, for the location of the Metering Equipment associated with its Caergeiliog 132/33kV Grid Transformer (GT) 2 circuit. The circuit is fed from the Wylfa 400/132kV substation via 18km of 132kV Transmission System overhead line, at which point it tees off. The Defined Metering Point (DMP) is at the Caergeiliog GT2 circuit connection to the overhead line at a Transmission System tower (EV79). The Actual Metering Point will be located 1.4km away from the DMP, on the lower voltage (LV) side of SP Manweb plc's 132/33kV GT2. SP Manweb plc proposes to compensate the Meters for power transformer and cable/line losses to the DMP. We invite the ISG to approve D/511 on a lifetime basis.

6.2 An ISG Member proposed waiting until the Electrical Loss Validation Agent (ELVA) had confirmed compensations applied to the metering systems before approving the Metering Dispensation. Elexon attached a condition to the approval proposing an update on the Dispensation after 12 months.

6.3 The ISG also voiced frustrations with Parties filing applications for Metering Dispersations late and with disregard for rules set out in the Codes of Practice (CoPs).

6.4 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/511, for the Metering Equipment for the Caergeiliog GT2 circuit, on a temporary basis for 12 months on the condition that:

- i The Electrical Loss Validation Agent validates the compensation factors to be programmed into the Meter have been approved by the ELVA; and
- ii Prior to the expiry of the Metering Dispensation the Applicant provides justification as to why the Metering Equipment is to remain located at the Caergeiliog 132/33kV substation at 33kV or install Metering Equipment at 132kV and apply for a new Metering Dispensation.

- b) **NOTED** that Elexon is looking into ways in which it can manage Metering Dispensation applications better so that they are applied for earlier and designs can be changed to make the Metering System compliant, or more compliant, prior to energisation.

7. Metering Dispensation D/512 - Willington GSP – (ISG236/07)

7.1 Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc (WPD) has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/512), against Code of Practice 1, for the use of existing Metering Equipment associated at its Willington Grid Supply Point (GSP). D/512 replaces an existing Metering Dispensation (D/083). We invite the ISG to approve D/512 on a lifetime basis and note that, if the ISG approves D/512, Elexon will remind WPD to withdraw the existing Metering Dispensation, D/083.

7.1.1 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/512, for Willington GSP, on a lifetime basis; and
- b) **NOTED** that, if the ISG approves D/512, Elexon will remind Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc to withdraw the existing Metering Dispensation, D/083.

Open Session – Tabled Items

8. BSC Operations Headline Report

8.1 The BSC Operations Headline Report provides an overview of the operations of the BSC for September and October.

8.2 The ISG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

9. Change Report

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

9.2 The ISG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

10. System Price Analysis Report

10.1 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.

10.2 The ISG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

Open Session – Other Business

11. Panel Update

11.1 The Panel Sponsor updated the ISG on access to the LIBRA platform associated with TERRE and MARI projects.

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12. Actions

12.1 The ISG noted the update on Actions.

13. Minutes from previous meeting

1.1 The ISG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

14. Areas of Other Business

14.1 An ISG Member encouraged Elexon to be more consistent in Committee processes. Elexon informed the ISG that Elexon Committees would be meeting on this topic in the near future.