

Minutes

ISG (Imbalance Settlement Group)

Meeting number **242**

Venue **Elexon/Teams**

Date of meeting **1 June 2021, 14.00**

Classification **Confidential**

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair
Angus Fairbairn	AF	ISG Technical Secretary
George Crabtree	GC	Elexon Presenter
Jason Jackson	JJ	Elexon Speaker
Michael Taylor	MT	Elexon Speaker
Lisa Waters	LW	Panel Sponsor
Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member
Robert Johnston	RJ	ISG Member
Grahame Neale	GN	ISG Member
Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member
Olaf Islei	OI	ISG Member
Dennis Timmins	DT	ISG Member
Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member

Apologies

Oliver Zhe Xing	OZX	ISG Member
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1. CP Progression Paper - 'Category A BSC Signatory or Company Director sign-off required for any EFR plan following escalation'(ISG242/01)

- 1.1 This document provided information on new Change Proposal (CP) and outlined 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 The CP will amend [BSCP538 'Error and Failure Resolution'](#) to require sign off of the revised Error and Failure Resolution (EFR) plan by a Category A BSC Signatory or Company Director within the escalated PAP prior to the updated EFR plan being approved by the BSCCo.
- 1.3 An ISG Member questioned the distinction between company Directors and Category A Signatories. The Member stated the sign off of an EFR Plan should be from person at Director level. The Panel Sponsor stated Category A Signatories should be Director level otherwise the company is subjecting themselves to unnecessary risk. If Category A Signatories are all Director level, no distinction is needed in the CP. Elexon took an action to add a question to the consultation to confirm Category A Signatories are Director level.

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- 1.4 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP;
 - b) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and
 - c) **NOTED** that the CP was **APPROVED** by the:
 - PAB on 27 May 2021; and
 - SVG on 1 June 2021.

2. CP Progression Paper – 'Introducing Technical Assurance of Metering (TAM) Central Volume Allocation (CVA) Specific Sample audits' (ISG242/02)

- 2.1 This document provided information on a new Change Proposal (CP) and outlined 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 Elexon is currently only able to conduct Specific Sample Audits on Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) sites, which limits our ability to assure the integrity of Settlement across Central Volume Allocation (CVA) sites.
- 2.3 The Technical Assurance of Metering (TAM) Performance Assurance Technique (PAT) monitors compliance of Metering Systems against requirements in the BSC and its subsidiary documents. The Performance Assurance Board (PAB) have the option to request a Specific Sample through the TAM, which focuses on an area of perceived risk to Settlement. However, we are currently only able to undertake a Specific Sample on SVA Metering Systems, which limits our ability to provide targeted Assurance on CVA Metering Systems.
- 2.4 An ISG Member asked what the current workaround for auditing CVA sites was and why is that not sufficient. Elexon said the workaround is using targeted visits to sites with suspected settlement error and that placed a greater administrative burden on Elexon. Elexon aims to increase CVA assurance for CVA metering and targeted site visits is no longer fit for purpose.
- 2.5 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP;
 - b) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and
 - c) **NOTED** that the CP was **APPROVED** by the SVG on 1 June 2021.

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3. Change Report

- 3.1 This report presents a comprehensive monthly overview of the changes in the BSC Change Process.
- 3.2 The ISG:
 - a) **NOTED** the report.

4. System Price Analysis 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.

Other Business

5. Panel Update

- 5.1 Ofgem presented on the work for [Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement](#).
- 5.2 [BSC Modification P332 'Revisions to the Supplier Hub Principle'](#) was deferred.
- 5.3 [BSC Modification P395 'Aligning BSC Reporting with EMR Regulations - an enduring solution'](#) was deferred.
- 5.4 [BSC Modification P399 'BSAD Identity Visibility'](#) was approved for implementation in November 2021.
- 5.5 The Panel asked Ofgem for an update on [BSC Modification P402 'Enabling reform of residual network charging as directed by the Targeted Charging Review'](#), but there is no update yet.
- 5.6 Elexon carried out some analysis on the impact of COVID-19 on BSC Modifications. The analysis showed there were very few BSC Modification that experienced extensions because of the prioritisation exercise.
- 5.7 [BSC Modification P416 'Introducing a route of appeal for the Annual Budget in line with the proposals for the Retail Energy Code'](#) was voted against by the Panel.
- 5.8 [BSC Modification P419 'Enhanced Reporting of Demand Data to the NETSO to facilitate BSUoS Reform'](#) has gone for assessment.
- 5.9 [BSC Modification P420 'Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review'](#) will be implemented in September 2021.
- 5.10 Ofgem has a new website.

6. Actions

- 6.1 The ISG noted the update 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 a generation report on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) which had been showing only zero values. Elexon took an action to check the report data and assess its validity.

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