

Minutes

ISG (Imbalance Settlement Group)

Meeting number **248**

Venue

Teams

Date of meeting **7 December 2021, 13.00**

Classification

Public

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair
Jenny Sarsfield	JS	ISG Technical Secretary
Christopher Day	CD	Elexon Presenter
Stanley Dikeocha	SD	Elexon Presenter
Aylin Ocak	AO	Elexon Presenter
Mike Smith	MS	Elexon Presenter
Katie Wilkinson	KW	Elexon Presenter
Lisa Waters	LW	Panel Sponsor
Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member
Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member
Robert Johnston	RJ	ISG Member
Grahame Neale	GN	ISG Member
Dennis Timmins	DT	ISG Member

Apologies

Olaf Islei	OI	ISG Member
Keren Kelly	KK	ISG Member
Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member
Oliver Zhe Xing	OZX	ISG Member

1. Extension to Non-Standard BM Unit Application for West Burton B Battery Modules (ISG248/04)

- 1.1 At the ISG meeting on 26 September 2017, EDF Energy (West Burton Power) Ltd applied for two non-standard BM Units for two battery modules associated with West Burton B Power Station battery storage project. The ISG approved two non-standard BM Units, one for each of the West Burton B battery modules on a temporary basis, expiring 31 December 2021. EDF Energy (West Burton Power) Ltd are making an application to extend the current non-standard BM Unit arrangement until 08 February 2022.
- 1.2 The ISG :
- a) **APPROVED** the extension to the two non-standard BM Units for West Burton B Battery until 8 February 2022.

2. Metering Dispensations D/529 and D/530 – Goosehall PV and Burwell BESS (ISG248/01)

- 2.1 EDF Energy Customers Limited has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/529) from Code of Practice (CoP) 2. This is for the location of new Metering Equipment related to the existing 35MW Goosehall PV site.
- 2.2 Erova Energy Limited has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/530) from CoP2. This is for the location, and standards (to CoP3), of new Metering Equipment related to a new 5MW BESS (Burwell) to be connected into the Goosehall PV site. The new BESS will share the same Defined Metering Point (point of connection to the Distribution System) as the Goosehall PV site.
- 2.3 The ISG :
- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/529 from CoP2, for the location of the Metering Equipment associated with Goosehall PV, on a lifetime basis; and
- b) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/530 from CoP2, for the location, and standards (CoP3), of the Metering Equipment associated with Burwell BESS, on a lifetime basis.

3. Extension to Metering Dispensation D/523 – Aikengall II (ISG248/05)

- 3.1 In December 2019, the ISG (224/01) approved two lifetime Metering Dispensations (D/498 and D/499) from Code of Practice (CoP) 1 for the location of the Metering Equipment associated with the Aikengall II and Aikengall IIa Wind Farms (WFs). The Actual Metering Points (AMPs) for both WFs are to be 20m below the Defined Metering Point (DMP) and metered to CoP1 standards. Due to a fault identified with one set of current transformers (CTs) at the new AMP for the Aikengall II WF, the Registrant of the Aikengall II WF Metering System (Aikengall II Community Wind Company Ltd) has connected the main and check Meters to the same set of working CTs so it can continue generating. This is non-compliant with CoP1 under the approved Metering Dispensation (D/498), but does comply with, and exceeds, the minimum requirements of CoP2 (apart from location).
- 3.2 In August 2021 the ISG approved a temporary Metering Dispensation (D/523), from CoP1, to meter to CoP2 standards at the AMP, for a period of six months. This is until the Registrant can replace the faulty CTs and achieve CoP1 compliance, at the new AMP, under D/498.
- 3.3 Due to issues with carrying out the work of replacing the CTs over the winter period, the Registrant has applied for an extension to Metering Dispensation D/523 to continue to meter to CoP2 standards until September 2022.
- 3.4 An ISG Member commented that, while they understood the reasons for the extension request, it should be made clear to the Applicant that the work must be completed by the new deadline as the Party would not be able to continue requesting extensions. Elexon stated that this would be made clear in the response.
- 3.5 The ISG:
- a) **APPROVED** an extension to Metering Dispensation D/523, for the Aikengall II Wind Farm Metering System, until 30 September 2022.

4. CP1551 'Updates to BSCP601 to reflect updates to the Measuring Instruments Regulations' (ISG248/06)

- 4.1 The Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1551 was presented for the ISG to consider the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to

approve CP1551. This CP proposes to amend the definition of Type Approval in BSCP601 to clarify to industry the requirements for new Meters being manufactured.

4.2 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** the further housekeeping changes to BSCP601 made following the CP1551 consultation;
- b) **APPROVED** CP1551 for implementation on 24 February 2022 as part of the standard February 2022 Release; and
- c) **NOTED** that CP1551 was presented for decision to the:
 - SVG on 7 December 2021.

5. CP1550 'Updates to monitoring of voltage failure alarms requirements' (ISG248/07)

- 5.1 The Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1550 was presented for the ISG to consider the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1550.
- 5.2 This CP proposes to make changes to Section 5.1.3 of CoPs 1 and 2 to clarify when a phase failure alarm should be flagged and remove the obsolete requirement. This includes clarifying that a phase failure alarm should be flagged if one phase, a combination of phases, or all phases go down and should not be combined with any other conditions (e.g. no current).
- 5.3 Removing the obligation, which requires a phase failure alarm to be flagged in a manned location, will ensure that all phase failures are reported, via the Outstation, for the CDCA, or HHDC, to see and immediately alert the Registrant and Meter Operator Agent (MOA).
- 5.4 An ISG Member noted that the post-consultation amendments to the BSCP included a clarification in a footnote, and commented that they were uncomfortable with the use of footnotes. They believed that it is better to include clarifications within the body of the text, as footnotes can be misinterpreted. Elexon responded that they understand the concern and in general are working to ensure footnotes are clear. It was suggested that the use of footnotes could be considered during [Issue 93](#), where the Workgroup will be reviewing the BSC metering Codes of Practice.
- 5.5 The ISG:
 - a) **AGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for CoPs 1 and 2 for CP1550 made following the CP Consultation;
 - b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to CoPs 1 and 2 for CP1550; and
 - c) **APPROVED** CP1550 for implementation on 30 June 2022 as part of the standard June 2022 BSC Release.

OPEN SESSION - Information Papers

6. Adding P-flows and a testing process to the Virtual Lead Party (VLP) Market Entry Process (ISG248/08)

- 6.1 This document provided information on a new Change Proposal and outlines our proposed progression timetable for this change. This Change Proposal seeks to update BSCP70 and the Communication Requirements Document (CRD) to include a clear process that enables VLPs to request the use of the QTS to test P-flows. It will also adapt BSCP70 to contain a list of P-flows.
- 6.2 An ISG Member questioned if there was a possibility that newly qualifying VLPs confirm that they can support the P-flows. Elexon agreed to relay this question to the team managing the process.
- 6.3 The ISG :
 - a) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP;
 - b) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation;
 - c) **NOTED** that the CP was also presented to:
 - the SVG on 7 December 2021.

OPEN SESSION - Tabled Items

7. Change Report

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

8. System Price Analysis Report

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

Other Business

9. Actions

- 9.1 The ISG noted the update on the Actions.

10. Panel Update

- 10.1 [BSC Modification P421 'Align BSC with Grid Code for TERRE Market Suspension'](#) is still with Ofgem for decision.
- 10.2 [BSC Modification P416 'Introducing a route of appeal for the Annual Budget in line with the proposals for the Retail Energy Code'](#) was rejected by Ofgem.
- 10.3 [BSC Modification P428 'Correction to P376 Legal Text'](#) was raised by the Panel and sent directly to the Report Phase as a Self-Governance Modification.
- 10.4 [BSC Modification P429 'Switching off Participant-Reported PARMS Serials'](#) was raised by the Panel and sent directly to the Report Phase.
- 10.5 [BSC Modification P332 'Revisions to the Supplier Hub Principle'](#) was recommended for approval by the Panel and sent to Ofgem. The Modification has undergone significant changes since it was first raised.
- 10.6 [Issue 92 'Reserve Scarcity Pricing Review'](#) was concluded and identified no BSC or NGESO changes required.
- 10.7 [Issue 94 'Assessing barriers to entry to the Balancing Mechanism for sub 1MW providers and decimal bids'](#) was concluded and identified no BSC changes required. It was mentioned to NGESO that there are ongoing issues with the processes that mean joining the BM was a long and onerous task for plant larger than 1MW.
- 10.8 The Panel approved a revision of the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement implementation monthly charge.
- 10.9 [Market Index Definition Statement \(MIDS\) Review 2021](#) was discussed and the Panel agreed that no changes were required.
- 10.10 The Panel agreed to ask Ofgem to extend the tenure of the Chair by three months to provide consistency while a new Elexon CEO is recruited.
- 10.11 It was reported that the Kinnect platform was still on track for delivery.
- 10.12 NGESO reported that the informal C16 consultation was to be issued in November and that the next Markets Forum would be held shortly, with information available online.
- 10.13 Ofgem are reviewing the Code Administrators performance survey results.
- 10.14 The Panel reviewed the [BSC Section N](#) shortfall provisions and requested that Elexon inform Parties about these processes.

11. Minutes from previous meeting

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

12. Areas of Other Business

- 12.1 An ISG Member raised the issues being experienced with processing SAA Settlement Report files. They noted that Elexon have issued several circulars regarding the problems, but these have not sufficiently explained the problems. Further explanation of the cause and what is being done to rectify it may be required.
- 12.2 An ISG Member proposed that Elexon issue an update to industry explaining the issues and what will be done to improve performance going forwards.

Action 248/01

- 12.3 An ISG Member proposed that Elexon OSMs provide ongoing updates to Parties during their regular contact.

Action 248/02