
Headline Report

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Synopsis **This report sets out the headlines and key decisions taken at the September 2022 meeting of the Imbalance Settlement Group.**

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1. Housekeeping amendments to BSCP65 and BSCP70 to include reference to 'Asset Metering Virtual Lead Party' (ISG257/01)

1.1 This document provided information on a new Change Proposal (CP), detailing the issue and proposed solution. Please note that this CP was not issued for industry consultation as it is a Housekeeping CP. The proposed solution for this CP is to amend BSCP65 and BSCP70 to include references to 'Asset Metering Virtual Lead Party' and 'AMVLP' alongside references to 'Virtual Lead Party' and 'VLP'

1.2 The ISG:

- a) **AGREED** that this CP is a Housekeeping CP as defined in BSCP40;
- b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP65 and BSCP70 for this CP;
- c) **APPROVED** this CP for implementation on 3 November 2022 as part of the standard November 2022 Release; and
- d) **NOTED** that this CP was also presented for decision to the:
 - SVG on 6 September 2022.

2. Metering Dispensation – D/523 Aikengall II WF – Further Extension (ISG257/02)

2.1 Aikengall II Community Wind Farm Ltd (Aikengall II WF) has applied for a further extension to its temporary Metering Dispensation, from Code of Practice (CoP) 1, to meter to CoP2 standards. D/523 is due to expire on 30 September 2022. A faulty current transformer (CT) was due to be replaced in late June 2022 however, Scottish Power Transmission has informed Aikengall II WF of a requirement for a significant 5-day outage in 2023, for five-year maintenance of the Super Grid Transformer that feeds Aikengall II and IIa. Aikengall II WF has decided to postpone its CT replacement outage until summer 2023, to take advantage of being able to carry out these two outages concurrently, which it believes to be in the best interests of electricity consumers. Elexon invited the ISG to approve a further extension to Metering Dispensation D/523 until 30 September 2023.

2.2 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** a further extension to Metering Dispensation D/523, for the Aikengall II Wind Farm Metering System, until 30 September 2023.

3. Metering Dispensation – D551 Sellindge Bipole 1 AC Metering (ISG257/04)

3.1 National Grid Interconnectors Limited (NGIL) has applied for a lifetime, site specific Metering Dispensation (D/551) from CoP1. This is for the location of the new alternating current (AC) measurement transformers it proposes to use for the new Bipole 1 Settlement Metering System, for the Anglo French Interconnector (IFA), at Sellindge. They are located 260m from the Defined Metering Point (DMP). The new AC Metering System will replace the existing direct current (DC) Metering Sub-System on Bipole 1, which was destroyed in a fire.

Bipole 2 will continue to use the existing DC Metering System (MSID 1026) until it is replaced with an AC Metering System in October 2023. Elexon invited the ISG to approve Metering Dispensation D/551, on a lifetime basis.

3.2 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/551, from CoP1, on a lifetime basis, for the location of the alternating current (AC) measurement transformers to be used for the new Bipole 1 Metering System, for the Anglo French Interconnector (IFA), at Sellindge.

4. **CP1566 ‘Introducing the CVA Commissioning End to End Check (CEEC) (ISG257/05)**

4.1 This document is the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1566 and contains the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation. The proposed CP1566 solution is to formalise the Commissioning End to End Check process in the relevant Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs).

4.2 The ISG:

- a) **AGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP02 and BSCP20 for CP1566 made following the CP Consultation subject to the condition that, in BSCP02, the number of attempts before escalation to Elexon is reduced from two to one;
- b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP02, BSCP20, BSCP38, CoP4 and the CDCA Service Description for CP1566 subject to the condition that, in BSCP02, the number of attempts before escalation to Elexon is reduced from two to one; and
- c) **APPROVED** CP1566 for implementation on 3 November 2022 as part of the standard November 2022 Release subject to the condition that it is presented to the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) and they have no objections to the solution.

5. **LLF Methodology Audit Report (ISG257/06)**

5.1 Elexon reviewed the Line Loss Factor (LLF) methodology statements submitted by Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs), in accordance with BSCP128. All methodologies are subject to approval by the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG). Elexon will publish the approved LLF methodology statements on the Elexon Portal.

5.2 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** the Host and Embedded LDSO methodologies;
- b) **NOTED** that all Embedded LDSOs intend to Mirror Host LDSO Generic LLFs; and
- c) **NOTED** that the LDSO methodologies will be presented to the SVG for approval at its 6 September 2022 meeting.

6. **MIDS Review 2022 (ISG257/09)**

6.1 The Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) is annually reviewed by the BSCCo, on behalf of the BSC Panel, to ensure that the Market Index Price (MIP) is providing a reasonable reflection of the price of wholesale electricity in the short term market. The review period covers 1 August to 31 July each year. This year the analysis is based on data from the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. The review consists of checking that parameters used in the MIP calculation defined in the MIDS (i.e. the Individual Liquidity Threshold (ILT), timeband weightings and product weightings) remain fit for purpose and through the parameters, checking the MIDS principles are being met (BSC Section T1.5.3). The purpose of the MIP is to reflect the price of wholesale electricity in Great Britain in the short term market, for delivery in respect of that Settlement Period.

6.2 The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** the analysis presented in this paper;
- b) **COMMENTED** on the analysis in this paper which we will present in our industry consultation; and
- c) **APPROVED** the consultation questions provided in Attachment A of this paper, suggest any additional questions.

7. Material Doubt Guidance Changes due to Missing ABSVD Submissions (ISG257/10)

7.1 National Grid ESO are failing to submit Applicable Balancing Services Volumes Data (ABSVD) files in a timely manner, impacting the accuracy of settlement and causing some parties' Credit Cover requirement to be artificially inflated. To limit the impact on parties whilst National Grid ESO return to timely submissions, aligned with the BSC, changes to the Material Doubt guidance need to be made in order to cover Parties if their credit position is impacted by missing ABSVD volumes. Elexon invited the ISG to approve the proposed changes to the Material Doubt guidelines.

7.2 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** the rewording of the Material Doubt Guidance to include references to missing ABSVD submissions as a valid reason for parties to claim Material Doubt.

8. Metering Dispensation – D/550 Ray BESS (ISG257/11)

8.1 Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/550) from Code of Practice (CoP) 2. The application relates to the location of the Metering Equipment associated with a proposed new 20MW Ray Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), adjacent to the existing Ray Wind Farm. A Metering Dispensation is required for the Ray BESS Metering System as the two assets will be traded and settled independently of each other. Elexon invited the ISG to approve Metering Dispensation D/550 on a lifetime basis.

8.2 The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/550, from CoP2, for the Ray BESS Metering Equipment, on a lifetime basis.

9. Metering Dispensation – D/548 Harestanes BESS (ISG257/12)

9.1 ScottishPower Renewables UK Ltd has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/548) from Code of Practice (CoP) 2. The application is for the location of the Metering Equipment for the new Harestanes Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The Harestanes BESS Metering Equipment will be located at the BESS incomer panels (BESS-I1 and BESS-I2), off the existing Harestanes WF Power Park Module busbars, and not at the Defined Metering Point (the point of connection to the Transmission System). Elexon invited the ISG to approve Metering Dispensation D/548 on a lifetime basis.

9.2 The ISG

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/548, from CoP2, for the Harestanes BESS Metering Equipment, on a lifetime basis.

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10. Approval of ISG Meeting Dates 2023 (ISG257/07)

10.1 Elexon invited the ISG members to note the proposed ISG meeting dates for 2023.

10.2 The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** the proposed ISG dates for 2023; and
- b) **NOTED** the dates will be published on the Elexon website.

11. Amendments to the IDD documentation to align with SAA migration (ISG257/08)

11.1 This document provided information on a new Change Proposal (CP) and outlined the proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch. The proposed solution for this CP is to amend the NETA Interface Definition and Design (IDD) documentation to reflect the future state of the interactions between the SAA System and the CRA and CDCA Systems.

11.2 The ISG:

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

12. Reference Network Mapping Statement for use in BSC Year 2023-24 (ISG257/13)

- 12.1 This paper presents the draft reference Network Mapping Statement (NMS) to the ISG for information. The NMS is used in the calculation and allocation of Transmission Loss Factors to BM Units. On 31 August 2022, the draft reference NMS was issued to BSC Parties for a 10 Working Day Consultation. At the October 2022 meeting, the ISG will be invited to approve the reference NMS, taking into account any amendments made following the Consultation.
- 12.2 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the Draft Reference Network Mapping Statement, and that it has gone to Industry for consultation
 - b) **NOTED** that the Reference Network Mapping Statement will be used in the Determination of Transmission Loss Factors, and
 - c) **NOTED** that Elexon will present the Reference Network Mapping Statement to the ISG for approval at its October 2022 meeting.