

PAB209/06 – P272 UPDATE

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Summary	This paper provides an update on the migration to Half Hourly (HH) Settlement of qualifying Profile Class (PC) 5-8 Metering Systems (MS), required by Modification P272 ¹ . It also outlines approaches for further monitoring of this migration.
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1. Migration Update

- 1.1 ELEXON has been continuing to monitor the migration of AMR MSs from PC 5-8. This has been done using the monthly ECOES extract data received.
- 1.2 The number of MSs remaining in PC 5-8 (with an AMR-type Meter fitted) as of the P272 Implementation Date (01 April 2017) was 21,405. In the update provided to the PAB in March 2018 (PAB206/12), we reported this number had reduced to 9,174 energised MSs with an AMR-type Meter fitted.
- 1.3 The latest ECOES data, a snapshot as of 01 June 2018, shows a total of 8,375 MSs that are energised, within PC 5-8 and have an AMR-type Meter fitted. As previously discussed with the PAB, this number represents the **maximum** number that is yet to be migrated under the P272 obligation; some of these will be MS with communications that have failed or that do not allow HH downloads, and so are not required to be migrated until the communications are fixed.

2. Quarterly Reporting

- 2.1 ELEXON has received the latest quarterly reporting from Suppliers, detailing their P272 migrations for Q1 2018. ELEXON had some follow up discussions with some of these Suppliers to get a further understanding of their progress and issues encountered.
- 2.2 The feedback indicates that the P272 Industry Day (held in February 2018) had helped provide some clarifications. It was noted that the Parties who attended the day seemed to be more co-operative than those who were not in attendance. Therefore, it was suggested that future events like this could be mandatory, or attendance at least strongly encouraged by ELEXON or the PAB.
- 2.3 As reported in the March P272 Update, no significant issues have been identified through comparing the Quarterly Reporting with ECOES data. As before, ELEXON has and will continue to support Suppliers and Supplier Agents in completing the migrations as quickly as possible, and highlighting to any Parties that are significantly behind the industry average migration rates.

¹ Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8

3. Continued P272 Monitoring and Reporting

- 3.1 The April 2018 Quarterly Report from Suppliers was the final one initially agreed by the PAB – completing one year after the initial P272 Implementation Date.
- 3.2 The PAB should therefore determine what, if any, further monitoring or reporting it deems necessary.
- 3.3 ELEXON has contacted Ofgem to discuss what it believes is required of both ELEXON and the PAB, however, due to staff changes within Ofgem, we have not been able to conclude this discussion as of the time of writing this paper. ELEXON will provide a verbal update at the PAB meeting. The possible options for the monitoring are outlined in the following paragraphs:

'As is' - continue with quarterly reporting

- 3.3.1 Ask Suppliers to continue to provide the Quarterly Reporting to ELEXON, and compare this with the ECOES extracts and report to the PAB. This option does place additional work on Suppliers and ELEXON to complete this.

'Ad hoc' monitoring

- 3.3.2 ELEXON to continue to monitor the migrations using the monthly ECOES extract, and contact Suppliers who do not show a level of progress in line with the rest of the Industry. This route would be less onerous on ELEXON and Suppliers than the first, but ensures that pressure can be applied if required. At any time, the PAB may decide to escalate a Party for the continued non-compliance.

'Do nothing more'

- 3.3.3 Acknowledge that the Industry is continuing to make progress at the best rate possible, and now finds itself having to deal with the 'difficult' remaining MSs. Over 90% of the original PC5-8 portfolio has migrated and therefore no further monitoring or reporting needs to be applied. This would require no further effort from Suppliers or ELEXON, but it may be an area to consider including in a future Performance Assurance Technique, such as the BSC Audit Scope.
- 3.4 Ofgem's view should also be taken into account, and therefore ELEXON will provide an update on this and an indication which option is preferred.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 We invite you to:
 - a) **NOTE** the contents of the paper;
 - b) **COMMENT** on the migration progress detailed in Section 1; and
 - c) **DETERMINE** which option should be taken for future monitoring of the P272 migration.

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