

Changes to the Qualification Processes

Performance Assurance Board (PAB)

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Summary	This paper outlines the changes that are being made to the Qualification processes post Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS).		

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Elexon recognises that the current Qualification processes will no longer be fit for purpose following the transition to the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Target Operating Model (TOM).
- 1.2 Therefore, Elexon has worked with the MHHS Performance Assurance Working Group (PAWG) to develop changes and new processes.
- 1.3 We have also considered feedback received from the PAB during previous Qualification, Re-Qualification and Surrender of Qualification applications.
- 1.4 This paper outlines the proposed changes to existing processes, as well as new processes that could be introduced.

2. Summary of proposed changes

- 2.1 One of the key issues is the Annual Statement Process; the PAB have previously expressed concern regarding the value and level of assurance this process brings.
- 2.2 The PAWG identified that the current Re-Qualification process could be a barrier in Parties making positive changes to a system or processes, due to the perceived effort in undertaking this process.
- 2.3 We have considered the above points, and further feedback from the PAWG, and identified necessary changes to the Balancing Settlement Code (BSC) and BSC Procedures (BSCP) documents to support these changes or new processes.
- 2.4 Attachment A outlines the changes to the following processes:
 - a) Changes to Qualification processes (for new applicants);
 - b) Changes to Re-Qualification process;
 - c) Removal of Annual Statement of Qualified Status;
 - d) Creation of Renewal of Qualification process; and
 - e) Changes to Surrender of Qualification process.

3. Timeline and next steps

- 3.1 We have identified that these changes and new processes will need to be effective at various points through the MHHS timeline. The Qualification Approach and Plan sets out when the enduring Qualification requirements will need be in place.
- 3.2 Following the PAB's agreement, we will distribute this document for industry review.
- 3.3 We will bring the PAB an update on any further changes that may need to be made to the document following these comments.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 We invite the PAB to:
 - a) **COMMENT** on the 'Changes to Qualification Process' document (Attachment A); and
 - b) **AGREE** on issuing the 'Changes to Qualification Process' for industry review.

Attachments

Attachment A – Changes to Qualification Processes

Attachment B – Initial draft of redline changes to BSCP537

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