# **HEADLINE REPORT**

MEETING NAME Imbalance Settlement Group

Meeting number 217

**Date of meeting** Tuesday 21 May 2019

**Purpose of Paper** Information

**Classification** Public

**Synopsis** This report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent ISG

meeting.

# **OPEN SESSION - DECISION PAPERS**

## 1. A New Generic SECALF Values – ISG217/01

- 1.1 This paper proposes changes to generic Supplier Export Credit Assessment Load Factor (SECALF) values for use from the Autumn 2019 BSC Season onwards.
- 1.2 An ISG Member questioned whether the increase in BM Units in this year's paper would increase the required credit to be lodged. ELEXON confirmed this is likely to increase the amount of credit to be lodged.
- 1.3 Another ISG Member sought clarification on the increase in the number and type of BM Units that have contributed to the increase. ELEXON stated the paper analysed high-level numbers with no details on individual BM Units. ELEXON agreed to further analysis to determine the reasons for the increase in BM Units.

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- 1.4 An ISG member questioned if the current SECALF process is still suitable given the increasing number of BM Units. ELEXON stated this was the first year where there was an increase in BM Units. ELEXON will further investigate the increase in next year's SECALF process.
- 1.5 The ISG:
  - a) NOTED that ELEXON has completed the annual generic SECALF process;
  - b) **APPROVED** the proposed new set of generic SECALF values for all seasons, for use from Autumn 2019 BSC Season onwards; and
  - c) **APPROVED** the red-lined changes to the CALF Guidance.

# 2. Metering Dispensation D/494 Greenhill Network Rail - ISG217/02

- 2.1 EDF Energy Customers Limited has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/494) against Code of Practice (CoP) 2 for the Metering Equipment associated with Network Rail's Greenhill Feeder Station. The measurement transformers are the incorrect accuracy class, the voltage transformers are connected to the busbars below the Defined Metering Point, and the voltage transformers also feed non-Settlement burdens (protection relays). Overall accuracy is maintained with CoP2 limits. We invite the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) to approve Metering Dispensation D/494 on a lifetime basis.
- 2.2 ELEXON stated the issue was isolated, and there were no other foreseen issues with Network Rail's metering.
- 2.3 An ISG Member questioned the varying load factors on the rail service at this particular location. Another ISG Member stated the metering equipment was located at a very active junction that is likely to have a train passing every 5 minutes during the day. During the night, it is expected there will be significantly less load.



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2.4 An ISG Member requested a Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) audit be undertaken at the site to ensure the non-compliances against CoP2 referenced in the Metering Dispensation cover all the issues with the installation. The ISG Member referred to the questions raised by a Metering Dispensation Review Group (MDRG) member, whether any further installations at other Network Rail sites will have the same non-compliance. ELEXON agreed to organise a TAA audit at the site and ask Network Rail to confirm if any other sites had been installed to the incorrect specification.

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- 2.5 An ISG Member questioned the cost of a TAA audit. The ISG Committee stated the costs were mainly predominantly associated with ensuring the MOP and a representative from Network Rail attending the site for the duration of the TAA audit (usually a few hours).
- 2.6 The ISG:
  - a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/494, for Greenhill Network Rail, on a lifetime basis, subject to the Meters being compensated for, as a minimum, voltage transformer errors and with the condition of the TAA audit taking place.

#### **OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS**

# 3. BSC Operations Headline Report

- 3.1 The BSC Operations Headline Report provides an overview of the operations of the BSC for March April 2019
- 3.2 The ISG:
  - b) **NOTED** the report.

### 4. Change Report

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

## 5. System Price Analysis Report (SPAR)

- 5.1 The System Prices Analysis Report (SPAR) provides a monthly update on price calculations. It is published by the ELEXON Market Analysis Team to the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG), and on the ELEXON Website ahead of the monthly ISG meeting.
- 5.2 The ISG:
  - d) **NOTED** the report.

