

ALIGNMENT OF THE CP1516 IMPLEMENTATION DATE WITH THE P384 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

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Summary	This paper proposes to align the CP1516 Implementation Date with the P384 Implementation Date, in order to minimise the impact on the industry.

1. Background

- 1.1 Approved Modification [P384](#) 'The publication of European Electricity Balancing Guideline ([EB GL](#)) balancing data by BMRS' was approved by the Panel as a self-governance Modification at its meeting on 11 April 2019 (Panel 289/09) with the Implementation Date 18 December 2018. This date aligns with the last possible date required by the EB GL.
- 1.2 Approved Change Proposal [CP1516](#) 'New Interconnector Fuel Type Categories: ElecLink & IFA2' was approved by the Panel at its meeting on 11 July 2019 (Panel 292/06) for implementation on 30 November 2019. This date was chosen to align with the expected go-live date for the new ElecLink Interconnector.
- 1.3 The only BSC system impact for both P384 and CP1516 is the Balancing and Reporting Mechanism (BMRS) system, although both changes also impact the ELEXON Portal.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 ELEXON proposes to align the CP1516 Implementation Date with the P384 Implementation Date.

3. Rationale for the P384 Implementation Date

- 3.1 The Implementation Date for P384 was set at 18 December 2019, which is two years after the EB GL came into force and the last day that the P384 requirements should be given effect. This date was chosen to give our Service Provider maximum flexibility, given that it was anticipated that the date specified in the "P344 Final Implementation Date Notice" would also be in December 2019.
- 3.2 ELEXON is not proposing to amend the current P384 Implementation Date.

4. Rationale for the current CP1516 Implementation Date

- 4.1 The Implementation Date for CP1516 was set at 30 November 2019, in order to ensure that data relating to the ElecLink interconnector could be submitted to BSC Systems as soon as the Interconnector had been energised.
- 4.2 Until very recently, ELEXON understood that the ElecLink Interconnector would be energised in December 2019 / January 2020, which meant that CP1516 needed to be implemented by the end of November 2019. ElecLink has now informed ELEXON that the ElecLink Interconnector will not be energised in December 2019.
- 4.3 As a result, it is no longer necessary to implement CP1516 in November 2019.

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5. Rationale for aligning CP1516 Implementation Date with P384 Implementation Date

- 5.1 Amending the CP1516 Implementation Date to 18 December 2019, and so aligning it with the P384 Implementation Date, would allow ELEXON to deliver BSC change more efficiently, and it would benefit the industry in two ways.
- 5.2 Firstly, ELEXON would be able to deploy the changes to the BMRS for P384 and CP1516 to the live environment at the same time, which would only require a single BSC Agent Downtime. This would reduce the total time that the BMRS was not fully available for use by BSC Parties and other interested parties.
- 5.3 Secondly, having separate Implementation Dates for P384 and CP1516 would require the delivery of two separate releases of BSC Configurable Items (CIs) and, as a consequence, two versions of the BSC Baseline Statement within three weeks of each other. Aligning the implementation dates would mean a reduced workload for BSC Parties to manage the changes to the BSC Baseline Statement, compared to managing two sets of changes to the BSC Baseline Statement.
- 5.4 While the change to the CP1516 Implementation Date would not adversely impact the ElecLink interconnector's ability to submit actual electricity volumes to the BSC, there is one adverse impact on ElecLink that should be taken into consideration.
- 5.5 ElecLink has informed ELEXON that the National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) advised them that ElecLink access to the NGESO's TOGA system is dependent on the implementation of CP1516. Discussions between ElecLink, National Grid and ELEXON have confirmed that a small delay to the CP1516 implementation (i.e. to a later date in December 2019) would not impact on the ElecLink go-live date, which is currently anticipated to be in the first half of 2020. ElecLink stated that the deferral of CP1516 Implementation Date would further delay their access to the National Grid TOGA system required for submission of outage information under Grid Code OC2.
- 5.6 However, for the avoidance of doubt, ElecLink stated that it does not object to the proposed change to the CP1516 Implementation Date.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 We invite you to:
 - a) **NOTE** the rationales for the implementation dates for P384 and CP1516;
 - b) **NOTE** the benefit from aligning the CP1516 Implementation Date with the P384 Implementation Date;
 - c) **NOTE** the adverse impact on ElecLink's ability to submit outage information under Grid Code OC2
 - d) **NOTE** that ElecLink is not objecting to the proposed change to the CP1516 Implementation Date; and
 - e) **AGREE** to change the CP1516 Implementation Date to 18 December 2019.

Appendices

None

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