

Post-Implementation Review of the BCB

BSC Panel

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Summary **This paper details the work undertaken by the BMRS Change Board since it was established in August 2019 and seeks confirmation by Panel that this is in line with the objectives of P372 and continues to be an effective and efficient way of governing BMRS change.**

1. Background

- 1.1 Modification Proposal [P372](#) '*Speeding up the approval process for the publication of BSC data on the BMRS*' was approved by the BSC Panel under Self-Governance and was implemented on 27 July 2019. As part of the solution, the Workgroup recommended a new approach to managing BMRS (Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service) Change Proposals (CPs). A new Panel Committee, a 'BMRS Change Board' (BCB), was established to control De Minimis BMRS CPs; the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) would control non De Minimis BMRS CPs.
- 1.2 The BCB meet once a quarter (subject to availability) and six meetings have taken place following Panel agreement to establish the BCB in August 2019.

2. BCB Structure

- 2.1 The BMRS Change Board currently consists of six members:

- Panel Sponsor, Tom Edwards (Cornwall-Insight)
- Phil Hewitt (Enapsys)
- David Graves (Quorumdev)
- Eli Treuherz (Arenko)
- Philip Russell
- Abbas Hussain (Frontier Economics)

3. Power, functions, responsibilities

- 3.1 The Terms of Reference set out original objectives for the BCB:
 - Considering changes, that relate to the reporting, publishing and collection of data and information for the BMRS
 - Providing guidance and insight on the long-term development and strategy of the BMRS
 - Reviewing and approving the requirements definition documents relating to the BMRS
 - Reviewing and approving changes to guidance documents that relate to the BMRS
- 3.2 On 3 February 2021, the Authority approved BSC Modification P398 'Increasing access to BSC Data' and an additional objective was included to under BCB's remit:

- Working to uphold the principles of Open Data in respect of the recommendations published by the Energy Data Task Force's 2019 Report

4. Review and impact

- 4.1 Since inception, the BCB has met six times. The list below is a summary of the work undertaken in that period:
- Defined the solution and validated requirements for BSC Modifications impacting reporting and BMRS such as P408 'Simplifying the Output Usable Data Process'
 - Raised and approved CPs such as CP1548 'Remove constraint requiring BMRS to publish data files in a specific CSV format and structure'
 - Provided guidance and reviewed Industry issue proposal form such as:
 - Issue 95 Assessing the continued use of TIBCO service as a source of data for market participants
 - Issue 98 Review of the current practice of setting Dynamic Parameters within the Balancing Mechanism
 - Reviewed Proof of Concept and roadmap for Elexon future systems
 - Reviewed the process for prioritising open data requests
- 4.2 Most recently, they have also provided guidance to Elexon's Analysis and Insight Product team on the impact of ongoing energy market volatility, specifically advising on areas where they would like to see more analysis and reporting.

5. Involvement with the Data and Reporting Group

- 5.1 In line with Elexon's core value of 'Customer First', in May 2021 a product group was created known as [Data and Reporting Group](#) (DRG), to help shape the future of [Kinnect Insights Solution](#) and migration of the BMRS. The DRG provides feedback, suggests new features, validates internal assumptions, drives guidance on design questions, and group members are early adopters after each release, actively testing the new solution.
- 5.2 The DRG now consists of 180+ users from across the industry, to ensure that the solution (and its usability) is fit to provide more comprehensive and easily accessible data.
- 5.3 All members of the BCB are active participants of the DRG and contributed to the delivery of the MVP (iteration 1.1) in October 2021 and iteration 1.2, currently in development.
- 5.4 As new iterations of the Kinnect Insight solution go live over next two years, engagement with the DRG will increase, reflecting Elexon's commitment to continuing to work with experts from the industry we serve to identify enhancements that will ensure the new Insights solution meets our customers' needs.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 While the original scope of the BCB was to manage and govern data and reporting changes relating to the BMRS, Elexon has sought BCB guidance on the development of the Insights Solution which will become the replacement application for BMRS and will eventually be fulfilling the BMRA obligations under the BSC. As such, the overall strategy for the BCB has now been superseded by the Kinnect Programme. Elexon did not specifically produce a BMRS strategy as part of an annual report, rather this was included in the Business Plan under Kinnect,
- 6.2 Besides the BSC changes that were in-flight when BCB was created, in the last year there have been no additional BSC changes impacting BMRS directly and an assessment of the benefit of BCB against the original objective could not be fully tested. However, Elexon has used the opportunity to consult the BCB for its expertise and guidance to drive forward data initiatives. The BCB meetings are run flexibly and efficiently without the overheads and administrative burden associated with running traditional committee meetings.
- 6.3 The unprecedented take-up and engagement with DRG demonstrate the value of BMRS and Elexon data to our customers, who have continued to provide feedback on data opportunities as well as technology capabilities for data access. Elexon has continued to include these as part of the iterative development and in some cases this feedback will result in changes to BSC. Elexon believes it is important that the BCB helps shape and govern the evolution of data initiatives on behalf of the BSC Panel.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 We invite the Panel to:

- a) **AGREE** that the BCB continues to meet the objectives as set out in P372 and Panel paper 293/12 dated 8 Aug 2019;
- b) **NOTE** our intention to continue to work with the BCB as outlined in section 3 of the paper; and
- c) **NOTE** the relationship between the Data Reporting Group and the BMRS Change Board.

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