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Dear Network Strategy Team,

WPD Signposting System Needs Consultation – ELEXON Response

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the questions posed in the above consultation document relating to WPD's approach to signposting the needs of your network to potential solution/service providers.

As you are aware, ELEXON (as 'BSCCo') is the Code Administrator for the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). We are responsible for managing and delivering the end-to-end services set out in the BSC, for which we provide Code Manager, Delivery Body and Policy Delivery support. In addition, through our subsidiary, EMR Settlements Ltd, we are the EMR Settlement Services Provider, acting as Settlement Agent for the Contract for Difference and Capacity Market.

We would like to highlight the importance of a consistent nationwide approach to Distribution System Operation (DSO). This approach will help maximise the services solution providers can offer DSOs, as they can provide services in multiple distribution regions. It will also help the developers of products which can be installed nationwide. Therefore, any signposting by WPD should be consistent with signposting employed by other Distribution Networks.

We would also like to emphasise the significant benefit of using one national information service. We can draw to your attention to the success of our Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) for informing industry, which provides high quality data on system operation and is continuing to grow in popularity.

The views expressed in this response are those of ELEXON Ltd alone, and do not seek to represent those of the BSC Panel or Parties to the BSC.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of our response, please don't hesitate to contact me at Peter.Frampton@elexon.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Frampton
Design Authority

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Question	Response
Question 10: Would it be desirable to have the system requirements for multiple compatible services simplified into regional system requirements?	Many Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) are already embedded within the distribution network, and will either be located to provide a service or not. But many other potential DERs will have options on where to install and will not necessarily be restricted to one region. Others will already have a portfolio of resources across multiple distribution networks. Therefore we believe that there is value in taking a consistent approach both within a region and across regions, coordinated via the Energy Networks Association's Open Networks project.

Further, we believe there is value in a 'one-stop shop' solution for system requirements and market information across GB, making it easy for potential DER to access GB-wide information. Our Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) provides a single point of access for a range of market data and continues to grow in popularity, with over 1 million data requests per day. |