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Planned infrastructure maintenance on BSC Central Systems: Saturday 18 July

What is happening?

There will be a period of planned downtime on the BSC Central Systems applications from **08:57 (BST) to 21:15 (BST) on Saturday 18 July 2020**. This outage is required for infrastructure maintenance on the BSC Central Systems applications including the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS), Energy Contract Volume Aggregation Agent (ECVAA), Settlement Administration Agent (SAA), Central Data Collection Agent (CDCA) and Central Registration Agent (CRA). Additionally, the Elxon Portal will also not be accessible.

How will I be impacted?

BMRS

During the period of planned downtime, the BMRS website will not publish data via the website, the API, Data Push services and European Transparency Regulation (ETR) data will not be sent to ENTSO-E Transparency Platform. In addition, users of the TIBCO service will not receive any TIBCO messages via their High Grade Communications Lines.

Portal

During the period of planned downtime, the Elxon Portal login and Portal POST API interface (<https://www.elxonportal.co.uk/postremit>) will be disabled, and therefore services from the Elxon Portal will not be available. Please therefore ensure that you submit any REMIT data outside of the downtime window.

ECVAA

The ECVAA application and ECVAA Web Service (EWS) will be impacted by the outage and in accordance with the procedures, common submission of Energy Contract Volume Notification (ECVN) and Metered Volume Reallocation Notification (MVRN) to ECVAA will not be processed and the ECVAA Credit Cover Percentage check will also be suspended. Following completion of the outage, the ECVAA Credit Cover Percentage check will be re-enabled and submission of ECVNs and MVRNs will be processed as normal. ECVAA reports e.g. Notifications Report, Forward Contract Report will resume after **21:15 (BST)** on 18 July 2020.

What do I need to do?

You will need to arrange to submit ECVNs or MVRNs before the start of the BSC Agent Downtime on 18 July; this will include ECVNs/MVRNs for Settlement Periods 19 to 42 (inclusive) for 18 July 2020.

Please do this as early as possible to reduce the risk of them missing Submission Deadline. You may also wish to submit contract notifications for Settlement Period 43 on 18 July 2020 before the downtime, as there is only 15 minutes between the end of the downtime and the Submission Deadline for Settlement Period 43.

Will I receive ECVAA reports as normal?

No, the ECVAA Forward Contract Reports (ECVAA-I022), scheduled to run at 09:00 (BST), 14:30 (BST) and 18:30 (BST) on 18 July 2020, will all be suspended. A single report will instead be run after the outage at 22:00 (BST).

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Will the contents of any of the reports I receive be different?

Yes, the ECVAA Notification Report (ECVAA-I014) for 18 July 2020 may not contain credit limit and indebtedness information for the affected Settlement Periods. Indebtedness data will be accurately reflected for Settlement Periods for which credit checking first runs in normal mode.

Will there be any further communications about this downtime?

Yes, we will keep the Elexon Portal updated and will publish a further Circular on 18 July 2020 when the outage is completed.

For more information on this circular, please contact the [BSC Service Desk](#)