**Energy Contract Volume Notification Agent (ECVNA) & Metered Volume Reallocation Notification Agent (MVRNA) - Market Entry Process video transcript**

Welcome to the Market Entry presentation for the roles of Electricity Volume Notification Agent (ECVNA) and Metered Volume Reallocation Notification Agent (MVRNA). Over the next 10 minutess I’m going to go over the steps required to enter the market in these roles.

As an ECVNA/MVRNA you are not required to become a BSC Party, but you will need to setup Authorised Signatories.

Authorised Persons need to be created to ensure that we are aware of who within your company is authorised to carry out specific BSC activities.

Further information regarding Authorised Persons and the different levels of authorisations can be found within the form BSCP38.

To set up your first set of authorised signatories, we need a director’s letter on company stationery nominating the first signatory and then BSCP38 with Parts A and C completed by the person nominated in the letter.

To appoint additional Signatories, you just need to duplicate part C of the BSCP38

Please note that a Category ‘A’ Authorised Signatory can act on behalf of all categories. Unless there is a specific person you would like to authorise for a specific category, then please just tick Category A.

The High Grade Serviceis a dedicated comms line to our private Wider Area Network and involves having a router installed. You will use TIBCO to stream the data and the data is pushed to you. The charges for the High Grade Service can be found within the Schedule of specified communications charges on our website and we have this on the next slide. High Grade Lines in the UK take around 60 working days to install

Most parties choose the low grade line as it’s just as sufficient.

Once you have decided which service you require you will need to complete a communications line request form which can be found on our website.

**The Low Grade Service:** This provides access to all services and data through the public internet, with consequently no guarantees on access times or availability. We use Data Push to deliver the data and you will have to download Xsec Software to decrypt the files. The Low Grade Service is free of charge for all Parties and takes ELEXON around 5WDs to process your request.

All BSC Parties must demonstrate their ability to communicate with BSC central systems and comply with the requirements in Section O of the BSC by completing CVA Qualification Testing as part of the market entry process.

There are 3 options for this testing:

**The first is full testing** which consists of a half day booked out with our service provider, CGI, who will send you valid and invalid files, your systems will pick up flows from the FTP, load them into your systems and send ACK (acknowledged) or NACK (negatively acknowledged) depending on validity.

There is a 10 working day lead time which you need to take into consideration when booking for testing.

The second option is to waiver testing and this is if you were to reach an agreement with a existing BSC party to use their already Qualified system. You can only apply for the waiver if the Supporting Participant you intend to use has previously tested the flows relevant to your role as stated in the BSCP70. We would require a signed letter from the system owner and then you would be able to waiver testing on the basis that the system was already tested when they went through Market Entry.

There is a third option which is to Opt out but at the moment ECVNAs & MVRNAs are actually not able to opt out of CVA testing.

You will also need to refer to the CVA Qualification Checklist within BSCP70 to ensure you are prepared for testing and have the necessary validation software and business systems in place before arranging a test date. Once you’re ready to carry out testing please complete the relevant test booking forms in BSCP70 along with a date you would like the testing to take place (bearing in mind the 10 working days lead time).

BSCP70 gives an overview of the CVA Qualification process and the appendix (or booking form) lists what flows you would need to test for your role.

The files are just flat files and we have example files to send if you want to build your own system.

If you did want to build your own system, then the Communications Required Document and Interface Definition Document contain specs of what the system needs to be capable of and a written description of the flow structures.

If you didn’t want to build your own system, there are third party providers. We can send a list of the ones we are aware of, but it is no way exhaustive and we don’t recommend any one provider.

There is no cost associated with testing as part of Market Entry, so if you don’t pass on first try you can book a second test slot – bearing in mind that 10 working day lead time.

The final step is to register as an ECVNA and MVRNA in central systems which can be done by completing a BSCP71.

Once you have registered in the central systems you have completed the market entry process and our service provider, CGI can provide you with information on the ECVAA Web Service.

And finally, on this slide we just have a few contact details that people often find useful.

Thank you very much for watching.