

BSC PANEL 238 – APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING NAME	BSC Panel
Meeting number	238
Date of meeting	29 April 2015
Venue	ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, NW1 3AW
Classification	Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Michael Gibbons Andy Colley Barbara Vest David Lane Derek Bunn Ian Pashley Peter Bolitho Rory Edwards Stuart Cotten	MG AC BV DL DB IP PBo RE SC	BSC Panel Chairman (via Teleconference) Industry Panel Member (via Teleconference) Industry Panel Member (via Teleconference) DSO Representative (via Teleconference) Independent Panel Member (via Teleconference) Transmission Company Panel Member (via Teleconference) Industry Panel Member (via Teleconference) Ofgem Representative (via Teleconference) Industry Panel Member (via Teleconference)
Presenter	Richard Vernon	RV	Npower (via Teleconference)
ELEXON	Adam Richardson Dean Riddell Mark Bygraves Nicola Dempsey Simon Fox-Mella	AR DR MB ND SFM	ELEXON (via Teleconference) ELEXON ELEXON (via Teleconference) ELEXON ELEXON
Apologies	Bob Brown Chris Alexander Phil Baker Phil Hare	BB CA PB PH	Industry Panel Member Consumer Panel Member Industry Panel Member Independent Panel Member

MODIFICATION BUSINESS (OPEN SESSION)

- P322 'Revised Implementation Arrangements for Arrangements for Mandatory Half Hour Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8' – 238/01**
 - 1.1 Modification P322 proposed new arrangements to migrate sites classed as Profile Class (PC) 5-8 with Advanced Meters installed under the P272 mandate to settle Half Hourly (HH). The Proposer requested that this should be treated as an Urgent Modification Proposal.
 - 1.2 The Chairman confirmed that all Panel Members had received the paperwork (which had been issued earlier in the day) associated with Modification P322.

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- 1.3 Richard Vernon thanked the Panel for holding a meeting at short notice to consider Modification P322. He provided an overview of the Modification Proposal and noted that npower had discussed the way forward with Ofgem and believed that Ofgem was 'minded to support' the request for P322 to be granted Urgent status.
- 1.4 A Panel member asked Ofgem for clarification on that matter. The Ofgem Representative stated that Ofgem could not clarify the position until it had received a formal request to treat P322 as an Urgent Modification from the Panel and noted that it would expect the progression timetable proposed by the Panel to provide for robust assessment with sufficient opportunity for industry to be consulted on the Modification Proposal.
- 1.5 A Panel member noted that the suggested Implementation Date for P322 was 1 July 2015. They were concerned about whether the Authority would be able to make a decision on P322 by that time as the Proposed Progression Timetable meant that P322 would not be sent to it for a decision until 11 June 2015. ELEXON noted that the Modification Workgroup would consider and propose an appropriate Implementation Date. ELEXON acknowledged that the suggested timetable and Implementation Date would require a tight decision turnaround by the Authority and noted that it would seek to engage with Ofgem throughout the assessment process to try to ensure Ofgem was comfortable with the implementation approach developed and any implications for the timescales for an Authority decision.
- 1.6 The Chairman asked Ofgem to comment on this concern. The Ofgem Representative noted that if P322 was granted Urgent status, then Ofgem would work to ensure that the proposed timetable could be met, noting that a swift decision would be required to meet the current suggestion of 1 July 2015.
- 1.7 A Panel member noted that P322 presented an opportunity for Ofgem and the industry to show that it can and does work together to solve issues and asked that Ofgem send an empowered representative to attend the P322 Workgroup and advise the group on Ofgem's view.
- 1.8 The Chairman noted that the proposed Urgent timetable did not include a Report Phase, but that the Panel would have an early chance to discuss the initially developed P322 solution at its May meeting, and requested that ELEXON provide an update to the Panel, based on the considerations of the initial Workgroup Meeting (should it have met by this time).
- 1.9 The Chairman went on to highlight the importance of a swift decision from the Authority and endorsed the proposed timetable which concluded with the Modification being presented to the Panel at a scheduled meeting, not held by teleconference, though depending on the progression of the Modification in practice it may be sensible to consider an ad hoc meeting (preferably a full meeting, though a teleconference could be considered) in order to ensure the progression of P322 is as effective and efficient as possible.
- 1.10 The Panel noted that the draft P322 Initial Written Assessment (IWA) had been marked as confidential. ELEXON confirmed that the finalised IWA would be published on the website the following day and that Panel members could share the draft IWA with others, though it should be noted that the final published IWA would differ somewhat from the draft version issued, though not in any material respect.
- 1.11 The Distribution Representative noted that P322 was seeking to introduce a requirement for Distributors to submit plans to the PAB for review but that Distributors would need information on Suppliers' plans to develop effective plans of their own. He requested that the Workgroup Terms of Reference include consideration of how best to provide this information to Distributors. The Panel agreed with this.
- 1.12 The Transmission Company Panel Member highlighted the need to ensure that any cross-Code impacts were taken into account and managed. He referenced changes that were related to Modification P272 (in particular CUSC Modification Proposal CMP241) and requested that, while P322 appeared to have no direct cross-Code impacts, it was important to remain co-ordinated and continue to work with other Code Administrators to ensure that they were aware of any interactions that P322 may have.

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- 1.13 The Panel sought clarification on Ofgem's ability to change the P272 Implementation Date. ELEXON confirmed that the Authority could extend the P272 Implementation Date either of its own volition or after assessing an application from the Panel to do so (i.e. the same process that had been used recently and which resulted in the Authority's decision not to extend the P272 Implementation Date). ELEXON noted that the P322 Report would set out the interactions with P272 and any associated determinations that may result.
- 1.14 The Ofgem Representative stated that it envisaged a two-step process, of approval of P322 and a request from the Panel to defer the Implementation Date of P272 as a result.
- 1.15 The BSC Panel unanimously:
 - a) **AGREED** that P322 progresses to the Assessment Procedure;
 - b) **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that P322 should be treated as an Urgent Modification Proposal;
 - c) **AGREED** the Urgent Progression Timetable, subject to Authority approval;
 - d) **AGREED** the proposed membership for the P322 Workgroup; and
 - e) **AGREED** the Workgroup's Terms of Reference.

2. Any other Business

- 2.1 There was no other business in the Closed Session.

3. Next meeting

- 3.1 The next meeting of the BSC Panel will be held at the offices of ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW on Thursday 14 May 2015.