



Coming up this week

21 April

[Imbalance Settlement Group \(ISG\)](#) at **10.00**

23 April

[Performance Assurance Board \(PAB\)](#) at **10.00**

Review of Panel Governance

In April 2013, the BSC Panel and Board jointly commissioned former Council of Lloyd's deputy Chairman Bill Knight to carry out an independent review of ELEXON's governance. The [Knight Report](#) was published in 2013. The ELEXON Board has subsequently been considering [ELEXON's governance](#) in light of the Knight Report and in dialogue with the BSC Panel.

Separately, the BSC Panel endorsed work to consider its own governance in August 2014 and commissioned a small group of its members to conduct a review of Panel governance in November 2014. In April 2015, the Panel considered the review group's initial thinking regarding Panel accountability, role and functions. The Panel agreed that these context-setting pieces should be used to help the group develop conclusions in relation to the delegation of Panel responsibilities and the Panel's operating practices.

The review group welcomes any comments on [Panel accountability](#) and [Panel role and functions](#). A one-page [overview](#) of this initial thinking is also available. Please send any comments to panelsecretary@elxon.co.uk by Friday 29 May 2015.

BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel met on 9 April 2015 and the [Headline Report](#) is now available. This report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the Panel's most recent meeting.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Invoicing the Contracts for Difference (CFD) Operational Costs Levy to Suppliers

We have informed Suppliers that due to delays experienced during User Acceptance Testing of the EMR Settlement System we may have to invoke contingency arrangements in order to issue invoices and backing data from **29 April 2015** for the CFD Operational Costs Levy 2015/16. On 16 April 2015, we issued [EMR](#)

[Circular 42](#) to inform Suppliers. This Circular provided further details on the following:

- What is the contingency approach?
- What will be included in the backing data?
- What format will the Data Transfer Catalogue compliant data be issued in? Feedback is being sought from Suppliers about whether they'd prefer to receive the Data Transfer Network format in either Pool Transfer File Format or Variable User Format via email.
- What assurance will be provided in using this approach?
- What other approaches are available to make daily payments?

Keep in touch with what's happening with EMR

- Visit the [EMRS website](#) to keep up-to-date with EMR.
- Our [EMR Circulars](#) keep you informed of the latest changes, consultations and events. To register for EMR Circulars please subscribe to our mailing list on the homepage of the EMRS website.
- The [EMRS Calendar](#) is also a useful way to check what is happening as it highlights key dates such as implementation events, deadlines for consultations and workshops.

If you have any questions, please email contact@emrsettlement.co.uk.

Review of Configurable Items for the June 2015 Release

We issued [CVA Change Circular 244](#) 'Review of BSC Configurable Items Amended as part of the June 2015 Release' on Friday 10 April. Since then, we have updated a couple of the documents on the [June 15 Release](#) page of the website, but have changed the version number so they are easily identifiable.

Please send your review comments to releases@elexon.co.uk by **Friday 1 May**, and not Friday 30 April, as stated in the Circular.

For further information about the June 15 Release, please email Colin Berry at colin.berry@elexon.co.uk.

Credit Assessment Load Factor appeal deadline: 1 May 2015

Credit Assessment Load Factor (CALF) values are published for the **Summer 2015** BSC Season, which runs from **1 June 2015 to 31 August 2015**. You can download these from the Credit/Credit Alerting section, under the Financial and Credit menu on the [ELEXON Portal](#).

What can I do if I believe the assigned value does not accurately represent the expected Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit activity?

If you are the Lead Party of a non-Credit Qualifying BM Unit, you can appeal an assigned CALF value if you believe it does not accurately represent your expected activity. To raise an appeal, please complete the CALF Appeals pro forma in Appendix 5 of the CALF Guidance document and email it to BSCServiceDesk@cgi.com by **Friday 1 May 2015**. You can find more information on CALF appeals in Section 12 of the [CALF Guidance document](#).

For further information about CALF, please see the CALF Guidance document or email Jordi Brown at settlementoperations@elexon.co.uk.

How to avoid reduced Half-Hourly performance when implementing P272

We will be implementing [Modification P272](#) 'Mandatory Half-Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8' with effect from **1 April 2016**. To meet this deadline, Suppliers and their agents will need to carry out the Change

of Measurement Class (CoMC) process for high numbers of Metering Systems. These Metering Systems will have advanced Meters which will be recording Half-Hourly (HH) consumption throughout the day on which the CoMC takes place. If the Half-Hourly Meter Operator Agent (HHMOA) takes a final Non Half-Hourly (NHH) reading when reconfiguring the advanced Meter for Half Hourly settlement, any consumption between midnight and the time of reconfiguration could be double-counted. To avoid double-counting consumption, which could be high for a Profile Class 5 to 8 Metering System, the HHMOA should send the time of the final NHH reading to the Half-Hourly Data Collector (HHDC). The HHDC should then replace any HH values up to the time of the reading with zeros.

If any Settlement Periods are estimated, HHDCs have to treat the whole day as estimated. So the P272 implementation could result in a small reduction in HH performance until April 2016. We recommend that Suppliers encourage their HHMOA to take the final NHH reading at, or close to midnight, at the start of the CoMC date. This will have the twin benefit of avoiding double-counting consumption and maintaining HH performance.

We have updated the [Change of Measurement Class guidance](#) and the [P272 FAQs](#) to include a more detailed version of this advice.

Would you like to join the P321 Workgroup?

We are looking for members to join the Workgroup for Modification Proposal [P321 'Publication of Trading Unit Delivery Mode'](#), with the first meeting due to be held in the **week beginning 18 May 2015**.

If you would like to join the P321 Workgroup or attend as a non-voting participant, please let us know by emailing bsc.change@exxon.co.uk, indicating your availability across this week.

What does P321 seek to do?

P321 proposes to publish information on the direction of delivery (delivering or offtaking) of Trading Units, particularly for each Grid Supply Point (GSP) Group, in each Settlement Period. This information can currently be obtained through Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) bills and Transmission Loss Multiplier (TLM) values. The Proposer is seeking this information to be explicitly provided to give customers better access to this information.

Further information can be found on the [P321](#) page of our website. If you have any questions, please contact David Kemp on 020 7380 4303 or email bsc.change@exxon.co.uk.

Read the latest Trading Operations Report

The Trading Operations Report provides a market level overview of key events, issues or incidents over the last month, a wide range of statistics on the energy industry and a suite of market graphs. It is particularly useful as an overview of market behaviour and the performance of the Balancing and Settlement arrangements over the last month. You can view the [latest report](#) on the [Trading Operations](#) page of the ELEXON website.

Next Performance Assurance Board meeting: 23 April 2015

The next PAB meeting will take place on **Thursday 23 April 2015**. All the open session papers are available on the [ELEXON website](#).

There are a number of items in the open session of the agenda this month that may of be interest to you. These are:

PAB170/04 – REM 2016/17 for approval: This paper reports on the responses to the Risk Evaluation Methodology 2016/17 consultation. Respondents did not propose any changes to the methodology.

PAB170/05 – Results of P283 TAPAP checks: During the period January-March 2015, we conducted a Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) check on the implementation of Modification P283. The checks have given us an overall view of how well the new obligations are working to alleviate problems with the Commissioning of Half-Hourly Metering Systems.

PAB171 Verbal update – P320 Update

For further information, please email PABSecretary@elexon.co.uk.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Changes Awaiting Implementation

We have updated the [Changes Awaiting Implementation](#) and the [Consolidated Legal BSC](#) pages of our website following approval of [P305: Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review Developments](#) and [P317: Changes to the Unmetered Supplies obligations in the BSC](#). The P317 appeal period expires on **1 May 2015**. If no appeal is received, P317 will be implemented (in accordance with the Panel's determination) on **25 June 2015** (June 2015 BSC Systems Release). You can find the full rules and processes regarding appeals in BSC Section F6.4.

We have also published updated documents for [Electricity Market Reform - Energy Intensive Industries changes \(ORD006\)](#).

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 13 April, we have published three ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02230: Upgrade to Java 8 as part of June 2015 BSC Release](#)

As highlighted in ELEXON [Change Circular CPC00755](#), the June 2015 Release will include some upgrades to the technology supporting the BSC Central systems, besides the suite of approved Modifications and Change Proposals.

[EL02231: Planned National Grid TOGA and MPSI Outage: Monday 20 to Tuesday 21 April 2015](#)

We have been notified by National Grid that there will be TOGA (Transmission Outages Generator Availability) and MPSI (MW Profile Submission Interface system) planned downtime between Monday 20 April at 18.00 (BST) and 02.00 (BST) on Tuesday 21 April 2015. The planned downtime will not affect the Balancing Mechanism (BM) nor Balancing Services Adjustment Data (BSAD) related systems or any data provision from National Grid to the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS).

[EL02232: Error in CDCA Aggregated Meter Flow Volume Report \(CO421 Flow\)](#)

The Central Data Collection Agent (CDCA) Aggregated Meter Flow Volume Report (CO421 Flow) for Settlement Date 19 December 2012 was released on Thursday 16 April 2015 at 09.47 (BST) containing data relating to the RF Settlement Run instead of DF Settlement Run. A corrected version of this CDCA Aggregated Meter Flow Volume Report (CO421 Flow) was released at 13.48 (BST) on 16 April 2015.

Circulars are published in the [News](#) section of the ELEXON website.

Upcoming meetings and events

28 April 2015 - [Joint European Standing Group \(JESG\)](#)
28 April 2015 - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group \(SVG\)](#)
29 April 2015 - ['Introducing ELEXON' seminar](#)
30 April 2015 - [Trading Disputes Committee \(TDC\)](#)
14 May 2015 - [BSC Panel](#)
14 May 2015 - [Software Technical Advisory Group \(STAG\)](#)
20 May 2015 - [Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group \(TAMEG\)](#)



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