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Coming up this week

30 June
Supplier Volume Allocation Group at **10.00**

2 July
Trading Disputes Committee at **10.00**

Invitation to Annual BSC Meeting and ELEXON seminar on 9 July 2015

What? Invitation to an afternoon of updates and discussion on the challenges and changes facing Settlement, incorporating the Annual BSC Meeting.

When? Thursday 9 July 2015 at 14.00 – 17.00

Where? ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Why attend?

- Hear up-to-the-minute news on key industry issues
- A chance to question ELEXON's Board, Executive and the BSC Panel
- Meet ELEXON's technical experts
- Network with colleagues from across the industry

Join us for the Annual BSC Meeting, a recap of last year's achievements and an update on our progress with the 2015/16 BSCCo strategy. We'll focus on the key issues impacting, and likely to impact, Settlement and the operation of the BSC. Attendees will gain valuable insight from a selection of high-calibre external speakers as well as hearing the views of ELEXON's technical experts.

You can download the latest agenda from the BSC Panel page of our website.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Michael Gibbons CBE**, ELEXON and BSC Panel Chair; Chairman of the Regulatory Policy Committee; Chairman of the Carbon Capture and Storage Association
- **Nigel Cornwall**, Managing Director of Cornwall Consulting; Non-Executive Director of BSCCo
- **Mark Copley**, Associate Partner, European Markets and Coordination, Ofgem
- **David Osborne**, Director of BSC Operations, ELEXON
- **Justin Andrews**, Head of Market Design, ELEXON

The seminar will be preceded by the July Panel meeting that will take place from **10.00**, which seminar delegates are also welcome to attend.

Annual BSC Meeting
The seminar will begin with the Annual BSC Meeting which will be attended by BSC Panel Members and members of the ELEXON Ltd Board.

The Annual BSC Meeting will begin at **14.00** when the BSC Annual Report and Accounts for 2014/15 and the Business Strategy and Budget for 2015/16 will be tabled.

You also have the opportunity to ask questions to the ELEXON Board members and BSC Panel members.

Please email questions, and notice of your intention to attend the Annual BSC Meeting to communications@elexon.co.uk by **Friday 3 July 2015**.

Your questions will be copied to all BSC Parties. For further information about the Annual BSC Meeting, please email panelsecretary@elexon.co.uk.

Warm Homes Discount Reconciliation Scheme contract extended

In October 2011, ELEXON was awarded a four-year contract to implement and operate the Warm Home Discount reconciliation mechanism after successfully participating in a competitive tender process. DECC's Warm Home Discount scheme Core Group requires participating electricity suppliers to provide rebates (the level of which is set by Government through regulation) to a targeted group of consumers that are in receipt of defined pension credits. The reconciliation mechanism ensures that scheme costs are shared equitably between the scheme's electricity suppliers so that no supplier is disadvantaged as a result of having a higher numbers of consumers eligible for the rebate.

ELEXON uses market share information provided by Ofgem, and consumer numbers provided by DECC, to calculate and process the reconciliation payments to be made or received by participating suppliers.

In May 2015 DECC requested that it would like to extend this contract to provide the Warm Homes reconciliation service by up to two years (with a break after one year). Following the publication of a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice with a 30 day objection window, and with no objections received, the contract has now been extended.

For further information, please visit the Warm Homes Discount Scheme page on our website.

June 2015 Release is now live

The June 2015 BSC Systems Release successfully went live on Thursday 25 June 2015. You can find full details of the Release on the June 2015 Release page of our website. The updated BSC Baseline Statement and the BSC Sections are available on the BSC Sections page of our website.

You can view the changes to the BSC and the Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs) to support the EMR arrangements that are now effective on the ORD006 page of our website.

Please note that the June 2015 Release introduced a new version 004 of the CRA Registration Report (also known as the CRA-I014, sub-flow 5). If you want to receive v003 of the CRA Registration Report until a specified date no later than **24 December 2015**, please submit a BSCP41/1 form, as per the details in the Release Circular issued on **10 June 2015**.

If you have any queries, please contact Colin Berry on 0207 380 4112 or email releases@elexon.co.uk.

November 2015 Release

The review of SVA Configurable Items amended for P305 and P300 as part of the November 2015 Release was scheduled to start last week, but has been delayed pending notification of the numbers of the new DTC flows for use in the solution for P305. Once we have these numbers, we'll update the SVA Data Catalogue and the BSC Procedures on the November 2015 Release page of the website and issue a SVA Change Circular to invite you to review the documents.

The review of CVA Configurable Items amended for P305 and P309 as part of the November 2015 Release under CVA Change Circular CVA CC245 finishes this week. Please send your review comments to releases@elexon.co.uk by 17.00 on **Friday 3 July**.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

BSC Changes implemented to Support Energy Intensive Industry Policy for CFD
The BSC changes (ORD006) to support the Government's Energy Intensive Industry (EII) policy have been implemented as part of the June 2015 Release. These changes were directed by the Secretary of State on 1 April 2015.

These BSC changes support The Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment & Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2015 that came into force on 1 April 2015 to, amongst other things, introduce the EII and green excluded electricity policy.

- The EII policy is designed to exempt eligible EIIs from a proportion of Contracts for Difference (CFD) payments. The earliest the EII exemptions can apply will be **1 October 2015**.
- Green excluded electricity policy is designed to exempt eligible imported renewable electricity from contributing to the costs of CFDs, specifically a Supplier's CFD period contribution.

Who is impacted?
The Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment & Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2015 places obligations on Suppliers.

The changes to the BSC and the Data Transfer Catalogue will impact Suppliers and Half Hourly Data Aggregators

You can find the red-lined BSC changes for DECC's EII policy on the ELEXON website.

Capacity Market Stakeholder Event on the 6 July 2015
The EMR Delivery Body (National Grid) are hosting a Capacity Market Stakeholder Event covering a range of topics in preparation for the pre-qualification activities for the next T-4 Auction and also the Transitional Arrangements. In our role as EMRS, we'll be presenting on the Applicant/Capacity Provider Credit Cover and Registration processes. We'll also be providing an update on Metering Tests. Below are some of the other topics that will be covered at this event:

- Electricity Capacity Report
- Auction Parameters
- Prequalification Readiness
- Credit Cover Time-scales
- Metering Test

When? Monday 6 July 2015, at 9.30.

Where? Amba Hotel, The Strand, Charing Cross, London WC2N 5HX

Please email emr@nationalgrid.com to register to attend this event.

For more information on the EMR Delivery Body (National Grid) please visit their website.

Keep in touch with what's happening with EMR
Visit the EMR Settlement website to view the latest news on 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 EMR Settlement 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.

Recently published Consultations

Risk Evaluation Register
On Thursday 25 June 2015, the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) endorsed the draft Risk Evaluation Register (RER) 2016/17. We invite your views on this Consultation, which has been published on the Consultations page of our website.

A summary of the changes appears in Appendix 1 of the Consultation Response Form. Full details of the changes and potential changes are in the RER document.

Please email your responses to melinda.anderson@elexon.co.uk by **Friday 17 July 2015**. No response will indicate agreement with the proposed changes.

We will present the Consultation responses to the PAB at its meeting on **Thursday 27 August 2015**. At this meeting, the PAB, will approve the RER 2016/17, subject to any changes it deems necessary.

UMSUG Consultation on generic UMS Charge Codes for LED lighting products
You are invited to express your views on changing how we provide Charge Codes for Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lighting products with Unmetered Supplies (UMS).

In the last two years we have issued over 3,000 UMS Charge Codes for LED street lights. To mitigate this proliferation of LED Charge Codes, we propose to introduce new generic Charge Codes for LED lighting products and new supporting Switch Regimes for single-step dimming.

We invite your views on this, our proposed implementation approach and the appropriate implementation timescales.

We especially welcome views from Suppliers, UMS Operators, Meter Administrators, customers using LED lighting products with UMS (eg county councils, highways managers), providers of UMS inventory databases, providers of UMS Central Management Systems and manufacturers of LED lighting products.

Please email your response to bsc.admin@elexon.co.uk by **17.00** on **Friday 31 July 2015**.

For further information, please contact Kevin Spencer on 020 7380 4115 or email kevin.spencer@elexon.co.uk.

New BSC Modifications P323 and call for Workgroup members

On 26 June 2015, NGET raised new BSC Modification Proposal P323 'Enabling inclusion and treatment of SBR in the Imbalance Price'. We are looking for members to join the P323 Workgroup.

P323 proposes to enable a Bid-Offer Acceptance's (BOA's) price(s) that go into the imbalance price calculation, to be different to the price(s) that go into the calculation of Balancing Mechanism (BM) cash-flows.

The Proposer seeks to have this in place by **5 November 2015** in line with the implementation of approved Modification Proposal P305 'Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review Developments'.

We are currently preparing our Initial Written Assessment (IWA) for P323 and will present this to the BSC Panel at its meeting on **9 July 2015**, where it will decide how P323 should be progressed.

Would you like to join the Workgroup?
We propose that the P323 Workgroup is comprised of experts on imbalance prices and their calculation methodologies. In particular, we believe that members of the P305 Workgroup and Issue 56 'Treatment of the new SBR and DSBR services in the imbalance price' Group should be invited. The Workgroup is also open to any other relevant experts and interested parties.

We are looking to hold the first Workgroup meeting on **14, 17 or 20 July 2015**.

If you would like to join the P323 Workgroup or attend as a non-voting participant, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk, indicating your availability by **17.00 on 9 July 2015**.

Further information is available on the P323 page of our website. If you have any questions, please contact Simon Fox-Mella on 020 7380 4299 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

Approval of P322 Alternative Modification and revision of P272 Implementation Date

On Wednesday 24 June 2015, the Authority approved:

- P322 Alternative 'Revised Implementation Arrangements for Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8' for implementation on **3 August 2015** as a Standalone Release.
- In accordance with Section F, Paragraph 2.11.7, the BSC Panel's request to extend the P272 'Mandatory Half-Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8' Implementation Date to **1 April 2017**.

The Authority's decision letters and the Transmission Company direction letters are available on the P322 and P272 pages of our website.

P322 Alternative introduces new arrangements to migrate sites, classed as Profile Class (PC) 5-8 with Advanced Meters installed, to Half Hourly (HH) Settlement under the approved P272 obligations.

P272 and P322 impacts Suppliers, Distribution Systems Operators (DSOs), HH Supplier Agents and Non Half Hourly Supplier Agents.

Further information is available on the P272 and P322 pages of our website.

If you have any questions, please contact Simon Fox-Mella on 020 7380 4299 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

New Third Party Access guidance published

We have published a new guidance on Third Party Access that focuses on BSC obligations and processes for

electricity customers within private distribution networks which in turn are connected to Licensed Distribution Systems.

We have tried to consolidate all the relevant information from the BSC and Codes of Practice in the guidance. We hope it's easier to read and understand. Let us know what you think.

For further information, please contact Keith Campion on 020 7380 4011 or email keith.campion@elexon.co.uk.

Qualification approvals

On **Thursday 25 June 2015**, the Performance Assurance Board approved the Qualification of **In Home Technology Limited (IHTL)** in accordance with BSCP537 'Qualification Process for SVA Parties, SVA Party Agents and CVA Meter Operators'.
The registered company address for **In Home Technology Limited** is In Home Technology, 1 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6 ED. The company will operate in the role of Half Hourly and Non Half Hourly Meter Operator Agent using the 'IHTL' MPID.

The Performance Assurance Board also approved the Qualification of **Gold Energy Supply Limited, Bronze Energy Supply Limited, Copper Energy Supply Limited, Mercury Energy Supply Limited, Nickel Energy Supply Limited** and **Silver Energy Supply Limited** as Half Hourly and Non Half Hourly Supplier using the 'GESL', 'BRZE', 'CPPR', 'MCRY', 'NCKL' and 'SLVR' MPIDs respectively. The registered company address for these companies is Alliance House Library Road, Clayton Le Woods, Chorley, Lancs, England, PR6 7EN.

In addition, PAB approved the Surrender of Qualification of **Siemens Operational Services** as Non Half Hourly Data Collector using the 'BGAS' MPID. The registered company address for **Siemens Operational Services** is 100 Woodyard Lane, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 1GB.

For more information about the Qualification process, please contact Arpita Nair on 020 7380 4169 or email qualification@elexon.co.uk.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 22 June, we have published seven ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

EL02264: **Update on Volume allocation error for Supplier BM Units in North Scotland**
Changes required for Modification P269 'Prevention of Base Trading Unit BMUs' Account Status Flipping from Consumption to Production (the "Flipping" mod)' were not effective in the Settlement Administration Agent (SAA) calculations.

EL02265: **BSC Central Services planned downtime Monday 22 - Tuesday 23 June 2015 - Completed**
The planned downtime which took place between 22.57 (BST) Monday 22 June and 9.15 (BST) Tuesday 23 June 2015 was successfully completed. It was required to deploy the June 2015 Release and associated Technology upgrades.

EL02266: **Volume allocation error for Supplier BM Units in North Scotland - Issue resolved**
The 'Volume allocation error for Supplier BM Units in North Scotland' has been resolved and Balancing Mechanism Units (BMUs) in the Base Trading Unit for Grid Supply Point (GSP) Group _P (North Scotland) now have their energy credited to the Consumption Account.

EL02267: **Planned European Transparency Platform downtime - Wednesday 1 July 2015**

ENTSO-E has notified us that there will be EMFIP (European Transparency Platform) planned downtime between 17.00 (BST) and 17.30 (BST) on Wednesday 1 July 2015.

EL02268: **Consultation published – Generic Charge Codes for Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lighting products**
We invite your views on transforming the way we provide Charge Codes for LED lighting products with Unmetered Supplies.

EL02269: **Risk Evaluation Register consultation published**
The Performance Assurance Board (PAB) approved the draft Risk Evaluation Register (RER) 2016/17 on Thursday 25 June 2015 and invites you to respond to this consultation.

EL02270: **ELEXON power outage between Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 June 2015 - Completed**
The planned ELEXON IT outage was completed ahead of schedule at 23.00 (BST) Saturday 27 June 2015.

Circulars are published in the News section of the ELEXON website.

Upcoming meetings and events

30 June 2015 - Supplier Volume Allocation Group
2 July 2015 - Trading Disputes Committee
9 July 2015 - Annual BSC Meeting and ELEXON seminar
9 July 2015 - BSC Panel
15 July 2015 - Joint European Standing Group subgroup: Balancing Stakeholder Focus Group
15 July 2015 - Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group
16 July 2015 - Software Technical Advisory Group
21 July 2015 - Imbalance Settlement Group

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