



## Coming up this week

### 30 July

Performance Assurance Board (PAB) at **10.00**

## BMRS Phase 2

We are pleased to announce the BMRS Phase 2 successfully went live on Thursday 23 July. Users will now be able to access additional data from the RESTful APIs and will also be able to access the data feeds via the new Data Push Service. The full lists of data accessible via the Restful API/Data Push Service for Phase 2 are available in Section 4.2.2/9.2 and Section of the [API and Data Push User Guide](#).

The Data Push Service offers a new capability for publishing near real time data to industry participants. Section 7 of the API and Data Push User Guide provides information to users on how to connect to the service.

During participant testing we identified a design issue; and in order to provide the Data Push to you now, we have implemented an interim solution which means that Data Push Service offers less resilience than other components of the new BMRS platform. We are working on an enduring solution to provide full resilience for the Data Push service. The interim solution still provides full Data Push functionality and the expected performance.

If you have not taken part in our user testing of the Data Push Service, we request that you liaise with us before using the Service for the first time, and we will aim to provide assistance to connect to the service. We will also communicate any known or potential periods of unavailability of the Data Push service and we welcome feedback to help us ensure that the Service meets your needs.

If you have any questions, please email Zaahir Ghanty at [zaahir.ghanty@elexon.co.uk](mailto:zaahir.ghanty@elexon.co.uk).

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## Questions about P272 or P322?

[P272 'Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8'](#) proposed that all Non Half Hourly (NHH) Metering Systems, with an Advanced Meter, in Profile Classes 5-8, would be required to Settle Half Hourly from 1 April 2014. Subsequently, the BSC Panel requested an extension to the Implementation Date and on 24 June 2015, the Authority approved and extended the Implementation Date to **1 April 2017**. [P322](#) proposed new arrangements to migrate sites, requiring start and end dates to facilitate a phased approach to implementation, which will be monitored through the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF).

ELEXON now has a dedicated team looking after all the activity around P272 and P322. If you have any questions relating to these Modifications or their implementation, you can contact the team via a new email address: [P272implementation@elexon.co.uk](mailto:P272implementation@elexon.co.uk). This includes any questions about the migration requirements, Supplier Migration Plans, Performance Monitoring, or anything else related to the Modifications.

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## Would you like to join the BSC Audit Working Group?

We are looking for members to join a Working Group to look at the following BSC Audit issues:

- Issue 3773 - Ongoing problem with the quality of D0268s
- Issue 4518 - Lack of clarification over proving tests in SVA market

### Who can join the Working Group?

Any Half Hourly Meter Operator Agents (HHMOAs) and any other interested Parties.

### What will the review group look at?

The results of the BSC Audit show that there is confusion in the market over responsibility for ensuring the completion of Proving Tests. When there is a delay or failure to respond by the Half Hourly Data Collector (HHDC), BSC Agents are not clear on where the obligation sits in regards to chasing of outstanding information, which inhibits completion of the Proving Tests. Testing in the 2014/2015 audit year has highlighted the failure to respond by the HHDC has been a contributor to the Proving Test exceptions noted by the BSC Auditor.

As an additional action, we would like the Working Group to look at how Proving Tests can be performed on Meters with no load.

The BSC Audit also identified a number of Metering Systems for which there were differences in the level of consumption between Settlement Runs. On investigation, many of these movements related to the processing of multiple D0268s, many of which contained erroneous Meter Technical Detail (MTD) data, provided by several Meter Operator Agents (MOAs).

We would like to address the above points with a view to producing a number of Change Proposals (CPs) to improve the current processes around Proving Tests and the sending of MTDs, and are looking for individuals with relevant experience or expertise to be part of this Working Group. The proposed dates for the first meeting are **Monday 7 September, Wednesday 9 September or Thursday 10 September**.

If you would like to be part of this Working Group, please email [katharine.higby@elexon.co.uk](mailto:katharine.higby@elexon.co.uk) by **Friday 7 August**, including your availability for these dates.

For further information, please contact [Kat Higby](#) on 020 7380 4814.

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## Latest Peer Comparison graphs published

The latest Peer Comparison reports and additional information on the Performance Assurance Reporting and Monitoring System (PARMS) Serials are now available on the [Peer Comparison graphs](#) page of our website.

### What is Peer Comparison?

Peer Comparison is a Performance Assurance Technique designed to incentivise good performance through the publication of performance reports. PARMS Serials report on key business processes across the industry. The Peer Comparison technique uses data from these PARMS Serials to show comparative performance across Suppliers.

### Which business processes are currently reported?

ELEXON has reported PARMS Serials SP08a, SP08b and SP09 through the public Peer Comparison technique

since May 2007. These Serials monitor the following business processes:

- SP08a: Percentage of Non Half Hourly energy settled on Annualised Advances (AAs) at Final Reconciliation (RF)
- SP08b: Percentage of Half Hourly energy settled on actual Meter readings at the Initial Settlement Run (SF)
- SP09: Percentage of Non Half Hourly Metering Systems settled on default Estimated Annual Consumptions (EACs) at Third Reconciliation (R3)

Following the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) approval at its January 2015 meeting ([PAB168](#)), ELEXON has reported PARMS Serial SP11 through the public Peer Comparison technique since June 2015. This Serial monitors the following business process:

- SP11: Timely Appointment of Agents after the Initial Settlement Run (SF)

#### **When and where are the reports available?**

At 26 Working Days following completion of the associated PARMS reporting period, ELEXON provides participants the Peer Comparison reports. If no objections to the reports are raised within five Working Days of submission, they are published on our website.

If you have any question regarding Peer Comparison, please email [PAA@elexon.co.uk](mailto:PAA@elexon.co.uk).

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## Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

### **We hosted an 'Introduction to EMR for New Suppliers' event on Wednesday 22 July 2015**

The Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) and EMR Settlement Limited (EMRS) held a Supplier event to introduce new Suppliers to the EMR arrangements.

#### **What did the event cover?**

The [agenda](#) is available on the EMRS website and these are the key highlights from the event:

- An overview of the Electricity Market Reform
- An overview of the different roles and responsibilities of the EMR Delivery Bodies
- An introduction to the LCCC Forecasting Team and functions
- A session from EMRS on the charges for suppliers and how they are calculated

The [presentation slides](#) and the [Supplier Payments hand-out](#) have been posted on the [event page](#) of our 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](mailto:contact@emrsettlement.co.uk).

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## European Developments

Over the last fortnight, two significant packages of documents have been published by European bodies. The first was the package of Energy Union proposals published by the European Commission, which consisted of two consultations and a number of other documents including:

- A consultation on a new energy market design
- A consultation on electricity security of supply
- A new deal for energy consumers

- A review of the European Emissions Trading System (carbon trading)
- An update to energy efficiency labelling

These documents are available from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy [website](#).

The second major publication was the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators' (ACER) [recommendation](#) to the European Commission on the Network Code on Electricity Balancing. It consisted of the Recommendation itself and a substantial redraft of the full Code. This Network Code will be European legislation that when it comes into force, probably in late 2016/early 2017, will be European law, superior to UK national law and certainly superior to the BSC. Because it covers all that we do under the BSC as well as other aspects of balancing the electricity system, we will be analysing the latest draft carefully.

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## Live Consultations

### **P320 Report Phase Consultation**

The implementation of [P272](#) would require changes to the existing PARMS Serials to report any non-compliance. The Proposer believes that a Committee report would be a more suitable reporting tool than PARMS Serials and proposes to remove the PARMS Serial reporting requirements introduced by P272. Reporting P272 non-compliance using a Committee report would also remove the proposed Supplier Charge under P272.

The BSC Panel initially recommended approval of [P320 'Reporting on Profile Classes 5 – 8 Metering Systems after the implementation of P272'](#). This Report Phase Consultation seeks market participants' views on the Panel's initial recommendation.

We invite you to respond to this Report Phase Consultation to provide your views on the Panel's initial recommendations for P320. Please send your response to [bsc.change@exxon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exxon.co.uk) using the form available from the [P320](#) page by **17.00 on Tuesday 28 July 2015**.

### **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@exxon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.admin@exxon.co.uk) by **17.00 on Friday 31 July 2015**.

For further information, please contact [Kevin Spencer](#) on 020 7380 4115.

### **P318 Assessment Procedure Consultation**

[P318 'Change of Party ID/Company Number Through Enabling Assignment'](#) seeks to enable a BSC Party to transfer its Party ID and/or change its Company Number in order to reassign its rights and obligations under the BSC, without going through the full Market Exit and Market Entry procedures. The intention of this Modification is for this to apply when such a change is of an administrative nature only.

You are invited to respond and provide your views on the Workgroup's initial recommendations for P318. Please

send your response entitled 'P318 Assessment Consultation' to [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk) by **17.00 on Friday 31 July 2015**. Please note that late responses may not be considered by the Workgroup.

### **P321 Assessment Procedure Consultation**

[P321 'Publication of Trading Unit Delivery Mode'](#) proposes to publish information on the direction of delivery (delivering or offtaking) of Trading Units in each Settlement Period. The Proposer is seeking for this to be explicitly provided to give customers better access to this information.

We invite you to respond and provide your views on the Workgroup's initial recommendations for P321. Please send your response to [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk) using the form available from the [P321](#) page by **17.00 on Friday 7 August 2015**.

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## Next Performance Assurance Board meeting: 30 July 2015

The next PAB meeting is on **Thursday 30 July 2015**. You can view all the open session papers on the [PAB meeting](#) page of our website.

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

PAB174/04 – CP1441 'Allowing the Peer Comparison technique to be reported on a Supplier Agent level'

PAB174/05 – Trading Dispute DA686 lessons learned. At its July 2014 meeting, ELEXON provided a verbal update to the Performance Assurance Board regarding Trading Dispute DA686 which impacted the Post-Final Settlement Run. This paper provides a summary of the lessons learned activity undertaken following the outcome of this Trading Dispute.

PAB174/06 – P272 and P322 update. This paper provides details of activities that have taken place during June and July 2015 to prepare for the implementation of Modifications P272 and P322.

PAB174/07 – Review of the Technical Assurance Agent Category 1 Materiality Calculation. This paper sets out the proposal of a new method for calculating the materiality of category 1 non-compliances.

PAB174/08 – Central repository for commissioning records. This paper provides a response from the TAMEG to the PAB action to investigate the feasibility of a central repository for commissioning records.

For further information, please email [PABSecretary@elexon.co.uk](mailto:PABSecretary@elexon.co.uk).

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## ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 20 July, we have published two ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

### **[EL02283](#): New BMRS – files not processed**

The new Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) did not process any files received between 1.05 (BST) and 5.47 (BST) Friday 24 July 2015.

### **[EL02282](#): Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) Planned Downtime between 22-23 July 2015 completed**

Further to ELEXON Circular [EL02279](#) the planned downtime for the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) which took place between 18.00 (BST) on Wednesday 22 July and 09.15 (BST) on Thursday 23 July 2015 has been completed. This planned downtime was required to deploy Phase 2 of the BMRS Project.

Further information is contained in the Circular.

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

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## Finding information: BSC Panel reports

Did you know that the monthly reports to the BSC Panel contain details of what's happening in ELEXON, the Modification Groups and Panel Committees, and some very helpful summaries, charts and graphs?

The [Change Report \(242/03\)](#) contains news on changes to the BSC and Code Subsidiary Documents and a chart showing the status of all Modification Proposals.

The [Trading Operations: BSC Operations Headline Report \(242/02\)](#) contains graphs relating to pricing and credit and a graph showing generation fuel type for each Balancing Mechanism Unit.

The [ELEXON Report to the BSC Panel \(242/01\)](#) gives an update on key ELEXON issues and initiatives and wider industry matters. All Panel Committees provide a monthly report to the BSC Panel and these are included in the ELEXON Report:

- [Imbalance Settlement Group \(242/01A\)](#)
- [Supplier Volume Allocation Group \(242/01B\)](#)
- [Performance Assurance Board \(242/01C\)](#)
- [Trading Disputes Committee \(242/01D\)](#)

These documents are available on the respective meeting pages of the [BSC Panel section](#) of our website.

For further information please email [panelsecretary@elexon.co.uk](mailto:panelsecretary@elexon.co.uk).

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## Upcoming meetings and events

**30 July 2015** - [Performance Assurance Board \(PAB\)](#)

**4 August 2015** - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group \(SVG\)](#)

**5 August 2015** - [P272 BSC Industry Day](#)

**6 August 2015** - [Trading Disputes Committee \(TDC\)](#)

**13 August 2015** - [BSC Panel](#)

**25 August 2015** - [Imbalance Settlement Group \(ISG\)](#)



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