



# Newscast

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## Coming up this week

### 3 September

Trading Disputes Committee at 10.00

## New website search tool coming soon!

We are constantly looking at ways to improve how you access information on our website. In response to your feedback about our website search function, we are launching a new search tool soon, to help you find what you're looking for quickly and easily.

We have used your recommendations and experiences with our existing search function as a basis for the requirements of the new search tool, and we would like to thank those of you who took the time to provide us with your feedback to get this project underway.

This is a work in progress that we will be developing over time, so your views and feedback are extremely valuable to us to see how we can improve the new search tool.

We will keep you posted on some of the key features coming soon, and when it will be launched via Newscast, so keep an eye out for another update next week.

If you have any questions about our website, or the new search tool, please email [communications@exxon.co.uk](mailto:communications@exxon.co.uk).

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## Sign up for the P305 Industry Information Day

On **Thursday 1 October 2015**, we will hold an Industry Information Day on Approved Modification P305, which implements the findings of Ofgem's Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review. At the session, we plan to cover the following two broad topics:

- Overview: provide an introduction to the modification's background and how the methods for calculating imbalance prices will change from November 2015. In particular, we will provide an overview of the four key areas of change being introduced by P305: Area A – Reduction in PAR, Area B – Single Price, Area C – Reserve Scarcity Pricing, and Area D – Inclusion of Demand Control Event pricing.
- Implementation: details of how the modification is being implemented, eg in terms of changes to BSC documents and Central Systems, and how these changes might affect you.

Most importantly, the day will provide you with an opportunity to have your questions on P305 answered.

To book your space for the P305 Industry Information Day, please email [events@elexon.co.uk](mailto:events@elexon.co.uk) by **17.00 on Thursday 24 September**.

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## November 15 Release: P305 and P309 documents updated

On Tuesday 25 August, the Imbalance Settlement Group approved the Central Volume Allocations (CVA) documents amended for P305 and P309. The final approved changes will be available later this week for download from the [November 2015 Release](#) page of the website.

For more information, please contact [releases@elexon.co.uk](mailto:releases@elexon.co.uk).

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## Next BSC Panel meeting: 10 September 2015

The next [BSC Panel meeting](#) will be on Thursday 10 September 2015 and will take place at [ELEXON's offices](#).

All agenda items will be held in open session (except those deemed confidential) and representatives of BSC Parties may attend. Meeting papers will be published on the [BSC Panel meeting section](#) of the website on **Thursday 3 September**.

If you would like to attend or have any queries, please email the [Panel Secretary](#) by noon on **Wednesday 2 September**.

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## Guidance on 'downgrading' of Profile Class 5-8 Metering Systems

ELEXON has had a number of queries raised regarding Metering Systems (MSs) in Profile Classes (PC) 5-8 being downgraded to PC3/4, rather than being migrated to Half Hourly (HH) Settlement under [P272](#).

If a PC5-8 MPAN has an advanced meter fitted, then it must be migrated to HH Settlement in line with the [P272](#) requirements, and cannot be moved to PC3/4.

If you are a Party looking to move to PC3/4, please note this is not possible for the following reasons:

- The Standard Licence Condition (SLC), section 12.17-12.22 states that, from 6 April 2009, any new sites that meet the Profile Class 5-8 definition in the BSC must have an advanced meter fitted.
- Any existing Profile Class 5-8 sites at 6 April 2009 were required to have an advanced meter fitted by 6 April 2014.
- Additionally, from 6 April 2014, any non-domestic premises with Current Transformer metering must have an advanced meter fitted.
- From 1 January 2021, all premises with Current Transformer metering, whether domestic or non-domestic, must have an advanced meter fitted.

Where there is such a licence obligation, Suppliers must transfer existing Metering Systems to Half Hourly Settlement by **1 April 2017**, as detailed in [P272](#).

For more information or questions regarding the above, please email [P272implementation@elexon.co.uk](mailto:P272implementation@elexon.co.uk).

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## Performance Assurance Techniques used during P272/P322 migration published

ELEXON and the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) have agreed and published the Performance Assurance

Techniques (PATs) that we will use to monitor and address non-compliances during the P272/P322 migration, following Ofgem's requirement for a clear process to monitor the migration.

The [document](#), approved by the PAB, sets out the non-compliances that could take place during the migration and the PATs that we will use in each case.

For more information, please email [P272implementation@exon.co.uk](mailto:P272implementation@exon.co.uk).

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## Approval of changes to the Code Administration Code of Practice

The Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) defines high level principles that electricity and gas Code Administrators should adopt to help protect the interests of small market participants and consumers. The Code Panels proposed to add a new Principle 13 to the existing CACoP to ensure cross Code changes are progressed efficiently.

On 26 August 2015, Ofgem published its [decision letter](#) to approve the addition of Principle 13 to the CACoP. The approved CACoP version 4.0 can be found on [Ofgem's website](#).

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## New BSC Modification: P326 'Introduction of a non-Working Day adjustment to the Credit Cover Percentage calculation'

On 25 August 2015, Haven Power Ltd raised new BSC Modification [P326 'Introduction of a non-Working Day adjustment to the Credit Cover Percentage calculation'](#).

This Modification proposes to address inefficiencies with excess Credit Cover under the BSC. The Proposer believes that there is a limitation in the calculation of Credited Assessment Energy Indebtedness (CEI) for Balancing Mechanism (BM) Units registered in the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) arrangements. They seek to address this by allowing for non-Working Day variations for a Supplier BMU's BM Unit Credit Assessment Import Capability (BMCAIC).

We are currently drafting our Initial Written Assessment (IWA) and will publish it on the [P326](#) page our website on **3 September 2015**. The full impacts of the proposed changes will be determined as part of the assessment of the Modification, but it will most likely affect Suppliers.

The BSC Panel will consider the IWA at its meeting on **10 September 2015** and agree on how to progress this Modification.

### Would you like to join the P326 Workgroup

The first Workgroup meeting is likely to be held during the **weeks beginning 28 September or 5 October 2015**. To join the P326 Workgroup or attend as a non-voting attendee, please let us know by emailing [bsc.change@exon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exon.co.uk), including your availability for the weeks beginning 28 September and 5 October 2015.

For more information on P326, please contact Talia Addy on 020 7380 4043 or email [bsc.change@exon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exon.co.uk).

### **Reminder: P315 Report Phase Consultation**

#### [P315 'Publication of Gross Supplier Market Share Data'](#)

This Modification proposes to provide further transparency on Suppliers' Meter Volume and MPAN counts. To help all Parties understand the gross Supplier market shares, the volumes will exclude embedded generation and will be broken down by Market Participant ID (MPID), customer type, Active Export (AE)/Active Import (AI) and Half Hourly/Non Half Hourly. To respond to this Consultation, please use the response form available on the [Consultations](#) page of our website and email it to [bsc.change@exon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exon.co.uk) by **12.00 on Wednesday**

2 September 2015.

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## Market Index Definition Statement annual review 2015 consultation published

The Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) defines the use of Market Index Data to calculate the reverse Energy Imbalance Price. An annual review of this document is required by the BSC, to ensure that the reverse price is providing a reasonable reflection of the price of wholesale electricity in the short term market.

Our yearly analysis shows that the current Individual Liquidity Threshold (ILT), timeband weightings and product weightings remain suitable for 2015/16. We are now seeking views on whether the MIDS will remain fit for purpose following implementation of a Single Imbalance Price in November 2015.

To respond to this consultation, please use the form available on the [Consultations](#) page of our website and email it to [market.operations@elexon.co.uk](mailto:market.operations@elexon.co.uk) by **Wednesday 9 September 2015**. Responses to this consultation will be considered by the Imbalance Settlement Group at its meeting on **22 September 2015**, where a final recommendation will be made to the BSC Panel for approval.

For more information, please call Thomas Routier on 020 7380 4378 or email [thomas.router@elexon.co.uk](mailto:thomas.router@elexon.co.uk).

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## CALF values for the Winter 2015 BSC Season published

The Credit Assessment Load Factor (CALF) values for the Winter 2015 BSC Season, which runs from 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016, have been published. 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](mailto:bscservicedesk@cgi.com) by **Monday 2 November 2015**. More information on CALF appeals is available in Section 12 of the CALF Guidance document.

The holiday CALF deadline for the Winter 2015 BSC Season is **Monday 16 November 2015**, 10 working days before the start of the season.

For further information about CALF, please see the CALF Guidance document or email Jordi Brown at [SettlementOperations@elexon.co.uk](mailto:SettlementOperations@elexon.co.uk).

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## 2014/15 BSC Audit Peer Comparison tables published

Following the completion of the 2014/15 BSC Audit, the Audit Peer Comparison tables have been published on the ELEXON website. These tables are broken down into role types and rank organisations based on the total number of audit issues found by BSC Auditor this year, the age of the issues and their impact rating. The tables only include issues that are open or have been found this year but were closed in period.

To access an Excel version of the anonymous Peer Comparison tables, please visit the [BSC Audit Issue Resolution](#) page of our website.

For more information, please email [bscaudit@exelon.co.uk](mailto:bscaudit@exelon.co.uk).

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## Qualification application approval

On Thursday 27 August 2015, the Performance Assurance Board approved the Qualification of POWERO Limited, SINQ Power Limited, TRAMONTO Power Limited and ENERGYQ Limited as Half Hourly and Non Half Hourly Supplier using the 'POWQ', 'SINQ', 'TRAM', 'ENGQ' MPIDs respectively. The registered company address for these companies is 4 Beech Avenue, Worcester, Worcestershire, England WR3 8PZ.

The Performance Assurance Board also approved the Qualification of Bethnal Energy Limited, Covent Energy Limited, Edgware Energy Limited and Farringdon Energy Limited as Half Hourly and Non Half Hourly Supplier using the 'BETH', 'COVE', 'EDGE', 'FARR' MPIDs respectively. The registered company address for these companies is 8 Church Meadows, Toddington, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, GL54 5DB

For more information about the Qualification process, please call Arpita Nair on 020 7380 4169 or email [qualification@exelon.co.uk](mailto:qualification@exelon.co.uk).

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## ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 24 September, we have published five ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

### **EL02295: Planned BSC Agent downtime to impact BMRS REMIT and Transparency pages on Friday 28 August 2015**

A planned downtime on the REMIT and Transparency pages of the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) took place between 17.00 (BST) and 18:00 (BST) on Friday 28 August 2015.

### **EL02293: Consultation on the Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) review 2015**

We are now seeking views on whether the MIDS will remain fit for purpose following implementation of a Single Imbalance Price in November 2015.

### **EL02292: Planned BSC Agent downtime to impact BMRS REMIT and Transparency pages - Wednesday 2 September 2015**

A planned downtime on the REMIT and Transparency pages of the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) will take place between **17.00 (BST)** and **19:00 (BST) Wednesday 2 September 2015**.

### **EL02291: European Transparency Platform planned downtime: Thursday 27 August 2015**

ENTSO-E notified us that there would be an EMFIP (European Transparency Platform) planned downtime between 17.00 (BST) and 23.00 (BST) on Thursday 27 August 2015.

### **EL02290: Availability of the new Data Push service**

The new Data Push service on the Balancing Reporting Mechanism Service is now available to Parties during core business hours of 9.00 (BST) to 17.00 (BST), Monday to Friday.

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

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## Upcoming meetings and events

**10 September 2015 - BSC Panel**

- 15 September 2015** - [Settlement Reform Advisory Group](#)
  - 16 September 2015** - [Introducing ELEXON seminar](#)
  - 17 September 2015** - [Joint European Standing Group \(JESG\)](#)
  - 17 September 2015** - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)
  - 21 September 2015** - [JESG Subgroup: Balancing Stakeholder Focus Group](#)
  - 22 September 2015** - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)
  - 24 September 2015** - [Performance Assurance Board](#)
  - 29 September 2015** - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)
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