



Coming up this week

6 October

[Unmetered Suppliers Users Group](#) at **10.00**

7 October

[Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group](#) at **10.00**

8 October

[BSC Panel](#) at **10.00**

New website search tool now live!

We appreciate the valuable feedback that we have received from you, our customers. In our recent customer survey, you told us that you wanted to find relevant results quickly and easily, so we've created a new search tool to enable you to do just that.

We have been talking about this new search tool over the past few weeks, but we're delighted to announce that it is now live! Our new search function aims to provide you with a more engaging and useful search experience. We've also put together some [guidance](#) on how to use it, and we look forward to your feedback on the tool and its features.

This is a work in progress that we will be developing over time, so your views are extremely valuable to us.

If you've performed a search and you're not getting the results you'd expect, please let us know by emailing communications@exxon.co.uk or talk to your [Operational Support Manager](#) (OSM).

P305 Industry Information Day

On Thursday 1 October 2015, ELEXON held a P305 Industry Information Day. The event was well attended by the industry, with Suppliers, Traders, Generators and Party Agents represented.

Going live as part of the November 2015 Release, [P305 'Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review Developments'](#) implements the findings of Ofgem's Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review. During the Information Day, we covered the following topics:

- P305 and the Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review (EBSCR): context and overview
- Detailed overview of the four key areas of change that P305 will make to the imbalance price

arrangements: Area A – Reduced PAR, Area B – Single Price, Area C – Reserve Scarcity, Area D – Demand Control

- P305 Implementation: a summary of changes to the BSC, Code Subsidiary Documents and systems

We also held a Q&A session, which was lively and we received a good number of questions from the audience. These questions and the relevant answers will be published on the [P305 page](#) later this week. In the meantime, please have a look the [slides from the Information Day](#), which are available on our website.

If you missed this event and would be interested in attending a P305 related event in the future, please let us know by emailing events@elexon.co.uk. We would like to hear from you.

November 2015 Release: Do you want to get involved in participant testing of P305?

ELEXON would like to invite the BSC Parties to take part in participant testing of P305, which will be implemented as part of the November 15 Release, effective from **5 November 2015**. Participant testing is scheduled to take place between **12 October 2015 and 16 October 2015**.

Why should I take part?

P305 'Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review Developments' includes the following changes which will impact the pricing calculations affecting all BSC Parties:

- Changes to Price Average Reference (PAR) and Replacement PAR (RPAR) values.
- A single imbalance price using the existing Main Price calculation.
- Introduction of a Reserve Scarcity Price (RSP) function for Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) actions.
- Introduction of Demand Control actions into the imbalance price and an imbalance volume correction process.

These changes will be reflected in the SAA-I014 Settlement Report and TIBCO messages BMRA-I005 and BMRS-I006. The changed formats are defined in [IDD Part 1 Word document](#) and [IDD Part 1 Spreadsheet](#) published on the [November 2015 Release](#) page. Please note that, for the purposes of testing only, we will send these flows to test participants via email.

Through testing, you will be able to verify that your amended systems are able to load the new versions of these files with the new data items for P305 and verify the new pricing calculations.

How can I sign up for participant testing?

You can register your interest by emailing releases@elexon.co.uk by **9 October 2015**. Those who have already informed us of their interest do not need to take any further action.

For more details related to the Release, please visit the [November 15 Release](#) page or email releases@elexon.co.uk.

P272: Have you shared your Supplier Migration Plans?

ELEXON, along with the Performance Assurance Board (PAB), would like to remind you that the success of the P272 migration largely depends on communication between BSC Parties across the industry.

Therefore, if you are a Supplier, we encourage you to share your details of your Supplier Migration Plans (SMPs) with your associated Supplier Agents and Distribution Network Operators (DNOs). A number of Supplier Agents and DNOs have notified us that they would like to hear more from Suppliers, to plan their workload to

deliver the P272 migration in the required timescales. Following these discussions, Suppliers may wish to update and re-submit their SMP to ELEXON to ensure they successfully complete their customer migrations by April 2017.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please email P272implementation@elexon.co.uk.

CACoP Annual Review meeting on 14 October 2015

Earlier this year National Grid published an open letter inviting views on the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP). Views received in response to this open letter will be discussed at the CACoP Annual Review meeting being held on **14 October 2015**, from 10.00 to 14.00 at National Grid House, Warwick.

The Electricity and Gas industry Code Administrators will consider these responses and whether any amendments should be made to the current version of the CACoP at the meeting.

If you are interested in attending, please contact National Grid directly by emailing CUSC.team@nationalgrid.com by COP tomorrow, **6 October 2015**.

Ofgem's position paper: Making the electricity system more flexible and delivering the benefits for consumers

In January of this year, Ofgem published an open letter launching their work on flexibility in the electricity sector. In this letter, Ofgem set out the scope of its work and has focused on three sources of electricity flexibility: demand-side response, energy storage, and distributed generation.

Last week, Ofgem published a position paper: **Making the electricity system more flexible and delivering the benefits for consumers**. Through this paper, Ofgem announces the start of its work towards making sure that regulation supports an efficient, flexible energy system, which delivers benefits for consumers. Ofgem will progress this work as part of a broader programme of work with the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), intended to manage the transition to a smarter energy system.

The [position paper](#) and further information are available from [Ofgem's website](#).

TDC meeting headlines

At its 1 October 2015 meeting, the Trading Disputes Committee (TDC) heard three Trading Disputes:

- 1. Trading Dispute DA753 – 205/01.** The Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) found the Meter clock adrift during its site visit. The Meter Operator Agent (MOA) rectified the fault and the Half Hourly (HH) Data Collector (DC) corrected erroneous data. ELEXON considered the Trading Dispute invalid against the materiality criteria.
- 2. Trading Disputes DA756 – 205/02.** The MOA identified Current Transformer (CT) links in a shorted position at a HH metering site. The MOA rectified the fault and commissioned the Meter. The HHDC has not yet corrected erroneous data. ELEXON considers the Trading Dispute valid against the three Trading Dispute criteria.
- 3. Trading Dispute DA742- 205/07.** The Licenced Distribution Service Operator (LDSO) identified cross connections on the CT during its site visit. The LDSO rectified the fault and the HHDC corrected the erroneous data. ELEXON considers the Trading Dispute DA742 valid against the three Trading Disputes' criteria.

The full [Headline Report](#) is available on our website. For more information, please email disputes@elexon.co.uk.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Reserve Payment Notices issued to Suppliers

On Wednesday 30 September 2015, we issued Reserve Payment Notices to Suppliers, detailing the Total Reserve Amount, Supplier's Reserve Payment and the Interim Levy Rate for the quarterly obligation period, covering 1 January to 31 March 2016. On Thursday 1 October 2015 we issued [EMR Circular 61](#) to confirm this and provided details on the following:

- What is the Interim Levy Rate and Total Reserve Amount?
- What is used to calculate my Reserve Payment?
- What is the reference period used?
- When is the Reserve Payment invoiced?
- Where is the CFD Reserve Payment guidance document located?
- When does the CFD Supplier credit cover requirement commence?

Supplier event on 21 October 2015: Have you booked your space?

The Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) and EMRS are holding an event for Suppliers on **Wednesday 21 October 2015**. This is an opportunity for Suppliers to get EMR updates from LCCC and EMRS. Participants will also get the chance to hear from the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) on Energy Intensive Industries (EII). The agenda will cover similar aspects to the [event held on Wednesday 12 August 2015](#) and some new topics:

- EMR forward look
- Forecasting update
- Energy Intensive Industries
- EMRS Settlement activities update
- NEW: EMRS will include CFD Supplier Credit Cover
- NEW: DECC talk about the [CFD Supplier Obligation: Consultation on improving efficiency & transparency](#) and how the process for changing the CFD Supplier Obligations Regulations work

When? Wednesday 21 October 2015. Registration will begin from 9.45 for a 10.15 start. The event is scheduled to finish at 14.00.

Where? EMR Settlement Limited, 4th floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW.

How do I register? Please register via the [LCCC website](#) to reserve your place by noon on **Monday 19 October 2015**. You'll need to be registered on the LCCC website to book your space. Alternatively, please email cfdpreparations@lowcarboncontracts.uk.

DECC consultation on the CFD Supplier Obligation

On Monday 14 September 2015, the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) published the consultation [CFD Supplier Obligation: Consultation on improving efficiency & transparency](#). The deadline to submit responses is **Friday 23 October 2015**.

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.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

New Change Proposals

CPC00760 invites you to provide an Impact Assessment of four new Change Proposals by **17.00 on Friday 30 October 2015**. These are:

- [CP1448 'Changes to allowable software for Method 3 Proving Tests'](#)
- [CP1449 'Updates to BSCP520 and the SVA Data Catalogue following a review'](#)
- [CP1450 'Security Requirements for CoP10 Metering Equipment'](#)
- [CP1451 'Allowing HH Default EACs for all HH Measurement Classes'](#)

Who will be impacted?

- CP1448 – Half Hourly (HH) Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) may be impacted by this change.
- CP1449 – Suppliers, HH Data Collectors (DCs), Meter Administrators (MAs) and Unmetered Supplies Operators (UMSOs) may be impacted by this change.
- CP1450 – Suppliers and HHMOAs may be impacted by this change.
- CP1451 – No BSC Parties are expected to be impacted by this change.

High level summaries

- [CP1448](#) – This CP proposes changes to BSCP502 and BSCP514 such that it will be a requirement for the HHMOA to use data retrieval software that is approved under BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing' for proving test Method 3.
- [CP1449](#) – This CP proposes to remove some Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) data flows relating to Unmetered Supplies (UMS) for which the information is, in practice, being sent by email without adhering to the flow structure. In many cases this is because the relevant information or the frequency of it being sent is considered by participants to be inappropriate for a flow, and that it is more pragmatic to issue the information via a standard email exchange. We have also taken this opportunity to include some housekeeping and clarification changes.
- [CP1450](#) – This CP proposes to amend CoP10 Section 5.6 to state that Metering Equipment shall either comply with the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS), and therefore the security requirements; or allow for at least the levels of access currently defined. In addition, a cross-reference to the BSC definition of SMETS will be added to CoP10 Section 2 'References'.
- [CP1451](#) - This CP proposes to amend the wording for Entity 59 within BSCP509 Appendix 1 to remove the reference to only Measurement Classes C, E, F and G being valid entries for the 'Measurement Class Id' field. This will allow a value for Measurement Class D to be included within Entity 59.

How can I respond?

The consultation response form and all supporting documents can be found on the individual Change Proposal pages (web links above) and [Change Proposal Circulars](#) page of our website, with a combined response form for the four CPs also available on the latter.

Please send your response entitled 'CPC00760 Consultation' to bsc.change@elexon.co.uk by **17.00 on Friday 30 October 2015**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to meet this deadline.

Would you like more information?

For more information on CP1448 and CP1450, please call Claire Kerr on 020 7380 4293 or email claire.kerr@elexon.co.uk.

For more information on CP1449 and CP1451, please call David Kemp on 020 7380 4303 or email david.kemp@elexon.co.uk.

New Market Participants

Cornflower Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: CRNFLWR); Daisy Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: DAISY); Foxglove Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: FOXGLOVE); Lavender Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: LAVENDER); Marigold Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: MARIGOLD); Mint Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: MINT); Snowdrop

Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: SNOWDROP) and Tulip Energy Supply Limited (Party ID: TULIP) have successfully acceded to the Balancing and Settlement Code, effective from 1 October 2015 and intend to register in the role of Supplier.

If you have any questions about the market entry process, please email market.entry@elexon.co.uk.

MDD Circular 563 published

Market Domain Data (MDD) is the central repository of Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) market information and is essential to the operation of the SVA trading arrangements. It includes critical parameters such as Standard Settlement Configurations, Profile Classes and Grid Supply Point Groups.

MDD Circular 563 is now available on the [Market Domain Data Circulars](#) page of our website. This version of MDD will be published on **Wednesday 7 October 2015**, with a go-live date of **Wednesday 14 October 2015**.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 28 September 2015, we have published four ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

EL02306: Planned National Grid BM Outage on Tuesday 6 October 2015 cancelled

Further to ELEXON Circular [EL02304](#), National Grid has notified us that the Balancing Mechanism (BM) planned outage planned for between 10.10 (BST) and 13.10 (BST) on **Tuesday 6 October 2015** has been cancelled. This BM planned outage will be re-scheduled and a further Circular will follow when the new date has been finalised.

EL02305: Two withdrawals from the Balancing and Settlement Code – Party IDs: PVNEDLTD and DEESIDE

PVNEDLTD and DEESIDE withdrew from the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) on 30 September 2015, in accordance with section A5.1 of the Code.

EL02304: Planned National Grid BM Outage on Tuesday 6 October 2015

National Grid notified us that there would be a Balancing Mechanism (BM) planned outage between 10.10 (BST) and 13.10 (BST) on Tuesday 6 October 2015. This has now been cancelled.

EL02303: Planned National Grid MODIS downtime on 30 September 2015

There was a planned downtime on the MODIS (Market Operation Data Interface System) on Wednesday 30 September 2015 between 17.45 (BST) and 18.30 (BST).

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

Upcoming meetings and events

13 October 2015 - [P324/P325 Workgroup meeting 1](#)

15 October 2015 - [Issue 60 Workgroup Meeting 3](#)

20 October 2015 - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)

27 October 2015 - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

29 October 2015 - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

3 November 2015 - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)



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