



Coming up this week

18 November

'Introducing ELEXON' seminar at **10.00**

Ongoing issue with Settlement due to an error by a single Half Hourly Data Aggregator to a number of Suppliers

On Friday 13 November 2015, we issued ELEXON Circular [EL02326](#). In the Circular, we advised you that a Half Hourly (HH) Data Aggregator (DA) Party Agent had submitted erroneous data. Following further analysis, we have identified an additional affected Settlement Day of 25 September 2015 with a Settlement Run of R1, with a Payment Date of 19 November 2015.

This means there are seven affected Settlement Days across the Settlement Runs. For further information on the affected Settlement Days and corrective actions please read ELEXON Circular [EL02328](#).

If you have any more questions please contact bscservicedesk@cgi.com.

Cost Benefit Analysis on changes to Imbalance Settlement Period: ENTSO-E questionnaire now live

Today **Monday 16 November**, ELEXON, in collaboration with National Grid and Energy UK, is hosting an [Industry Information Day](#) on the forthcoming cost benefit analysis from ENTSO-E on harmonising the imbalance settlement period across Europe.

On Friday 13 November, ENTSO-E published the following documents:

[Imbalance Settlement Period Cost Benefit Analysis questionnaire](#) [Excel spreadsheet]
[Guidebook to help respondents fill out the questionnaire](#)

This consultation is taking place **between 13 November 2015 and 14 January 2016** and a total of three time periods are being assessed: 30, 15 and 5 minutes. Through this event, we would like to help ensure that UK industry responses are based on consistent assumptions and that there is a common understanding of the issue.

The outcome of this cost benefit analysis will help determine European law for the Imbalance Settlement Period duration to be used across Europe, including in Great Britain. This could result in an alternative to our current

Half Hourly Settlement Great Britain to perhaps 15 minute or 5 minute Settlement.

The materials presented at today's event and a summary of the Q&A will be available on the [Industry Information Day](#) page of our website by the end of this week.

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

'Introducing ELEXON' seminar: 18 November

On **Wednesday 18 November**, the next '[Introducing ELEXON](#)' seminar will take place at our premises. The seminar provides a useful overview of the electricity industry, ELEXON's role, the Balancing and Settlement Code, and the role of other key players in the electricity industry. This event is particularly useful to those who are newcomers to the industry, have recently entered the market (or are in the process of doing so), or have changed roles within the energy sector.

Our 'Introducing ELEXON' seminars are becoming increasingly popular, with our November and February editions having sold out already. If you are interested in registering, the next seminar with spaces available is on [Wednesday 13 April 2016](#).

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

BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel met on Thursday 12 November 2015 and the [Headline Report](#) is now available. This report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the Panel's most recent meeting.

Changes to the BSC Bulletin process

As part of our Continual Service Improvement (CSI) process we've recently reviewed how we communicate urgent operational issues to Parties outside of our core business hours (08:00–18:00). One area considered as part of this review is **BSC Bulletin** which is emailed out of hours by the BSC Service Desk to inform Parties of issues or updates such as an ECVA System Failure.

These BSC Bulletins can sometimes take up to two hours to send; to ensure key communications reach our customers as soon as possible we've have changed the way we send the Bulletins. From **Tuesday 17 November 2015** all BSC Bulletins will be formatted like the ELEXON Circular and sent from bscbulletins@bsccentralservices.co.uk. This new email address is automated and for sending purposes only.

For any operational queries, please email bscservicedesk@cgi.com. This will help us direct your query to the correct team and avoid duplication.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact [Matt Wood](#) or call 0207 380 4190.

Published: Change Proposal Impact Assessment timetable 2015/16

The new **Change Proposal Impact Assessment timetable 2015/16** has been published in the [Change Register](#) under the [Change](#) section of our website.

The timetable set out the Change Proposals (CPs) issue dates for Consultation, response dates, and the relevant Committee decision dates.

If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact [Claire Kerr](#) on 020 7380 4293.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Erroneous BSC Metered Data impacting Supplier's Operational Cost Levy invoices

On Friday 13 November, **Suppliers** were informed about the Operational Cost Levy invoices impacted by an error in the metered data used in the calculations. This error has been caused by a Half Hourly (HH) Data Aggregator (DA) Party Agent submitting erroneous data into BSC Settlement. The issue was identified on 12 November 2015 and communicated via ELEXON Circulars:

- [EL02324 - Issue with Settlement Data, Advice Notes and Credit Cover Percentage](#)
- [EL02322 - Issue with Settlement Data and Advice Notes](#)

This error is currently impacting CFD Settlement for **Settlement Days 20 and 21 October 2015 at the SF Run**. For further information please read EMRS Circular [EMRC65](#).

DECC Consultation on the Low Carbon Contracts Company and Electricity Settlements Company operational costs 2016/17

On 5 November 2015, DECC launched the consultation on the [Low Carbon Contracts Company \(LCCC\) and Electricity Settlements Company \(ESC\) operational costs 2016/17](#).

It is seeking views on the proposed 2016/17 operational cost budgets and resulting levies for the LCCC and the ESC. The operational costs of these companies are recovered through levies on electricity Suppliers, as set out in legislation. The consultation closes on **3 December 2015** and responses can be emailed to emroperationalcosts@decc.gsi.gov.uk.

Following the outcome of the consultation, the operational cost levy rates for 2016/17 will be reflected in secondary legislation, which is intended to be laid in Parliament in early 2016, then come into force (subject to the will of Parliament) before 1 April 2016.

Reminder: Event for new Suppliers - Introduction to Contracts for Difference and Capacity Market

The Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) and EMRS are hosting an event for new Suppliers on **Thursday 3 December 2015**. This event aims to provide an overview of the Electricity Market Reform programme and outlines the different roles and responsibilities of the delivery bodies. Full [event details](#) are available on the EMR Settlement 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 via the homepage of our 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.

PARMS submission 2016 calendar published

The [Performance Assurance Monitoring System Submission Calendar \(PARMS\) for 2016](#) is now available, the

calendar runs from **February 2016** to **January 2017**.

What do I need to submit and what will I get in return?

Suppliers are required to submit Data Provider Information (a DPI file) within 15 Working Days (WDs) of the end of each reporting period or calendar month. Agents and Suppliers are then required to send the relevant PARMs Reports within 20 WDs of the end of each reporting period or calendar month.

Suppliers receive automated reports confirming what was submitted by Supplier Agents acting on their behalf. We process this information and extract it for our monitoring processes.

Suppliers that don't provide a complete set of performance data either themselves or via their Supplier Agents by the 20 WD deadline will incur a charge under the Supplier Charges technique.

Where can I find further information?

You can find more information on [PARMs](#) in [BSCP533 and its appendixes](#).

For further information about PARMs, please see the [PARMs Guidance document](#), [PARMs URS document](#) or email [Kat Munday](#).

Generation Capacity (GC)/Demand Capacity (DC) notification submission calendar 2016/17 published

The **GC and DC seasonal re-declaration calendar for 2016/2017** is now available on the [Generation and Demand Capacity](#) page of our website.

What do I need to do?

Each Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit has a GC and a DC. This is the maximum expected net Generation and Demand for that BM Unit in the current BSC Season.

These values are declared seasonally via a BSCP15/4.3. Parties can resubmit during the Season if they breach these declared values via a BSCP15/4.4.

GC/DC is used to calculate whether a BM Unit is a Production (P) or a Consumption (C) BM Unit, which determines which Energy Account that BM Unit's Metered Volumes are allocated to. If BM Units form a Trading Unit, the GC/DC values are used to determine the P/C Flag for all the BM Units in the Trading Unit. For most BM Units, GC/DC is also used with [Credit Assessment Load Factor \(CALF\)](#) in the Energy Indebtedness calculation until II data is available.

When should I declare GC/DC values?

Seasonal Declarations: You need to declare your values for each subsequent Season before they start, with the deadline being ten Working Days before the Season begins. If you do not submit your values by this time, the current values will be carried over.

Mid-Season Re-declarations: All BM Units can opt to re-declare their GC or DC values upward in magnitude at any point during a Season. You need to re-declare your values for a BM Unit if it breaches the current ones. Supplier (2_) BM Units can also opt to re-declare their DC values downward in magnitude during a Season, and this can be done twice per BM Unit in any Season.

Where can I find further information?

The current GC and DC values for all BM Units are published in the **Registered BM Unit spreadsheet** on the [ELEXON Portal](#) or you can email Settlement.operations@elexon.co.uk.

Credit Assessment Price (CAP) Review Consultation on decreasing the CAP to £42/MWh

Consultation on the value of CAP

On **Tuesday 17 November 2015** we will issue a consultation on the value of Credit Assessment Price (CAP) on the [Consultations page](#) of our website. Trading Parties will be invited to indicate whether they agree with the proposal of decreasing the value of CAP to £42/MWh from its current level of £47/MWh.

How does this affect me?

This potentially affects the level of Credit Cover that Parties are required to lodge, so we urge all Parties to respond to the consultation. The consultation responses will be presented to the [Credit Committee](#) who will determine to what value the CAP should be changed to, and the date from which any changed value will take effect.

For more information on CAP, Credit Committee and the review process please visit the [Credit Committee page](#).

How do I respond and by when?

Trading Parties can comment on this consultation using the consultation proforma which will be available on the [Consultations page](#) tomorrow. Please send your responses to CreditCommittee@elexon.co.uk by **17:00 Tuesday 24 November 2015**.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 9 November, we have published ten ELEXON Circulars. The Circulars related to:

- [EL02327](#): Provision of SAA-I014 sub-flow 2 version 7 via the ELEXON Portal
- [EL02326](#): Ongoing issue with Settlement due to an error by a single Data Aggregator to a number of Suppliers
- [EL02325](#): Expulsion Notice for Defaulting Party RMA Dorex UK Ltd
- [EL02324](#): Issue with Settlement Data, Advice Notes and Credit Cover Percentage
- [EL02323](#): Publication of Best View Prices on the ELEXON Portal
- [EL02322](#): Issue with Settlement Data and Advice Notes
- [EL02321](#): Inaccurate data published on BMRS and delays to publishing of Best View Price Report – Update on affected Settlement Periods
- [EL02320](#): Inaccurate data published on BMRS and delays to publishing of Best View Price Reports
- [EL02319](#): Planned BSC Agent downtime on BMRS: 14–15 November 2015
- [EL02318](#): Planned National Grid MODIS Downtime – 9 November 2015

[Circulars](#) are published under the [News & Events](#) section of our website.

Upcoming meetings and events

17 November 2015 - [Joint European Standing Group](#)
18 November 2015 - ['Introducing ELEXON' seminar](#)
24 November 2015 - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)
26 November 2015 - [Performance Assurance Board](#)
26 November 2015 - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)
1 December 2015 - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)
2 December 2015 - [Joint European Standing Group](#)
3 December 2015 - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)



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