



Coming up this week

15 December

[Imbalance Settlement Group](#) at **10.00**

17 December

[Performance Assurance Board](#) at **10.00**

Unplanned outage to Loss of Load Probability and De-rated Margin data on 10 December

Following the implementation of the November 2015 Release, we experienced issues with the calculation and reporting of Loss of Load Probability (LoLP) and De-rated Margin (DRM) data. These issues were resolved by National Grid and reported in [ELEXON Circular EL02354](#).

However, on **Thursday 10 December** National Grid experienced an unplanned outage in its reporting of LoLP and DRM data between 15:30 and 19:35 and did not send the data to ELEXON. As a result the final gate closure values for DRM and LoLP were not published for Settlement Periods 33 through to 41.

Parties were informed via [ELEXON Circular EL02356](#) (10 December) and two ELEXON BSC Bulletins (11 December).

This outage was caused by an issue with two of National Grid's key systems that report DRM and LoLP data; there was a loss of connection between these two systems and the end to end process could not be completed. National Grid investigated the issue and the flow of LoLP and DRM data was restarted at 19:35 on 10 December with the final LoLP values published for Settlement Period 42 onwards.

Please note that for the periods where National Grid did not send LoLP and DRM data (Settlement Periods 33 through to 41), the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Agent (BMRA) and Settlement Administration Agent (SAA) will assume zero LoLP values. The Reserve Scarcity Price (RSP) used to calculate System Prices is also zero in the affected Settlement Periods.

For more information, please contact [Nicholas Rubin](#).

Draft BSCCo Business Plan 2016/17

The draft BSCCo (Balancing and Settlement Code Company) Business Plan for 2016/17 will be available to read

on the [Reports, policies and publications](#) section of our website from tomorrow, **Tuesday 15 December**.

The Business Plan is in two parts:

1. Section 1: A Business Strategy describing our priorities and major activities
2. Section 2: An Annual Budget setting out the associated costs

We want your feedback on the aims and initiatives described in this plan. The BSC Panel and ELEXON Board will consider stakeholders' views in the final Business Plan which will be agreed and issued **before 1 April 2016**.

How to respond

BSC Parties are invited to provide comments on the draft Business Plan by **Friday 15 January 2016**. Please email your response to mark.bygraves@elexon.co.uk and indicate if your response (or any part of it) is confidential.

If you have any questions, or you would like to meet us to discuss any element of the Business Plan, please contact Mark Bygraves on 020 7380 4006.

Supplier Migration Updates: improved template

As part of Performance Monitoring introduced by P322, Suppliers are required to submit Supplier Migration Updates (SMUs) to the Performance Assurance Board once a month, providing detail on how their Supplier Migration programmes are progressing. The monthly updates will need to be submitted from **4 January 2016**, reporting with one month's lag (e.g. the SMU submitted by 4 January 2016 should report on November's activities; the SMU submitted by 1 February 2016 should report on December's activities, and so on).

Following feedback from some Suppliers we have updated the SMU template to provide more descriptive headings. We have also included a worked example SMU, which illustrates how the volumes reported in each column should be calculated. You will be able to find these on the [P272](#) page on the ELEXON website.

If you have any queries concerning the SMUs, please do not hesitate to contact us at P272implementation@elexon.co.uk.

Imbalance Settlement Period Cost Benefit Analysis: response sheet updated

ELEXON and National Grid have updated the GB industry data response sheet for the EU-wide Cost Benefit Analysis on changes to the Imbalance Settlement Period, available on the [Imbalance Settlement Period Cost Benefit Analysis](#) page of our website, under 'outputs from the event'. The response sheet highlights the areas where some market level data has been provided to help respondents answer their share of the market questions. We will be adding further data in the coming weeks, so please keep checking the [Imbalance Settlement Period Cost Benefit Analysis](#) page as updates will be added when available.

The deadline for submitting answered questionnaires is **14 January 2016**. Please send your completed questionnaires to cbaisp@entso.eu. ENTSO-E welcomes the provision of answered questionnaires as soon as possible.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Direct Debit available for Suppliers for CFD and CM payments

On 8 December 2015, we issued [EMR Circular 69](#) to inform Suppliers that Direct Debit is available for both CFD

and CM payments.

The circular confirms:

- process for setting up Direct Debit
- where to locate the Direct Debit mandate forms
- when will my first payment be taken via Direct Debit.

Suppliers required to lodge CFD Credit Cover

Suppliers are obligated to lodge CFD Credit Cover for the quarterly obligation period **1 January 2016 to 31 March 2016**. We've issued [EMR Circular 67](#) to support Suppliers in this task to provide further details on how to lodge, calculate and monitor Credit Cover. [Working Practices 42 – Supplier CFD Credit Cover](#) and [Guidance G5 – Supplier CFD Credit Cover](#) will also support Suppliers in these areas. The obligations related to Credit Cover are detailed in the [Contracts for Difference \(Electricity Supplier Obligations\) Regulations 2014](#).

Presentation material now available from the Introduction to Contracts for Difference and Capacity Market event for Suppliers

The Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) and EMRS held an event for Suppliers on Thursday 3 December 2015. This session provided an overview of the Electricity Market Reform and the different roles and responsibilities of the EMR Delivery Partners. The [agenda and presentation slides](#) are available on for those that weren't able to attend the event.

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

Aligning BSCP502 with amendments to the Electricity Supply Licence

We have issued [Change Proposal 1452 'Aligning BSCP502 with amendments to the Electricity Supply Licence'](#) for Consultation. Responses are due by **8 January 2016** and implementation scheduled for 30 June 2016, as part of the **June 2016 Release**.

For further information, please visit the [CP1452](#) page of our website.

Risk Operating Plan (ROP) 2016/17 Consultation published

On Thursday 26 November, the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) endorsed the Risk Operating Plan (ROP) 2016/17 for Industry Consultation, available on the [Consultations](#) page of our website.

We would like to seek your views on the deployment and scope of Performance Assurance Techniques (PATs) and gather suggestions of areas of the Performance Assurance Framework or specific PATs that could be reviewed to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

The changes proposed in the ROP are supported by a ledger (Excel file) showing the deployment of PATs to risks and impacted roles, which you may find useful when reviewing the ROP. We have published the proposed ROP 2016/17, the ledger and questionnaire on the [Consultations](#) page of the website.

We will present the Consultation responses to the PAB at its meeting in February 2016, when the PAB will be asked to approve the ROP 2016/17, subject to any changes it deems necessary.

Please email your completed response to melinda.anderson@elexon.co.uk by **Friday 18 December 2015**. Late submissions may not be taken into account.

Next Performance Assurance Board meeting: 17 December

The next Performance Assurance Board (PAB) meeting is on **Thursday 17 December**. 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:

PAB179/04 – Annual Performance Assurance Timetable 2017/18. We invite the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) to approve the Annual Performance Assurance Timetable (APAT) for Performance Assurance Operating Period (PAOP) 10. The APAT 2017/18 is effective from **1 April 2017**.

PAF KPI review. This paper details the initial proposal to update current Performance Assurance Framework Key Performance Indicators.

Verbal – BSC Audit Issue working group update.

If you have any questions, please email PABSecretary@elexon.co.uk.

New Market Participants

Pioneer Energy Limited (Party ID: PION1015) and **Santiam Energy Limited** (Party ID: SANT1015) have acceded to the Balancing and Settlement Code as of 14 December 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.

Market Domain Data Circular 568 published

Market Domain Data (MDD) Circular 568 has been published on the [MDD Circulars](#) page of our website. This Circular requests industry members to impact assess the Change requests for MDD Version 238.

The deadline for any Market Participant comments is **17.00 on Wednesday 16 December 2015**.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 7 December, we have published five ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

- [EL02357](#): **Expulsion from the Balancing and Settlement Code – RMA Dorex UK Limited**
- [EL02356](#): **New National Grid issue with calculation and reporting of De-rated Margin and Loss of Load Probability data**
- [EL02355](#): **Update on operational issues following the implementation of Modification P300**
- [EL02354](#): **Update on National Grid's issue with calculation and reporting of De-rated Margin and Loss of Load Probability data**
- [EL02353](#): **Update on National Grid's issue with calculation and reporting of De-rated Margin**

and Loss of Load Probability data

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

Upcoming meetings and events

5 January 2016 - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)

7 January 2016 - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)

7 January 2016 - [Settlement Reform Advisory Group](#)

14 January 2016 - [BSC Panel](#)



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