



Newscast



Issue 585, 18 January 2016



Coming up this week

19 January

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

21 January

[Software Technical Advisory Group](#) at **10.30**

Decrease in the Credit Assessment Price (CAP)

Following consultation with Trading Parties, the Credit Committee met on Tuesday 12 January 2016 and determined that the CAP will decrease to **£38/MWh**, effective from **Tuesday 9 February 2016**. The Credit Committee also agreed to maintain the CAP Review Trigger Level at its current level of **+/- £4/MWh**.

The CAP is used to calculate Trading Parties' Credit Cover Percentage. Parties may notice a change in their Credit Cover Percentage as a result of the CAP decrease from the current value of **£42/MWh**.

For more information, please visit the [Credit Committee](#) page on our website or email credit.committee@elexon.co.uk.

Registration open: Technical Assurance of Metering (TAM) and P283 Commissioning education day

On **Thursday 18 February 2016**, ELEXON, in collaboration with the Technical Assurance Agent (TAA), will host an [education day](#) on Technical Assurance of Metering Systems and the [P283 Commissioning](#) process.

Following the success of the [last education day](#) in 2014, and the results of the recent Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) check, we are organising another event to provide an introduction to the Technical Assurance of Metering technique, Technical Assurance of Metering Systems and the P283 process for those new to the process and a refresher for those who attended the previous event.

The day will cover:

- the TAM process and how it fits in to the Performance Assurance Framework
- an overview of P283
- managing non-compliances

- how to make better use of the information in the Technical Assurance Agent Management Tool (TAAMT)
- reporting.

The event will take place at [ELEXON's offices](#), from **10:00 to 15:00**.

Registration

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form available on the [education day](#) page of our website by **Friday 5 February 2016**. If you have any questions, or need more information on this event, please email beth.procter@elexon.co.uk.

New BMRS Phase 3 testing and go-live

The Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) is the primary channel for providing operational data relating to the GB Electricity Balancing and Settlement arrangements. It is used extensively by market participants in taking trading decisions and understanding market dynamics, and acts as a prompt reporting platform as well as a means of accessing historic data.

The existing BMRS lacks useable web services and unless participants are subscribed to the TIBCO service at a significant cost, there were no practical means for Machine to Machine (M2M) data retrieval.

New BMRS and go-live

Since March 2014, we have been working to replace the existing BMRS website with an improved website. The new BMRS is currently scheduled to go live in March 2016, and will deliver the following benefits:

- Provision of a web service (Application Programming Interface – API) for programmatic timely access to BMRS data.
- A near real time Data Push Service to serve as a viable alternative to the TIBCO service.
- A high performing website, with faster response and download times.
- A flexible and loosely-coupled architecture that enabled cheaper and quicker changes.
- A modern web user interface (UI) to improve navigation and usability of the website.

Impact on market participants

When the new BMRS platform goes live in March 2016, it will be the sole source of BMRS data, and the legacy BMRS system will be decommissioned. As a result, all scripts against the old BMRS will become redundant immediately.

ELEXON will also adopt a more robust approach to manage scripters and has recently updated the [BMRS Data Terms of Use policy](#). Users will therefore need to use the APIs and/or the Data Push service for M2M access to BMRS data.

BMRS Phase 3 participant testing

With the exception of Phase 3 data, most of the BMRS data is already available via the API and Data Push in BMRS production system. During the participant testing period, users will be able to access all BMRS test data, which includes Phase 3 data, via the new platform. This will allow users to familiarise themselves with the new screens, and to try out the REST API and/or the Data Push service to access all BMRS Data.

Participant testing is scheduled for the last two weeks of February 2016. We will confirm the exact dates by the end of January. To take part, please email your details to releases@elexon.co.uk.

If you have any questions please call Zaahir Ghanty on 0207 3804362.

P272 Migration: Best practice for Suppliers, Supplier Agents and DNOs

The success of the P272 migration will be due to regular communications between BSC Parties across the industry. Suppliers have confirmed to us that they have shared their plans with their Supplier Agents as documented in their PAB-approved Supplier Migration Plans (SMPs).

It is important that Suppliers continue to update their Agents with any changes or future plans as early as possible. We recommend as best practice that Suppliers provide their Agents with **MPAN-level** details of the Change of Measurement Class (CoMCs) expected, a month in advance of the intended start of the CoMC.

Similarly, if Supplier Agents or DNOs do not regularly receive the necessary information from their Suppliers, they should contact them in advance of any contract end date. This will allow Suppliers' Agents to prepare as much as possible.

If any BSC Party is having difficulty getting information or responses, please contact your OSM or email us at p272implementation@exxon.co.uk and we will provide you with appropriate contacts.

ELEXON's response to the Cost Benefit Analysis on possible changes to the Imbalance Settlement Period

On Thursday 14 January, ELEXON submitted its response to a consultation coordinated by [ENTSO-E](#) on the costs and benefits of changing the Imbalance Settlement Period (ISP) and move towards harmonisation across the EU.

A number of scenarios are being assessed; those relevant to Great Britain are reducing from the current 30 minute ISP to 15 or 5 minutes. Both 15 and 5 minute ISP changes would result in significant changes being required to our processes and systems.

In its response, ELEXON has assessed the possible costs of implementation in our central BSC arrangements (with strong caveats around the figures for the reasons set out in our response). Harmonising the ISP is unlikely to have any material benefit to ELEXON in undertaking its role of managing the BSC on behalf of its customers so we didn't provide any assessment of benefits.

This consultation is just a part of wider initiatives being promoted by the European Commission and ACER the European regulator to develop a single European electricity market, including harmonising imbalance settlement under the Network Code on Electricity Balancing.

Our response and detailed market data are available on the [Industry Insights](#) page of our website.

National Infrastructure Commission call for evidence

The [National Infrastructure Commission](#) asked ELEXON for evidence on how changes to existing market frameworks, increased interconnection and new technologies in demand-side management (DSM) and energy storage can better balance supply and demand.

ELEXON believes that to fully deliver the benefits of these new technologies new market arrangements are required. Under the BSC, ELEXON has been investigating and implementing improvements to the existing Settlement arrangements. One aspect has been to consider what changes are needed so as to unlock the benefits of new technology and innovation; for example the smart meter roll out or the provision of more granular data to enable the removal of estimates for customers' electricity usage.

ELEXON's [full response](#) to this call for evidence is available on the [Industry Insights](#) page of our website.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

LCCC and ESC bank account details are changing from Monday 18 January 2016

On Monday 11 January 2016, EMRS informed **Suppliers** (on behalf of the Low Carbons Contracts Company and Electricity Settlements Company) that the bank accounts currently used for EMR are changing from **Monday 18 January 2016**. This was communicated by email to Suppliers and sent to their primary company, finance authorities and finance contacts as per Suppliers' registration details. Further details are available on the [News](#) section of the EMRS website.

Quarterly Reconciliation for 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015

On Wednesday 13 January 2016, EMRS informed **Suppliers** that the **Quarterly Reconciliation** for the quarterly obligation period **1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015** was performed on **Tuesday 12 January 2016**. No invoices or backing data have been or will be issued, except for one Supplier. Further details are available on the [News](#) section of the EMRS 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.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Reminder: P326 Assessment Procedure Consultation

Modification [P326 'Introduction of a non-Working Day adjustment to the Credit Cover Percentage calculation'](#) has been issued for Assessment Procedure Consultation, which you are invited to respond to by **17:00 on Friday 22 January 2016**.

P326 proposes to introduce a Demand Capacity Factor to reduce the estimated Supplier demand on non-Working Days within the Credit Cover calculations. This would allow the calculation to better reflect actual demand and increase the accuracy of the level of Credit Cover that Parties are required to lodge. This Modification is expected to affect Suppliers.

We invite you to provide your views on the Workgroup's initial recommendations for P326. Please send your response to bsc.change@exxon.co.uk using the response form attached to the consultation by **17:00 on Friday 22 January 2016**, available on the [Consultations](#) page of our website.

For further information on this Modification, please visit the [P326](#) page of our website. If you have any questions or would like to discuss P326 further, please call David Kemp on 020 7380 4303 or email bsc.change@exxon.co.uk.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since Monday 11 January, we have published four ELEXON Circulars. These were for information and related to:

- [EL02368](#): Post November 2015 Release Imbalance Pricing issues update
- [EL02367](#): Planned BSC Agent downtime on BMRS on 16-17 January 2016
- [EL02366](#): Decrease in the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) to £38/MWh from Tuesday 9 February 2016
- [EL02365](#): Planned BSC Agent downtime impacting REMIT and Transparency pages on BMRS on 14-15 January 2016

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

Upcoming meetings and events

- 26 January** - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)
- 28 January** - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)
- 28 January** - [Performance Assurance Board](#)
- 2 February** - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)
- 4 February** - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)
- 9 February** - [Unmetered Supplies User Group](#)
- 10 February** - ['Introducing ELEXON' seminar](#)
- 11 February** - [BSC Panel](#)



If you have any feedback on Newscast or any of our other publications, please email communications@exxon.co.uk

Our mailing address is:
ELEXON Ltd
4th Floor, 350 Euston Road
London, London NW1 3AW

Copyright (C) 2016 ELEXON Ltd All rights reserved.

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Forward to a friend](#)

Email not displaying correctly? [View it in your browser.](#)