



Newscast



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Coming up this week

20 April

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

New tool available: BSC Systems Roadmap

The [BSC Systems Roadmap](#) provides a view of market and regulatory changes that impact the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Systems over the next five years. This new tool presents ELEXON's best view of the likely timing and impact of major industry/regulatory developments, alongside approved or prospective BSC Changes. It also shows changes arising from ELEXON's management of the BSC service, such as planned improvements and major technology upgrades.

We use the roadmap in our business planning to ensure we deliver an efficient/effective service, in particular the BSC Change service. It helps us to plan ahead for delivery of change and the content of BSC Releases, and also to recognise when a particular area of settlement is affected by multiple changes.

We review and update the roadmap quarterly, and brief the BSC Panel and Panel committees on key changes or actions. The next update will be in June 2016, when we intend to consider alternative scenarios for the scale of regulatory change. We will also add milestones to show when key decisions are needed to enable changes to be delivered to meet regulatory deadlines.

If you have comments on the roadmap, or would like us to discuss it with you and your colleagues, then please get in touch with ELEXON's Design Authority team at design.authority@exxon.co.uk.

Read the full [news story](#) on our website.

BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel met on [Thursday 14 April](#) and the [Headline Report](#) is now available; this report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the Panel's most recent meeting.

System Price Analysis Report (SPAR)

The System Price Analysis Report (SPAR) is our monthly report on Imbalance Pricing. It includes an overview and analysis of the previous month's prices and pricing parameters. The [March 2016 report](#) is now available on the [Operations Reports](#) page of our website.

The SPAR aims to increase industry understanding of pricing, in light of the recent Imbalance Price changes made as part of BSC Modifications [P305 'Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review developments'](#) and [P323 'Enabling inclusion and treatment of SBR in the Imbalance Price'](#).

If you want to keep up to date with ELEXON's pricing analysis, SPAR is published on the [Operations Reports](#) page of our website a week ahead of each [Imbalance Settlement Group \(ISG\)](#) meeting.

For further information, please email market.operations@elexon.co.uk.

Read the latest Operations Reports

The March [Trading Operations Report](#) and the [BSC Operations Headline Report](#) have been published on the [Operations Reports](#) page of our website.

The [Trading Operations Report](#) provides a market-level overview of key events, issues or incidents over the last month, a wide range of statistics on the energy industry and a suite of market graphs.

In the [BSC Operations Headline Report](#) you will find commentary on BSC market operation, identification of key events and reporting of key data.

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

June 2016 Release: invitation to NHHDA's for user testing of CP 1434

We would like to invite NHHDA's to take part in user acceptance testing (UAT) of the NHHDA software modified for [CP1434 'Amend the three digit numeric Line Loss Factor Class \(LLFC\) Id to an Alphanumeric LLFC Id'](#).

What is CP1434 and who does it impact?

CP1434 amends the three digit numeric Line Loss Factor Class (LLFC) Id to an Alphanumeric LLFC Id. All SVA participants will be affected by CP1434. NHHDA's will receive a new version of the NHHDA software which they will need to test and implement on 30 June 2016 in order to process any new alphanumeric LLFC Ids.

Why should you take part?

You will need to have the modified software in place on 30 June 2016 so you are able to load and process any new LLFC Ids in the alphanumeric format. This UAT will give you an opportunity to verify that you are able to install the modified software and it allows LLFC Ids in the new alphanumeric format as prescribed by this Change.

What is the approach for NHHDA UAT?

There will be two rounds of UAT. This gives you a choice to test at your convenience within this period and allow us to address any issues. Our Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) have been working closely with our service provider, preparing business test scenarios and reviewing test documentation and test evidence, to ensure a quality product is delivered to UAT.

When will UAT be held?

UAT is scheduled for 10 – 25 May 2016. It is important that you test in this window as our service provider will have project resource allocated to provide UAT support. If you test outside this window, support will be

available however response times may not be as quick.

The key dates for UAT are:

10 May: NHHDA application software is made available for UAT on the Portal

10-16 May: First round of UAT

18 May: Revised software is made available in case of any fixes applied

19-25 May: Second round of UAT

26 May: Delivery of the final NHHDA software for implementation

What action do you need to take?

Please email releases@elexon.co.uk or contact Mahesh Gogtay on 020 7380 4215 **by Friday 22 April 2016** to advise which round of testing you intend to participate in.

Resolution of issues with Modification P269

Resolution of issues with Modification P269 'Prevention of Base Trading Unit BMUs' Account Status Flipping from Consumption to Production

What happened and why?

In June 2015, Balancing Mechanism Units (BMUs) in the Base Trading Unit for Grid Supply Point (GSP) Group _P (North Scotland) had their energy credited to the Production Account. The energy should have been credited to the Consumption Account.

Changes required for Modification [P269 'Prevention of Base Trading Unit BMUs' Account Status Flipping from Consumption to Production'](#) were not effective in the Settlement Administration Agent (SAA) calculations.

How has this issue been resolved?

A change has been made to the Settlement Administration Agent systems to apply the rules that were intended for P269. In addition to the software change, we also updated the BSC documents to clarify the original requirements. These were approved by the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) under the new [Change Proposal CP1453](#). Further to this, the temporary workaround put in place to address the issue has now been removed. All changes became effective on 12 April 2016.

As the issue was only visible in the Interim Information (II) run, there are no impacts on/correction to Settlement required.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Impact Assessment of CP1459 'Amendments to the process for performing a Post-Final Settlement Run'

We invite you to provide an Impact Assessment of [Change Proposal CP1459 'Amendments to the process for performing a Post-Final Settlement Run'](#). CP1459 proposes changes to BSCP11 'Trading Disputes' section 5.4 'Performing a Post-Final Settlement Run' to achieve the intention of CP1428 'Inclusion of Party Agents in the event of Post Final Settlement Runs' and to ensure that there are explicit timescales on each process step and that it follows a logical path.

Who will be impacted?

CP1459 is expected to impact Suppliers, Data Aggregators and Data Collectors.

How can I respond?

The consultation response form and all supporting documents can be found on the [CP1459](#) page of our website. Please send your response entitled 'CPC00766 Consultation' to bsc.change@elexon.co.uk by **17:00** on

6 May 2016. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to meet this deadline.

For more information, please call Simon Fox-Mella on 020 7380 4299 or email bsc.change@elxon.co.uk.

P326, P336 and P337 approved by the BSC Panel under Self-Governance

At its meeting on 14 April 2016, the BSC Panel approved the following Modifications under Self-Governance Modifications:

- [P326 'Introduction of a non-Working Day adjustment to the Credit Cover Percentage calculation'](#)
- [P336 'Fuel types on the BMRS'](#)
- [P337 'Extension to the payment timescales for Quarter Date Advice Notes below the Advice Note Threshold Limit'](#)

The Panel has:

- approved the P326 Alternative Modification for implementation on **23 February 2017** (February 2017 Release)
- approved P336 for implementation on **2 November 2017** (November 2017 Release)
- approved P337 for implementation on **3 November 2016** (November 2016 Release)

The Panel's Self-Governance Modification Reports are available on respective Modification pages of our website and include the Panel's final views on the Modifications. Copies of National Grid's notices to modify the Code have also been published.

Next steps

BSC Parties have 15 Working Days to appeal the Panel's approval of P326, P336 or P337. This appeal window will close at **17:00** on **6 May 2016**.

You can find the full rules and processes regarding appeals in [BSC Section F6.4](#). If no appeal is received each Modification will be implemented on the above date in accordance with the Panel's determinations.

What are the approved solutions?

[P326](#) will calculate two Credit Assessment Load Factor (CALF) values for Supplier BM Units, with one applying to Working Days and the other to non-Working Days. This would allow the Credit Cover calculation to better account for reductions in Supplier demand on non-Working Days and increase the accuracy of the level of Credit Cover that Parties are required to lodge.

[P336](#) will add 'biomass' as a specific fuel type category reported on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS). It will also allow the BSC Panel to approve further fuel types without needing to raise a Modification.

[P337](#) will extend the payment timescales for Quarter Date Advice Notes below the Advice Note Threshold Limit (ANTL) (currently £500) from three Business Days to 15 Business Days. This will allow ELEXON to defer action, giving Parties 15 Business Days to pay the Advice Note and avoid unnecessary actions, such as the Party defaulting.

If you have any questions on P326 or P336, please contact David Kemp on 020 7380 4303 or email bsc.change@elxon.co.uk. If you have any questions on P337, please contact Talia Addy on 020 7380 4043 or email bsc.change@elxon.co.uk.

BSC Modification P338 raised and approved by the Panel under Fast Track Self-Governance

At its meeting on 17 May 2016, the BSC Panel raised new Modification Proposal [P338 'Consequential changes to P272 legal text'](#) and determined that it should be approved as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification.

The Panel's Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Report for P338 is available on the [P338](#) page of our website. This report includes the Panel's views on P338 and the approved changes to the BSC. A copy of

National Grid's notice to modify the Code has also been published.

Next steps

BSC Parties have 15 Working Days to object to the Panel's decision to treat P338 as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification. This objection period will close at **17:00** on **6 May 2016**.

If you object, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk with your rationale as to why P338 does not meet the Fast Track Self-Governance Criteria. You can find the full rules and process regarding objections in [BSC Section F7.3](#). If no objections are received then P338 will be implemented on **1 April 2017** as a Standalone Release.

If you would like more information on P338, please contact Giulia Barranu on 020 7380 4330 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Quarterly Reconciliation for CFD Obligation Period 1 January to 31 March 2016

Quarterly Reconciliation for CFD Obligation Period 1 January to 31 March 2016 took place on 11 April 2016. This process will return the Reserve Amounts paid by Suppliers on 7 January 2016, as well as any Supplier Interim Rate Payments paid for the Settlement Date between 1 and 20 January 2016.

You will find further information on [EMR Circular 80](#), published on 8 April 2016.

MRA Change Proposals related to EMR are out for Impact Assessment

At its March meeting, the MRA Development Board (MDB) approved three Change Proposals related to Electricity Market Reform (EMR) to go out for 30 working day Impact Assessment.

The Change Proposals are:

[DTC CP 3488 - Enhanced Invoice Backing Data for CM Suppliers which impacts Suppliers](#)

[DTC CP 3489 - Removal of unused data group from D0366 Data Flow which impacts Capacity Providers](#)

[DTC CP 3490 - Enhanced Invoice Backing Data for Capacity Providers which impacts Capacity Providers](#)

The deadline for responses is **17:00** on **17 May 2016**, with a decision for approval to be made at MDB's meeting in May. If approved, all three Change Proposals will be implemented on **23 February 2017**.

For more information, please see [EMR Circular 82](#).

Keep in touch with what's happening with EMR

Visit the [EMRS 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.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 11 April 2016, we have published five ELEXON Circulars. The Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02415: Resolved – delay in processing of the REMIT and Transparency data on BMRS](#)

[EL02414: Update on Settlement issue impacting GSP Groups _F and _M](#)

[EL02413: Delay in the processing of REMIT and Transparency data on BMRS resolved](#)

[EL02412: Delay in the processing of REMIT and Transparency data on BMRS](#)

EL02411: Withdrawals from the Balancing and Settlement Code – NASDAQ OMX Stockholm AB (Party ID: NOMX) and NASDAQ OMX Clearing AB (Party ID: N2EX)

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

Upcoming meetings and events

27 April - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)

28 April - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

5 May - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)

10 May - [Unmetered Suppliers User Group](#)

12 May - [BSC Panel](#)

12 May - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)



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