



Newscast

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Coming up this week

5 July

[Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#) at **10:00**

[P344 Workgroup](#) at **09:30**

7 July

[Trading Disputes Committee](#) at **10:00**

[P341 Workgroup](#) at **10:00**

[Smart Change of Measurement Class Process](#) at **10:00**

Annual BSC Report 2015/16 published

The [Annual BSC Report 2015/16](#) is now available on the [Reports, policies and publications](#) page of the ELEXON website. This report looks back at the BSC Panel's and ELEXON's activities over the 2015/16 BSC year; it highlights how ELEXON continues to be effective, efficient and economical in delivering the BSC, and how we are engaging with the many changes affecting the energy industry to ensure the BSC arrangements remain robust.

If you have any queries about the Annual BSC Report, please email communications@exxon.co.uk.

NEW! ELEXON webinars: increase your understanding of cash-out prices and Modification P305

ELEXON will be hosting two 30-minute webinars to support industry's understanding of [BSC Modification P305](#). P305 was a change to the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) that introduced a number of changes to the cash-out or 'energy imbalance' price, and has been in effect since 5 November 2015.

We have carried out a review of the first six months following the change. Our [draft Post-Implementation Review](#) was submitted to the Imbalance Settlement Group on 21 June, and the final version will be published on 7 July when it is submitted to the Panel. We present data and analysis on balancing behaviour since implementation, the impact on System Prices, the impact on BSC Parties' trading changes and other parameters.

These two 30-minute webinars aim to provide:

- **An introduction to P305:** this webinar will give an overview of the changes to the price calculation, to be held at **13:30 on 11 July 2016**. [Register now](#).
- **An overview of the post-implementation review of P305:** this webinar will discuss the key findings of our analysis, to be held **13:00 on 20 July 2016**. [Register now](#).

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

Nominations sought for BSC Panel Election 2016

The tenures of the current BSC Panel Industry Members end on **30 September 2016**. These Panel Members are appointed via an election process that will run through summer this year.

Becoming a Panel Member

To [become a Panel member](#) you must be nominated by a Trading Party. We distributed nomination forms to identified Trading Party contacts last week. Nomination forms must be completed and signed by the nominating Trading Party, the candidate, and the candidate's employer. If five or less candidates are proposed, they will automatically be appointed without a formal election process. Information on the [BSC Panel](#) and the [2016 election](#) is available on the ELEXON website.

If you think you should have heard from us but haven't done so, please contact **Nicola Dempsey** on 020 7380 4217 or email panelections@elexon.co.uk.

Annual BSC Meeting and ELEXON Seminar 2016: 14 July 2016

Now the final CMA's energy market investigation report has been published, hear directly from:

- **Roger Witcomb, CMA's Energy Market Inquiry Chair.** Hear first-hand the likely impacts that the CMA's final recommendations will have on Settlement, the BSC and the electricity market in general.
- **David Gray, Ofgem Chairman.** Learn more about how Ofgem will deliver recommendations from the CMA's report and the reviewed relationship between Ofgem, the BSC and the industry.

When?

14 July 2016, 14:00 – 16:30, followed by a networking reception.

Where?

ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

To book your space, please email communications@elexon.co.uk. Further details on the [Annual BSC Meeting and Seminar](#) are available on our website.

Update: 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 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 have updated the [Roadmap](#) with our latest view of the BSC Change pipeline and market changes over the next five years. This update includes information about the impacts of [Project TERRE](#) (now raised as

modification proposal [P344](#)), and the Competition and Markets Authority's (CMA) proposals about zonal transmission losses. We've also added a milestone for the UK leaving the EU, but we are assuming that Britain will continue to trade in the European electricity market, and so upcoming European changes will still apply to the BSC.

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@elexon.co.uk.

June 2016 Release now live

The June 2016 BSC Systems Release was successfully implemented on **30 June 2016**. There are three Modifications and seven Change Proposals in the final scope of this Release. These include changes to BSC Systems, Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs) and Configurable Items (CIs).

Under Modification P315, ELEXON publishes three new reports:

- Supplier Market Share Summary Data
- GSP Group Consumption Totals Report
- GSP Group Market Matrix Report

The Supplier Market Share Summary Data will be published quarterly on the ELEXON website from November 2016.

The GSP Group Consumption Totals Report and GSP Group Market Matrix Report are available from the [ELEXON Portal](#) subject to agreeing a [data licence](#). An additional two years' worth of Settlement dates for the GSP Group Consumption Totals Report has also been published.

Please visit the [June 2016 Release](#) page of our website to learn more about the complete scope, key dates and the impacted documents.

If you have any queries, please contact Lori Martin on 020 7380 4208, or email Releases@elexon.co.uk.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

New Modifications

Two related BSC Modifications have been raised, each with a request for urgent progression:

- [P348 'Provision of gross BM Unit data for TNUoS charging'](#) was raised by EDF Energy on 1 July 2016
- [P349 'Facilitating Embedded Generation Triad Avoidance Standstill'](#) was raised by ScottishPower on 4 July 2016.

P348

P348 seeks to enable the Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) to provide gross export and gross import data to the Transmission Company (TC) to support proposed revisions to the Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) Charging methods under Connection Use of System Code (CUSC) Modification Proposal (CMP) [265 'Gross charging of TNUoS for HH demand where embedded generation is in Capacity Market'](#).

The TC currently receives the Transmission Use of System (TUoS) Report (P0210) from the SVAA. The TC uses the data in this report to calculate indicative and actual TNUoS charges. Currently, the TUoS report provides the 'Period HH Allocated Volume' data in the 'HHA Record Types' (for Supplier Balancing Mechanism Units (BMUs)) on the basis of demand net generation within Grid Supply Point (GSP) Groups. To facilitate CMP265, P348 proposes that the SVAA report details of gross import and export volumes by inserting two new columns:

'Period BMU HH Allocated Gross Import Volume' and 'Period BMU HH Allocated Gross Export Volume' into the TUoS report.

P349

This Modification will introduce a requirement under the BSC for Suppliers that are the registrants of New Embedded Generators to tell their Half Hourly Data Aggregators (HHDAs) which Metering System IDs (MSIDs) relate to New Embedded Generation. They will also be required to tell their HHDAs to provide Period Metered Data from these MSIDs to the TC in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

New Embedded Generators will be defined for the purpose of this Modification by [CMP264 'Embedded Generation Triad Avoidance Standstill'](#). CMP264 currently defines a New Embedded Generator as any Half Hourly (HH) metered embedded generation unit commissioned after 30 June 2017, where commissioned is defined as the point at which an MSID is first registered in the Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS) and first commences generation.

What are the next steps?

An urgent meeting of the BSC Panel will be held today, 4 July 2016. The Panel will consider the Proposers' requests for urgency and will agree a recommendation to the Authority on whether or not P348 and/or P349 should be treated as an Urgent Modification Proposal. The Authority will then consider the Panel's recommendation and make a determination on the urgency request.

Would you like to join the Workgroups?

As part of the progression of these Modifications, ELEXON recommends that one Workgroup be established to assess both P348 and P349. We are currently looking for members to join this joint Workgroup. If you are interested in joining as a voting member or non-voting attendee please email BSC.change@exxon.co.uk.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

LCCC has determined the Interim Levy Rate and Total Reserve Amount for 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2016

We have issued a notice to Suppliers, on behalf of Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC), to inform them that the Total Reserve Amount and the Interim Levy Rate have been determined by LCCC for the Quarterly Obligation Period 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2016 as follows:

- Total Reserve Amount £4,667,196.15
- Interim Levy Rate £1.016/MWh

Further details are available on [EMR Circular 89](#). This circular also provides information on how this affects Supplier payments and Credit Cover requirements as well as the key dates and activities for the next two Quarterly Obligation Periods.

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.

New market participant: Aikengall II Community Wind Company Limited

Aikengall II Community Wind Company Limited (Party ID: AIK2CWCL) has acceded to the BSC as of 1 July 2016. This Party intends to register in the role of Generator.

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

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 27 June 2016, we have published five ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

EL02455: Minor interruption to National Grid EDT and EDL between 10:00 and 13:00 (BST) 5 July

EL02454: Planned BSC Agent downtime on BMRS: 9–10 July 2016

EL02453: ELEXON IT system outage Saturday 25 June – Sunday 26 June 2016 completed

EL02452: Minor interruption to National Grid EDT and EDL between 10:00 and 13:00 (BST) 4 July

EL02451: Minor interruption to National Grid EDT and EDL between 10:00 and 13:00 (BST) 28 June

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

Upcoming meetings and events

11 July - [P339 Workgroup](#)

13 July - [Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group](#)

14 July - [BSC Panel](#)

14 July - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)

19 July - [P272 Industry Day](#)

19 July - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

20 July - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)

28 July - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

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