



# Newscast



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## Coming up this week

### 19 July

[P272 Industry Day](#) at **10:00**

[Imbalance Settlement Group](#) at **10:00**

## New BMRS go-live

In [Newscast issue 605](#), we informed you about the delay to the new BMRS Go-live Date due to performance issues with some Application Programming Interfaces (API) that provide direct access to BMRS data. We are pleased to confirm the new BMRS website will go live on **14 September 2016**, when users will have access to the complete data set via the Data Push Service and Phase 1 and Phase 2 APIs (81 in total). The remaining Phase 3 APIs (19 in total) will be available at a later date.

### Legacy BMRS

Following discussions with several BMRS users, we have agreed that users will still be able to access the legacy BMRS and the associated web services to retrieve data until the remaining Phase 3 APIs become available.

### Testing period

The Operational Acceptance Testing (OAT) and participant testing will start from **20 July 2016**. Users will be able to test the new BMRS website and access the full data set via the Data Push Service. For further information on testing, please contact [releases@elexon.co.uk](mailto:releases@elexon.co.uk).

### API rework and impact

In parallel, we are working with our Service Providers to further improve the overall API performance and will roll this functionality out **post 14 September 2016**. We can confirm that the API rework will not change the interfaces as defined in the API user guide. We will provide further details and engage with BMRS users in the coming weeks.

### Want to find out more?

Please visit the [new BMRS](#) page on our website to find out more about the BMRS website and its improvements, structure and functionalities.

For any queries you may have, please contact [Zaahir Ghanty](#), BMRS Senior User, on 0207 3804362.

## Annual BSC meeting and ELEXON Seminar

On Thursday 14 July ELEXON held its [Annual BSC meeting and ELEXON seminar](#) at its premises in London. Hosted by [Michael Gibbons](#), ELEXON's Chairman, the meeting was attended by BSC Parties, representatives from the industry, and members of the ELEXON Board and BSC Panel.

Just weeks after the publication of the final report on the [CMA's energy market investigation](#) on 24 June 2016, participants had the opportunity to hear first-hand from [Roger Witcomb](#), Chair of the CMA's energy market investigation and [David Gray](#), Ofgem's Chairman, on their views about the outcome of the investigation: the impacts on the industry, Ofgem, code administrators, as well as the next steps to take.

[Mark Bygraves](#), ELEXON's CEO, provided an update on the company's performance in 2015/16 against the BSCCo Business Strategy. Amongst other topics, Mark spoke about the work that the Executive Team and ELEXON colleagues have undertaken over the past 18 months in increased stakeholder engagement and excellence in customer service, highlighting the results of our latest customer survey which were the best results the company has ever achieved. He echoed some of the comments made by a number of stakeholders about maintaining ELEXON's levels of expertise on which the industry relies and how important it is for that expertise to be provided from ELEXON as an independent and trusted central body, driven by an ethos of service to industry rather than returns to shareholders. He also reminded the audience how ELEXON's costs have reduced by over 60% in 10 years and that ELEXON's transparency is second to none.

Mark concluded by reassuring the audience that ELEXON will deliver DECC and Ofgem policy, but challenged everyone to ensure that the chosen solution of licencing of code bodies addressed the problem identified by the CMA of slowness of strategic change, without introducing unnecessary costs to the industry (and ultimately the consumer) or bringing about unintended consequences such as loss of accessibility to expertise. [Nigel Smith](#), ELEXON's CFO, provided participants with an update on ELEXON's accounts and financial performance for the year ending 31 March 2016. With £8.7 million of the annual budget underspent, ELEXON was pleased to have delivered well under budget in the financial year and at a lower cost than the previous year.

The meeting drew to a close with an animated Panel discussion with Roger Witcomb and David Gray, who responded to the audience's questions about the impacts and consequences of the CMA's energy market investigation.

A detailed news report will be available on the [meetings' page](#) of our website later on this week.

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## 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.

To [become a Panel member](#) you must be nominated by a Trading Party. We distributed nomination forms to identified Trading Party contacts in late June.

These must be completed and signed by the nominating Trading Party, the candidate and the candidate's employer. **Completed forms must be sent by post to ELEXON to be received no later than 17:00 on 27 July 2016.**

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](mailto:panelections@elexon.co.uk).

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## BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel held an urgent meeting on [4 July 2016](#) and the [Headline Report](#) is now available; this report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the Panel's most recent meeting.

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## SPAR report published

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 [June 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](mailto:market.operations@elexon.co.uk).

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## Read our latest Operations reports

The June [Trading Operations Report](#) and the [BSC Operations Headline Report](#) for May and June 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.

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## Risk Evaluation Register Consultation published

The Performance Assurance Board (PAB) has endorsed the draft Risk Evaluation Register (RER) 2017/18. The draft RER is available on the [Consultations](#) page of our website for industry comment.

We invite you to respond to this consultation. You will find a summary of the changes in Appendix 1 of the Consultation Response Form. Full details of the changes and potential changes are in the RER document. Please email your responses to [melinda.anderson@elexon.co.uk](mailto:melinda.anderson@elexon.co.uk) or [harry.osei-tutu@elexon.co.uk](mailto:harry.osei-tutu@elexon.co.uk) by **22 July 2016**. No response will indicate your agreement with the proposed changes.

We will present the consultation responses to the PAB at its meeting on **25 August 2016**. At this meeting, the PAB will approve the RER 2017/18, subject to any changes it deems necessary.

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## Increase in the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) to £38/MWh effective from

21 July 2016

Following consultation with Trading Parties, the Credit Committee determined that the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) value will be increased to **£38/MWh**, effective from 21 July 2016.

#### **How does the CAP affect me?**

The CAP is used in the calculation of Trading Parties' Credit Cover Percentage. Parties may notice a change in their Credit Cover Percentage as a result of the CAP being increased from the current value of £33/MWh.

The Credit Committee has also agreed that the CAP review Trigger Level value should not be changed from its current value of +/- £4/MWh. A CAP review is initiated when the difference between the reference price, calculated using forward market prices, and the CAP exceeds the CAP review trigger level.

For more information on this change, please contact [Credit.Committee@elexon.co.uk](mailto:Credit.Committee@elexon.co.uk).

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## Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

### **Publication of the Intermittent Market Reference Price**

EMRS has started publishing the Intermittent Market Reference Price. This can now be found on the [Settlement Data](#) page of the EMRS website. Market Reference Prices are used to calculate CFD Generator payments.

For more information please see [EMR Circular 91](#).

### **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](mailto:contact@emrsettlement.co.uk).

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## Modifications, Change and Implementation

### **P345 Approved by Panel under Self-Governance**

At its meeting on 14 July, the BSC Panel:

- **Determined** that [P345 'Reducing the CAP change notice period and improving its flexibility'](#) is a Self-Governance Modification Proposal
- **Approved** P345 for implementation 10 Business Days following the Self-Governance appeal window closing (**5 August 2016**).

P345 seeks to reduce the notice period for changes to the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) from 20 Working Days to 15 Working Days and enable the notice period to be changed in future without a Modification, as long as it remains above a minimum value (10 Working Days) set out in the BSC and the change is consulted upon.

The Panel's Self-Governance Modification Report will be available on the [P345](#) page by close of business Tuesday 19 July and will include the Panel's final views on this Modification. In the meantime, the Draft Modification Report presented to the Panel can be found on the [P345](#) page.

BSC Parties have 15 Working Days to appeal the Panel's approval of P345. This 15 Working Days period expires on **5 August 2016**. If no appeal is received, P345 will be implemented in accordance with the Panel's determination on **19 August 2016** (as a standalone BSC Systems Release).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this Modification further, please contact **Elliott Harper** on 020 7380 4302 or email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

### **P324 Second Assessment Consultation – responses due by Friday 22 July**

We have issued **P324 'Review of BSCCo's governance: introducing improved accountability to BSC Parties'** for a second Assessment Consultation with responses due by **Friday 22 July**. You can download this consultation from the [P324](#) and the [Consultations](#) pages of our website.

P324 proposes to implement changes to BSCCo's governance arrangements. This is in order to address the issues identified in the Knight Review, an independent review of ELEXON's governance arrangements jointly commissioned by the BSCCo Board and the BSC Panel. This second consultation seeks your views on a change made to the solution since the first consultation was issued, proposing to remove the Authority's involvement in approving the Panel Chairman's remuneration.

If you have any questions on P324, please contact **David Kemp** on 020 7380 4303 or email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

### **July Change Proposal (CP) Circular issued – responses due by 5 August 2016**

We have issued the July Change Proposal Circular (CPC00768), which contained four CPs for assessment. You can download each consultation from the respective [Change Proposal](#) webpages or from the [Change Proposal Circulars](#) page of our website. Responses to these consultations are due by **5 August 2016**.

- [CP1458 v2.0 'Introduction of timescales for the P283 Commissioning process for SVA CT operated Metering Systems'](#)
- [CP1462 'Allow the CDCA to break and remake Metering Equipment seals to access local interrogation port'](#)
- [CP1463 'Process for ELEXON to calculate category 1 non-compliance materiality'](#)
- [CP1467 'Inclusion of site ID data within the BSCP11/07 'TDC Trading Dispute Findings' form'](#)

If you have any questions on CP1458 v2.0 or CP1467, please contact **Elliott Harper** on 020 7380 4302 or email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

If you have any questions on CP1462 or CP1463, please contact **Giulia Barranu** on 020 7380 4330 or email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

### **P332 Request for Information – responses due by 5 August 2016**

We have issued a Request for Information for **P332 'Revisions to the Supplier Hub Principle'** with responses due by **5 August 2016**. You can download this consultation from the [P332](#) and the [Consultations](#) pages of our website.

P332 seeks to address issues associated with customers choosing Party Agents, instead of Party Agents being appointed by Suppliers (as per the Supplier Hub Principle). The Proposer envisions that these issues will be addressed by making Party Agents signatories to the BSC. The Workgroup is seeking further information to help in its development of P332.

If you have any questions on P332, please contact **Talia Addy** on 020 7380 4043 or email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

### **Call for Workgroup members**

We are seeking members to join the following Modification Workgroups:

- [P343 'Increase to the number of Supplier IDs that can be held by a Supplier'](#) – a date for the first Workgroup meeting will be agreed once we have enough Workgroup members.
- [P346 'Changes to the BSC Specified Charges to facilitate Elective HH settlement'](#) – the first Workgroup

meeting will be held in the **week beginning 25 July 2016**.

- [P347 'Reduced R1 Read performance requirements'](#) – the first Workgroup meeting will be held on **1 August or 4 August 2016**.
- [P350 'Introduction of a seasonal Zonal Transmission Losses scheme'](#) – the first Workgroup meeting will be held on **26 July 2016**.

If you would like to join any of these Workgroups, please email us at [bsc.change@exelon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exelon.co.uk), indicating which Workgroup(s) you want to join and your availability for the first meeting(s).

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## ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 11 July 2016, we have published four ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02464: Minor interruption to National Grid EDT and EDL between 11:30 and 13:00 \(BST\) on 26 July 2016](#)

[EL02463: Planned National Grid BSAD outage on 21 July 2016](#)

[EL02462: Planned BSC Agent downtime impacting REMIT and Transparency pages on BMRS on 14 July 2016](#)

[EL02461: Planned National Grid BM outage on 19 July 2016](#)

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

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## Upcoming meetings and events

**26 July** - [P350 Workgroup meeting 1](#)

**28 July** - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

**9 August** - [Unmetered Supplies User Group](#)

**10 August** - [Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group](#)

**11 August** - [BSC Panel](#)



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