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Coming up this week

1 September

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

2 September

[P342 Workgroup](#) at 10:00

EMRS secures metering assurance contract

Following a competitive procurement process, Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) and Electricity Settlements Company (ESC) have awarded EMRS, the wholly owned subsidiary of ELEXON Ltd, a contract for three years to provide metering assurance services for the Contracts for Difference (CfD) and Capacity Market (CM) arrangements.

From **1 September 2016**, EMRS will ensure that the metering installed by CfD Generators and Capacity Providers meets the appropriate standards. We will also undertake a range of 'desk based' and 'on site' checks to ensure that legislative and contractual metering standards are met. EMRS has outsourced these metering checks to Siemens plc, who worked closely with us to put the bid together.

We have been providing interim metering assurance services for LCCC and ESC since April 2015. This contract highlights the role that we play in the energy sector and how we're able to apply our skills, knowledge and expertise to the service of the industry.

New BMRS go-live

Following successful completion of Operational Acceptance Testing (OAT) the new Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) will go live on **14 September 2016**.

The new BMRS will offer the following improvements:

- **Data Push Service:** this is a new capability that allows the near real-time publishing for all data published by the BMRS.
- **APIs:** Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) will be used for programmatic and timely access to BMRS data. Most of these are now live, however the Phase 3 APIs are being reworked to enhance their

performance and will be available at a later stage after go-live. Please see the [API user guide](#) for further details on the APIs.

- **High Grade Service:** the TIBCO Rendezvous messages will now be issued from the new BMRS, with no impact to current subscribers. We will shortly be upgrading the version of TIBCO used on the new BMRS and further information will be sent in relation to this change.
- **Enhanced user experience:** a modern web user interface will improve navigation and usability of the website. In addition, the new BMRS website has been designed to work with a wider range of internet browsers, please see [Newscast issue 602](#) for more details on browsers.

From **14 September 2016**, users will still be able to access the legacy BMRS and the associated web services to retrieve data until the all the full suite of APIs become available. As a result of this, there will be a period of parallel running of the new BMRS (www2.bmreports.com) and legacy BMRS (www.bmreports.com). Users should ensure they use the correct web address depending on the services they require.

Please visit the [new BMRS](#) page of 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.

Last chance to register - EMRS webinar: an overview of Supplier Charges in the Capacity Market

On **Wednesday 7 September 2016** at **12:00** [EMRS](#) is hosting an hour-long webinar to help Suppliers in their preparation for the start of the first Capacity Market Delivery Year in October 2016.

With the start of the Capacity Market Delivery Year, Suppliers need to be prepared to meet the new requirements. These include lodging Credit Cover and making new payments e.g. monthly Supplier Charge and reconciliation payments. The webinar will introduce Suppliers to these requirements and will include worked examples and a walkthrough of backing data. It will also cover reconciliation and exception processes and provide supporting information to help Suppliers in validating their invoices.

[Register for this webinar.](#)

If you have any questions about this webinar or need more information, please email contact@emrsettlement.co.uk or call us on 020 7380 4333.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

Suppliers to lodge Credit Cover for the Capacity Market by 15 September 2016

Suppliers need to lodge Credit Cover for each month of the Capacity Market Delivery Year. For October, the first month of the 2016/17 Delivery Year, Credit Cover is required to be lodged by **17:00** on **15 September 2016**. On 29 July 2016 we sent Suppliers a [schedule outlining the amounts of Credit Cover](#) needed for each month of the upcoming Delivery Year.

For further information, please see [EMR Circular 95](#).

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.

Annual Performance Assurance Report published

The Annual Performance Assurance Report (APAR) for the year 2015/16 has now been published, following the approval of the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) on 25 August 2016. The APAR is a summary of the results of risk evaluation and risk mitigation procedures during 2015/16.

Please visit the [Performance Assurance Reports](#) page of our website to read the full report.

For further information please contact [Melinda Anderson](#) on 020 7380 4019.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Live Consultations

MIDS review 2016

Response date: 7 September 2016

The Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) defines the way the Market Index Price – used to determine the ‘reverse’ Energy Imbalance Price – is calculated. We review the MIDS annually, as required by the Balancing Settlement Code (BSC). Our analysis shows that the current Individual Liquidity Threshold (ILT), timeband and product weightings remain suitable for 2016/17. We are seeking views on whether Parties agree that the current parameters should remain unchanged.

For further details please visit the [Consultations](#) page of our website.

Impact Assessment of CP1468 and CP1469

CPC00769 invites you to provide an Impact Assessment of two new Change Proposals by **17:00 on 2 September 2016**.

- [CP1468 ‘Adoption of a standard template for raising Modifications’](#). No Parties are expected to be impacted by this change.
- [CP1469 ‘Changes to support the implementation of the SRAG’s recommendations’](#). Licensed Distribution System Operators, Suppliers, Half Hourly Data Aggregators (HHDA)/Collectors (HHDC) and Meter Operator Agents (HHMOA) may be impacted by this change.

The consultation response forms and all supporting documents can be found on the individual CP pages (links above) and [Change Proposal Circulars](#) page of our website.

Please send your response titled ‘CPC00769 Consultation’ to bsc.change@elexon.co.uk by **17:00 on 2 September 2016**. Should you be unable to meet this deadline, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call **Alison Cross** on 020 7380 4204 or email alison.cross@elexon.co.uk.

BSC Modification P352 raised and approved by the Panel under Fast Track Self-Governance

On 11 August 2016, the Panel raised new Modification Proposal [P352 ‘Housekeeping changes to BSC Section M’](#) and determined that it should be **approved** as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification.

The Panel’s Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Report for P352 is available on the [P352](#) page of our website. This report includes the Panel’s views on P352 and the approved changes to the BSC. A copy of National Grid’s notice to modify the Code will be published on our website in due course.

BSC Parties have 15 Working Days to object to the Panel’s decision to treat P352 as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification. This objection period will close at **17:00 on 1 September 2016**.

If you object, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk with your rationale as to why P352 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 P352 will be implemented on **15 September 2016** as a standalone Release.

Further information can be found on the [P352](#) page of our website. 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.

New Market Participant: Freasdail Energy Limited

Freasdail Energy Limited (Party ID: FEL) has successfully acceded to the Balancing and Settlement Code, effective as of 19 August 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.

Next BSC Panel meeting: 8 September 2016

The next [BSC Panel meeting](#) is taking place on **8 September 2016** and will start at **10:00** at [ELEXON's offices](#).

All agenda items will be held in open session (except those deemed confidential) and representatives of BSC Parties may attend. The meeting papers and agenda will be available on the [BSC Panel meeting](#) page of our website from **Thursday 1 September**.

If you would like to attend or have any queries, please email the [Panel Secretary](#) by **Tuesday 6 September**.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 22 August 2016, we have published four ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02496](#): Planned BSC Agent downtime on BMRS on 1 September 2016

[EL02495](#): Planned downtime on National Grid EDL and EDT delayed until 1 September 2016

[EL02494](#): Consultation on the Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) review 2016

[EL02493](#): Increase in the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) to £42/MWh from 13 September 2016

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

Upcoming meetings and events

6 September - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)

8 September - [BSC Panel](#)

14 September - ['Introducing ELEXON' seminar](#)

15 September - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)

20 September - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)
28 September - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)
29 September - [Performance Assurance Group](#)

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