



# Newscast

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## Coming up this week

### 14 September

'Introducing ELEXON' seminar at **10:00**

### 16 September

P308 Workgroup at **10.00**

## New BMRS go-live this week

The new Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) website will go live on **Wednesday 14 September 2016**.

The new BMRS website will offer the following improvements:

- **Data Push Service:** this is a new capability that allows the near real-time publishing for all data published on the BMRS website.
- **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 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](http://www2.bmreports.com)) and legacy BMRS ([www.bmreports.com](http://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 the ELEXON 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.

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## Ofgem to conduct cross-code survey on code administrators' performance

In its Code Governance Review Phase 3 Final Proposals, Ofgem concluded that it would commission an independent third party to undertake a cross-code survey on the performance of code administrators. Ofgem has appointed [Future Thinking](#) to conduct this work.

As a regular user of ELEXON's services, you may be contacted by Future Thinking as part of this cross-code survey. Your data will be treated confidentially in line with our [privacy policy](#).

It is currently expected that the phone-based survey will start in October. Ofgem will publish a report on its website in early 2017, once all interviewing is complete. For more information please refer to [Ofgem's recent letter](#).

We recognise that you may have recently been contacted on behalf of ELEXON for our 2016 annual customer satisfaction survey (conducted by ResearchCraft). While this is a separate survey, we appreciate that your time is valuable. We will work closely with Ofgem and its provider to ensure that survey timings are coordinated and duplication minimised wherever possible.

Your feedback is very important to us. The information you provide will be used to understand what works well and where we can improve.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Richardson on 020 7380 4117 or [adam.richardson@elexon.co.uk](mailto:adam.richardson@elexon.co.uk).

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## Results of the BSC Panel election

Following the 26 August 2016 deadline for Trading Parties to cast votes in the 2016 Industry Panel Member election, we have checked and counted the votes received according to the provisions of the [Annex B-2 of the BSC](#).

We are pleased to announce that the following candidates have been elected as Panel Members for the period **1 October 2016 to 30 September 2018**:

Name:	Nominated by:	Round elected in:
Stuart Cotten	Mary Teuton, VPI Immingham LLP	First voting round
Barbara Vest	Julian Skinner, Eggborough Power Ltd	First voting round
Thomas Edwards	Edward Coleman, Statkraft Markets GmbH	Third voting round
Mitch Donnelly	Kevin Woollard, British Gas Trading Ltd	Further round
Andy Knowles	Bill Bullen, Utilita Energy Ltd	Further round

More information on the [votes received and results](#), the [BSC Panel](#) and the [2016 election](#) can be found on the [2016 BSC Panel election](#) page of our website.

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## BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel held an urgent meeting on [8 September 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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## ELEXON training videos: watch and learn

The Balancing and Settlement Code arrangements are complex, so we have developed a selection of online training videos that we hope will help break the arrangements down to bite-size modules.

### What training videos are available?

There are **three training videos** available to view on [ELEXONUK YouTube](#) channel.

- **Management and Resolution of Erroneous EACs/AAs:** this video has five modules and will interest customers who deal with the Non-Half Hourly market as well those who wish to understand the impact that non-Settlement processes can have on Settlement.
- **PARMS, Peer Comparison and Supplier Charges:** this eleven module video will benefit Suppliers and Supplier Agents involved with PARMS submissions and the trading charges related to the submissions.
- **Credit Cover and Credit Cover Default:** this six module video is for customers who want to understand the [Credit Cover arrangements](#) and in particular new BSC Parties before they register their first Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit.

You can also view these videos and download the accompanying slides from the [Training videos page](#) of our website.

We hope that you find these training videos useful and look forward to hearing your feedback. Please email [communications@elexon.co.uk](mailto:communications@elexon.co.uk) if you have any comments or other subjects that you that you would like us to cover in the future.

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## Increase in the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) to £42/MWh effective from 13 September 2016

Following consultation with Trading Parties, the Credit Committee determined that the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) value will be increased to **£42/MWh**, effective from **13 September 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 £38/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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## EMRS webinar on Supplier Charges in the Capacity Market - slides and replay now available

With the first Capacity Market Delivery Year starting in October 2016, Suppliers will have to be prepared to meet new requirements such as having to lodge Credit Cover and make new payments e.g. monthly Supplier Charge and reconciliation payments. To support Suppliers, EMRS hosted an hour-long webinar to provide them with an overview of Suppliers Charges in the Capacity Market.

With over 90 participants, the webinar introduced Suppliers to the new payments, including worked examples and a walkthrough of backing data, introduced by the Delivery Year starting. It also covered reconciliation and

non-compliance processes and provided supporting information to help Suppliers in validating invoices.

You can watch a replay of the webinar on [ELEXONUK YouTube](#) channel. The [slides](#) from the webinar are also available on the [News](#) section of the EMRS website.

For questions, comments and more information, please email [contact@emrsettlement.co.uk](mailto:contact@emrsettlement.co.uk).

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## Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

### Process for Applicants to lodge Credit Cover for Capacity Market

On **23 September 2016**, Applicants will receive a notice from [EMR Delivery Body](#) that will confirm if their Capacity Market Unit(s) (CMU) are conditionally prequalified and if Credit Cover is required to be lodged.

Please note the process for lodging a Letter of Credit has been amended. From now on, Applicants need to request that their bank uses the SWIFT process rather than sending a physical letter to EMRS.

[EMR Circular 97](#) highlights the process for Applicants to lodge Credit Cover with [Electricity Settlements Company](#), which EMRS is managing on their behalf.

### Suppliers's Contracts for Difference Credit Cover for the new Interim Levy Rate

The Interim Levy Rate for Contracts for Difference will increase from **1 October 2016**. Suppliers need to ensure they have sufficient Credit Cover lodged by **17:00 on 30 September 2016** to meet the new rate.

[EMR Circular 98](#) provides further information on the process and requirements.

### 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

### Live Consultations

#### P343 Assessment Procedure Consultation

**Response date: 16 September 2016, 17:00**

[P343 'Increase to the number of Supplier IDs that can be held by a Supplier'](#) proposes to allow a Supplier to apply for a fourth or more Supplier ID(s) through an application form submitted to the Panel.

P343 is not expected to directly impact any BSC Parties or Party Agents.

#### P346 Assessment Procedure Consultation

**Response date: 19 September 2016, 17:00**

[P346 'Changes to Specified Charges for Elective Half Hourly \(HH\) Meters'](#) proposes to amend the method by which the 'Supplier' half of the SVA Costs are recovered. The existing SVA Specified Charge will be extended so that it applies to all SVA Metering Systems and not just Half Hourly SVA Metering Systems. This will remove a perceived barrier to Elective Half Hourly Settlement.

P346 is expected to impact ELEXON to implement central system changes and Suppliers may incur a change in costs.

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

### **Change Proposals approved**

On 2 September the Trading Disputes Committee approved [CP1467](#).

On 6 September 2016 the Supplier Volume Allocation Group approved [CP1458 \(v2.0\)](#).

Both CPs will be implemented on **3 November 2016** as part of the November 2016 BSC Release.

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## Market Domain Data (MDD) Circular 587 published

We have published [MDD Circular 587](#). This Circular details the changes approved for inclusion in the release of MDD Version 246. This Version of MDD will be Published on **14 September 2016**, with a Go-live Date of **21 September 2016**.

A zip file containing the approved changes is attached to the Circular and both can be found on the [MDD Circulars](#) page of our website.

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## ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 5 September 2016, we have published five ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

- [EL02506](#): Results of the 2016 election for Industry BSC Panel Members
- [EL02505](#): Delay in the processing of REMIT and Transparency data on BMRS
- [EL02504](#): Updated – planned downtime for implementation of new BMRS website, 12–13 September 2016
- [EL02503](#): Planned downtime on National Grid EDL and EDT – Tuesday 13 September 2016
- [EL02502](#): Planned BSC Agent downtime on BMRS – Friday 9 September 2016

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

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## Upcoming meetings and events

- 20 September** - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)
  - 20 September** - [P343 Workgroup](#)
  - 22 September** - [P344 Workgroup](#)
  - 22 September** - [P347 Workgroup](#)
  - 28 September** - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)
  - 29 September** - [Performance Assurance Group](#)
  - 29 September** - [Unmetered Supplies User Group](#)
  - 29 September** - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)
  - 4 October** - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)
  - 5 October** - [Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group](#)
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