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Coming up this week

20 September

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

[P343 Workgroup](#) at **10:00**

22 September

[P344 Workgroup](#) at **10:00**

[P347 Workgroup](#) at **10:00**

Notification of the June 2017 BSC Systems Release

On 16 September 2016 we issued a [Release Circular](#) to notify the current scope of the June 2017 BSC Release, scheduled to go live on **29 June 2017**.

What is the scope of the Release?

The table below shows the changes approved (or targeted) for implementation of the Release.

Change Ref	Title	Status
P297	Receipt and Publication of New and Revised Dynamic Data Items	Approved
P321	Publication of Trading Unit Delivery Mode	Approved
P329	Changes to REMIT inside information reporting	Approved
CP1469	Changes to support the implementation of the SRAG's recommendations	Pending

Are there changes to BSC Systems?

Yes. P297 and P329 will amend the Balancing Mechanism Reporting System (BMRS) and P321 will amend BMRS and Settlement Administration Agent (SAA) software. In addition to BSC Systems, P329 will amend the ELEXON Portal and National Grid's Market Operation Data Interface System (MODIS).

Please refer to the [June 17 Release](#) page of our website for further details.

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

Your opinion counts: Performance Assurance Framework review consultation

The electricity market is set to change significantly over the next decade. Smart metering will have profound impacts on wholesale electricity and the BSC, changing industry processes, providing unprecedented quantities and granularity of data, and presenting new assurance challenges. Non-Traditional Business Models (NTBMs) have also been becoming more prevalent and more varied. Their prevalence is likely to increase as initiatives like smart metering create new competitive opportunities inside of wholesale electricity.

The [Performance Assurance Framework \(PAF\)](#) through which the BSC provides risk management should evolve to meet the challenges of a changing market. Assurance under the BSC should remain robust, but must not act as an undue barrier to innovation or competition.

The current PAF provides for a flexible, integrated approach to the deployment of techniques. ELEXON and the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) believe there are opportunities to further enhance the application of the risk-based PAF implemented in 2007, to address the challenges of a changing industry. Specific areas of the PAF where we particularly believe this to be the case include the BSC Audit, Market Entry and Exit and the current approach to escalation of non-compliant participants.

In order to ensure that the review is informed by as broad a set of views as possible, **we have issued a consultation to all Performance Assurance Parties**, inviting their views on the PAF. The consultation is your opportunity to influence the scope of the review.

To respond to the consultation, please email a completed response form (included in the consultation documents) to max.oconnor@elexon.co.uk, copying in design.authority@elexon.co.uk, by **17:00 on 30 September 2016**.

The consultation document and response form are available on the [Consultations](#) page of our website.

Read our latest Operations Reports

The [August Trading Operations Report](#) and the [BSC Operations Headline Report for July and August](#) 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 [Operations Reports](#) page of our website.

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.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 12 September 2016, we have published six ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02512](#): Corrected – technical issue affecting GC/DC submissions through BSCP online forms

[EL02511](#): Planned National Grid MODIS downtime: Friday 23 September and Saturday 24 September

[EL02510](#): ELEXON power outage: Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 September 2016

[EL02509](#): Planned downtime on 'New' BMRS website: Wednesday 21 September 2016

[EL02508](#): Planned downtime for implementation of TIBCO upgrade – Monday 26 September

[EL02507](#): Completed – planned downtime for implementation of new BMRS website, 12–13 September

[Circulars](#) are published in the News & Events section of our website.

Upcoming meetings and events

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](#)

11 October - [P342 Workgroup](#)

13 October - [BSC Panel](#)

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