



Newscast



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Coming up this week

9 November

[P329 Forum](#) at **10:00**

10 November

[BSC Panel](#) at **10:00**

Move on to the new BMRS and benefit from the API and Data Push services

As highlighted in [Newscast issue 625](#), the [new BMRS](#) (Balancing Reporting Mechanism Reporting Service) has been running in parallel with 'legacy' BMRS since the 14 September 2016. We are pleased to report that the number of the interactive users accessing new BMRS has grown steadily in the last two weeks; approximately 60% of interactive users have been accessing the new BMRS website.

The new BMRS offers better capability for accessing data programmatically through the APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) and Data Push Service. The Data Push allows the near real-time publishing of information from the BMRS system. This is useful for those who need the latest information from BMRS pushed to their system near real time and some users are adopting the Data Push service to complement or as an alternative to TIBCO messaging on the high grade service.

User feedback on the Data Push Service has been positive, one of our users commented: *"At Outlook Energy Services, having a secure source of market and balancing data helps us ensure the reliable performance of our trading software, market forecasts and asset dispatching tools. The ELEXON Data Push Service provides us with a stable and convenient way of acquiring data in real time, forming the backbone of many of our services."*

ELEXON continues to strongly encourage users wishing to access the BMRS website, to use the new BMRS on (www2.bmreports.com) instead of the 'Legacy' BMRS which, as previously notified, will be decommissioned on **1 December 2016**.

To read more about the data access mechanism please visit the [new BMRS page](#) of our website, where you will find the [API and Data Push user guide](#) and further information on the new platform.

Please contact [Zaahir Ghanty](#), BMRS Senior User, if you have questions or concerns relating to any aspect of this update.

Credit Assessment Price (CAP) Review Consultation on increasing the CAP

Consultation on the value of CAP

Forward market prices are used to trigger a Credit Assessment Price (CAP) review. As the calculation uses data two months forward, the prices have been rising following the summer. This has resulted in CAP increases in September and October.

Following a further trigger today, we will be issuing a consultation paper on the value of Credit Assessment Price (CAP), which will be available on the [Consultations page](#) of our website from tomorrow **8 November 2016**.

The reference price today is **£110/MWh** however, the trend of the forward prices suggest the reference price could be between £120/MWh and £125/MWh when the Credit Committee meet. The Credit Committee will meet shortly after the end of the consultation period to decide a new CAP value.

We will invite you to indicate whether you agree with the proposal to **increase** the value of CAP to **£110/MWh** from its last agreed level of £98/MWh, based on current level of the reference price, or whether you consider an alternative value of CAP based on its future estimates, **between £120/MWh and £125/MWh**, to be more appropriate.

How does this affect me?

This potentially affects the level of Credit Cover that Parties are required to lodge, so we urge all Parties to respond to the consultation. We will present the responses to the Credit Committee, who will determine the new CAP value and the date from which any changed value will take effect.

You can find more information on the CAP, the Credit Committee and the review process on the [Credit Committee page](#) of our website. We have also published [FAQs](#) to help you become more familiar with this process.

How do I respond?

Trading Parties can comment on this consultation using the consultation proforma which will be available on the [Consultations page](#) of our website from tomorrow. Please send your responses to Credit.Committee@exxon.co.uk by **17:00** on **15 November 2016**.

'Introducing ELEXON' seminar dates 2017: registration now open

The dates for the 'Introducing ELEXON' seminars in 2017 have been published on the [Ad-hoc events](#) page of our website. These are:

- [Wednesday 15 February](#)
- [Wednesday 12 April](#)
- [Wednesday 14 June](#)
- [Wednesday 13 September](#)
- [Wednesday 22 November](#)

You can now register by following the relevant links above.

The seminar provides a useful overview of the balancing mechanism and imbalance settlement processes and how the different industry bodies interact with them. This seminar will be useful to you if you are a newcomer to the industry, have recently entered the market, are in the process of doing so or have changed roles within the energy sector.

The feedback received on our 'Introducing ELEXON' seminars has been very good:

"Very informative presentations on the BSC and how it is managed. The level of detail presented was excellent, high enough to be able to follow whilst giving enough understanding to attendees. The links provided for further details is equally good, enabling you to dive further in to aspects of interest."

"It was an excellent seminar, the experts clearly were experts in their fields and keen to share their knowledge."

Our seminar is free to BSC Parties, organisations who are currently in the market entry process, not-for-profit organisations and students.

Bespoke training courses

ELEXON also delivers training on a wide range of topics relating to the BSC arrangements. We offer a variety of courses which can be designed for an individual or group needs. Why not take a look at our [Training services](#) page to find out more about these courses?

Training videos

In addition to the above, we have developed three training videos on some of the BSC arrangements. The videos are around 20 minutes long and will help you break the arrangements down to bite-size modules. The topics covered are:

- Management and Resolution of Erroneous EACs/AAs
- PARMS, Peer Comparison and Supplier Charges
- Credit Cover and Credit Default.

These videos are available to view on [ELEXONUK YouTube channel](#) and the [Training videos](#) page of our website.

Last chance to register: P329 'Changes to REMIT inside information reporting' Forum

We would like to invite participants who submit REMIT inside information for publication on the Balancing Mechanism and Reporting Service (BMRS) to attend a forum on the changes for [Modification P329](#) that will be implemented on 29 June 2017 as part of the June 2017 Release.

The forum will be held at [ELEXON's premises](#) on **9 November 2016** from 10:00 to 14:30 and will cover:

- Modification P329 background
- the revised REMIT XSD
- National Grid presentation on MODIS for REMIT submissions
- transition approach
- testing approach.

The draft P329 XSD (XML Schema Definition), Implementation Guide and sample XML are available from the [June 2017 Release](#) page of our website.

Please register your intention to attend, in person or by teleconference, by emailing releases@elxon.co.uk by **17:00 on 8 November 2016**. We will confirm your registration by return email.

Further details on this meeting are available in the relevant [Release Circular](#), issued on 17 October 2016, and available on the [Release Circulars](#) page of our website.

The November 2016 Release is now live

The November 2016 BSC Systems Release was successfully implemented on 3 November 2016. The final scope of this Release included three Modifications and seven Change Proposals. These include amended BSC Sections, Code Subsidiary Documents and Configurable Items.

Please note that on 14 October 2016 the Authority approved the [P324 Proposed Modification](#) for implementation on **11 November 2016**; 20 working days following the decision to approve.

Please visit the [November 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 Carina Almeida on 0207 7380 4042, or email Releases@elexon.co.uk.

BSC Audit 2016/17: Auditor's Approach published

On 27 October 2016, the BSC Auditor presented the details of its approach for the 2016/17 BSC Audit at the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) meeting. The [BSC Auditor's Approach](#) describes how it will deliver the 2016/17 BSC Audit scope and is available on the [BSC Audit](#) page of our website. The Auditor is now planning the 2016/17 BSC Audit and is in the process of contacting Performance Assurance Parties that are subject to audit to arrange planning meetings. The BSC Auditor will be contacting parties in line with the dates tentatively planned for audit visits. For further information about the BSC Audit, please email BSCAudit@elexon.co.uk.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Live Consultation

P350 Assessment Procedure Consultation

Response date: 25 November 2016

[P350 'Introduction of a seasonal Zonal Transmission Losses scheme'](#). The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) [Energy Market Investigation](#) concluded that the absence of locational pricing for transmission losses has an adverse effect on competition. Therefore, in line with the CMA's determination, P350 will introduce a Transmission Loss Factor for each TLF Zone (which will align with the existing Grid Supply Point (GSP) Groups) for each BSC Season in order to allocate transmission losses on a geographical basis. The CMA is mandating, through secondary legislation and licence changes, an Implementation Date of **1 April 2018**.

P350 is expected to impact generators, Suppliers, Distribution System Operators (DSOs) and the Transmission Company.

New market participants

Minnygap Energy Limited (Party Id: MEL) and Rampion Offshore Wind Limited (Party Id: RAMPION) acceded to the BSC, effective from 1 November 2016. These Parties intend 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 31 October 2016, we have published seven ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02548](#): BSC Central Services planned downtime – Wednesday 9 November 2016

[EL02547](#): Planned MIDP Outage on **8 November 2016** – Impact on BMRS System Price Calculations and display

[EL02546](#): High Grade Line communication failure – 3 November 2016

[EL02545](#): Successful novation application – EDF Energy (Cottam Power) Limited

[EL02544](#): Update on the performance of the 'Legacy' BMRS (www.bmreports.com)

[EL02543](#): Resolved – intermittent issue affecting availability of ECVAA web service

[EL02542](#): Intermittent issue affecting availability of ECVAA web service

[EL02541](#): Unavailability of 'Legacy' BMRS (www.bmreports.com)

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

Upcoming meetings and events

17 November - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)

22 November - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

23 November - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)

23 November - ['Introducing ELEXON' seminar](#)

30 November - [P344 Workgroup](#)

1 December - [Issue 64 Workgroup](#)

1 December - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)

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

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