



Newscast



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Coming up this week

There are no meetings at ELEXON this week

ELEXON over the festive period

We wish you all a happy holiday and a prosperous New Year. We are operating a full service over the Christmas and New Year period except for **Friday 23 December** (closed from 12:00), **Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December 2016** and **Monday 2 January 2017**.

For help with operational matters during the times the ELEXON offices are closed, please contact the [BSC Service Desk](#) on 0870 010 6950.

The next issue of Newscast will be published on **Monday 9 January 2017**.

Draft BSCCo 2017/18 Business Plan - your chance to comment

The [draft BSCCo Business Plan for 2017/18](#) is now available and we are looking for feedback from BSC Parties on the aims, initiatives and budget set out in the plan.

If you have any comments or questions please email communications@elexon.co.uk by **13 January 2017** indicating whether any part of your response is confidential.

All comments received will be presented to the ELEXON Board and taken into account when they approve the final version of the BSCCo Business Strategy and Budget.

The approved BSCCo business plan will be published on the [Reports, Policies and Publications](#) page of our website.

Read the latest Operations reports

The [November Trading Operations Report](#) and the [BSC Operations Headline Report for October and November](#) 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.

BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel met on [8 December 2016](#) and the [Headline Report](#) is now available. This report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the Panel's most recent meeting.

ELEXON Disputes decisions

The view of the Disputes Secretariat on Trading Dispute DA566 is now available on the [Trading Disputes](#) page of our website. Trading Dispute DA566 was raised in relation to a faulty VT component at a Half Hourly (HH) site. The issue has been rectified but the materiality of the Trading Dispute has not met the materiality criterion of £3,000.

If you believe you should have been notified as an affected Party, please contact us at disputes@exxon.co.uk and we will take the Dispute to the Trading Disputes Committee (TDC).

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Live Consultations

P351 'Align the BSC with changes to the SCR requirements' Report Phase Consultation

Response deadline: 4 January 2017, 17:00

As part of its third Code Governance Review (CGR3), Ofgem seeks to introduce more flexibility to the BSC Modifications process following a Significant Code Review (SCR). The proposed changes include three routes for progressing an SCR's conclusions, with potential allowance to move between the processes. [P351](#) seeks to align the BSC with the licence changes made by Ofgem to deliver these new processes.

The **Proposed Modification** seeks to do this by amending [Section F 'Modification Procedures'](#) of the BSC and including the three new SCR routes:

- Ofgem directs a BSC Party to raise a Modification
- Ofgem raises a BSC Modification
- Ofgem manages an end to end process to develop the SCR solution and presents it to Panel for approval.

The **Alternative Modification** seeks to do this by amending Section F of the BSC to include the three new SCR routes and requiring the BSC Panel to assess any Modification progressed through SCR route 3 against the 'SCR Exceptional Circumstances Criteria' which have been defined as:

- significant impact on consumers; or
- significant impact on market structure; or
- significant impact on more than one industry code.

If the Panel determines that the SCR Modification does not meet these criteria, the Alternative Modification

proposes they must reject the SCR Modification.

The BSC Panel initially recommends that both, the P351 Proposed Modification and the Alternative Modification should be rejected.

P351 is expected to impact ELEXON.

You can download this consultation from the [P351](#) and [Consultations](#) pages of our website.

We invite you to respond to this Report Phase Consultation to provide your views on the Panel's initial recommendations for P351. Please send your response to bsc.change@elexon.co.uk using the form attached to the consultation by **17:00 on 4 January 2017**.

Please note that this is your final opportunity to comment on this Modification.

Further information can be found on the [P351](#) page of our website. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this Modification further, please contact Royston Black on 020 7380 4203 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

CPC00772 - Impact Assessment of CP1476

Response deadline: 6 January 2017, 17:00

CPC00772 invites you to provide an Impact Assessment of one new Change Proposal [CP1476 'Facilitation of Incremental LLFs'](#). CP1476 proposes to amend BSCP128 Appendix 7 'SVA Format data file' to allow Licenced Distribution System Operators (LDSOs) to submit incremental changes their Line Loss Factor data set. This change will reduce the Data transfer Network (DTN) charges for LDSOs, as data will not need to be resubmitted via a full D0265. This change will also reduce the effort required by ELEXON to audit and validate the changes for mid-year submissions.

This change is expected to impact **Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs)**.

Please send your response entitled 'CPC00772 Consultation' to bsc.change@elexon.co.uk by **17:00 on 6 January 2017**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to meet this deadline. The consultation response forms and all supporting documents can be found on the [CP1476](#) page and [Change Proposal Circulars](#) page of our website.

For further information please contact Giulia Barranu on 020 7380 4330 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

New Change Proposals

CP1481 'Housekeeping Change to BSCP536 following approval of P339'

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

LCCC has determined the Interim Levy Rate and Total Reserve Amount for 1 April to 30 June 2017

[Low Carbon Contracts Company](#) (LCCC), has determined the Total Reserve Amount as £30,932,664.24 and the Interim Levy Rate as £1.513/MWh for Quarterly Obligation Period **1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017**. This is an increase on the Interim Levy Rate and Total Reserve Amount for January to March 2017.

For more information about how this affects Supplier Contracts for Difference (CFD) payments and Credit Cover requirement, please see [EMR Circular 110](#).

Suppliers to ensure CFD Credit Cover is sufficient for January's Interim Levy Rate

The Interim Levy Rate will increase from zero to £0.956 per MWh on **1 January 2017**. As Suppliers' CFD Credit Cover requirements are linked to the Interim Levy Rate, they need to ensure they have sufficient Credit Cover lodged by **17:00 on 30 December 2016** to meet the new rate.

[Working Practice 42 – Supplier CFD Credit Cover](#) provides details on the process for lodging Credit Cover, including the Letter of Credit templates and approved bank details. The bank account and Letter of Credit templates are different to those used for CM Credit Cover.

If you have any further questions, please email contact@emrsettlement.co.uk or call 020 7380 4333. The EMRS Service Desk will be operating its normal working hours throughout the festive period.

Launch of EMR Settlement Portal

In response to the feedback received from our stakeholders, EMRS, along with LCCC will be launching the EMR Settlement Portal. We will be doing a phased roll-out to EMR Parties over the next few weeks, with the intention that all Parties will have access by the end of the year.

The portal will provide a secure and simple way for EMR Parties to access all their current and historic settlement related files and backing data.

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

[EL02574](#): Resolved: Acknowledgements currently not being sent by European Transparency Platform (EMFIP)

[EL02573](#): BMRS planned downtime on 14 December 2016

[EL02572](#): Withdrawal from the Balancing and Settlement Code – Barclays Bank Plc (Party ID: BARCAP)

[EL02571](#): Acknowledgements not being sent by European Transparency Platform (EMFIP)

[EL02570](#): Planned MIDP outage to impact BMRS System Price calculations – 13 December 2016

[EL02569](#): Decrease in the Credit Assessment Price (CAP) to £63/MWh from 5 January 2017

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

Upcoming meetings and events

3 January - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)

5 January - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)

11 January - [P344 Workgroup](#)

18 January - [Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group](#)

19 January - [BSC Panel](#)

19 January - [Software Technical Advisory Group](#)

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