CIRCULAR

TYPE & NUMBER	ELEXON Circular – EL02577
Date	3 January 2017
To	BSC Parties
From	BSC Operations
Purpose	For information

Planned National Grid BM outage: Tuesday 10 January 2017

What is happening?

We have been notified by National Grid that there will be a Balancing Mechanism (BM) planned outage between **10:10 (GMT) and 13:10 (GMT) on Tuesday 10 January 2017**.

Please note that updates will be posted on the System Warning page on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) before and after the planned outage.

How will I be affected?

National Grid has advised us that the planned outage will affect Electronic Data Transfer (EDT), Electronic Data Logging (EDL), Balancing Services Adjustment Data (BSAD) and Market Operation Data Interface System (MODIS) communications and have asked parties to note that from the start of the planned Outage Control Points should not use EDT or EDL as this will result in re-declarations being rejected with a R999 error message. Likewise when the systems are returning, re-declarations should not be submitted (although the EDL link may appear available) until a notification is issued confirming the end of the planned outage. During the planned outage, balancing actions will be carried out by verbal instructions to the control points.

As the MODIS system relies on BM information, the Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review (EBSCR) files will not be sent and the remaining files will be queued until after the outage.

The flow of BSAD (both DISBSAD and NETBSAD) to BSC Central Services will be disrupted during this period and though the Half Hourly indicative Settlement calculations will continue, they will use default data. The Balancing Mechanism Reporting Agent (BMRA) will not re-run indicative Settlement calculations on any impacted Settlement periods following the completion of this planned outage.

What do I need to do?

You do not need to take any specific action but just note the impact to parties during this planned outage.

Do I need to take any further action?

No, ELEXON will issue a further communication when the National Grid planned outage has been completed.

Any BSC Parties having questions for National Grid regarding this planned outage should phone 0800 917 7111 or 0800 085 4806. Overseas callers should use +44 870 521 6121 and quote 'NETA EDT'.

If you have any questions regarding impact on Settlement calculations or processes then please contact bscservicedesk@cgi.com.

© ELEXON 2017