



# Newscast



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## Coming up this week

### 16 March

Software Technical Advisory Group at **10:30**

## BMRS: improved APIs

The new [Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service](#) (BMRS) website went live on 14 September 2016. Since then, users have been able to access all BMRS data programmatically via Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and Data Push Service. To improve this service, we have been reworking the APIs to enhance their performance and improve the response times under heavy usage. From **tomorrow, 14 March 2017** users will have access to the enhanced APIs. The API rework only involved changes within the underlying technology and made no changes to the Uniform Resource Identifier (URI), input parameters and report output. Therefore, we anticipate no impact to participants currently using the APIs.

For further information please contact [Zaahir Ghanty](#), Data Architect, on 020 7380 4362.

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## Planned BSC System outage on 2 April and 3 April 2017 - Datacentre relocation

In [Newscast issue 640](#), dated 20 February 2017, we advised BSC Parties of the planned outage on **2 April and 3 April 2017** to facilitate the relocation of all BSC Central System hosted from datacentres based in Central London to South Wales. The outage of the BSC Central Services is planned between **Sunday 2 April 20:57 (GMT)** and **09:15 Monday 3 April 2017**.

### BSC Parties pre-requisite checks

There are a few pre-requisite checks that BSC Parties should undertake prior to the outage to ensure their use and access to BSC Services continues. They should ensure all access to the following services is, where possible, by use of Domain Name Service (DNS) and not by direct internet IP addresses (as these will change during cutover).

Domains affected during the migration are:

- [ftp.bmreports.com](http://ftp.bmreports.com)

- [www.elexonportal.co.uk](http://www.elexonportal.co.uk)
- [www.ecvaa.com](http://www.ecvaa.com)

For those BSC Parties that do not use DNS to access the Services, opting for direct internet IP address access, must ensure that following the outage the new IP addresses listed below are used, and outbound firewall access from your networks is set-up to the new internet IP addresses:

DNS service	New resolving IP address post outage
<a href="ftp://ftp.bmreports.com">ftp.bmreports.com</a>	163.164.233.162
<a href="http://www.elexonportal.co.uk">www.elexonportal.co.uk</a>	163.164.233.163
<a href="http://www.ecvaa.com">www.ecvaa.com</a>	163.164.233.168

As a reminder, during the outage period, BSC Parties will be unable to submit contract notifications to the Energy Contract Volume Aggregation Agent (ECVAA) service or receive communications from the ECVAA.

The [BMRS website](#) will be unavailable and will not display market data, however it will be updated after the downtime following the processing of any backlog of files.

In addition, Parties will not receive TIBCO or Data Push messages, however, these messages will be sent after the downtime. During this planned downtime no data will be sent to ENTSO-E Transparency Platform from BMRS.

Data provided to the [ELEXON Portal](#) by the BSC Central Services will also be unavailable during this downtime and any REMIT data which is submitted through the ELEXON Portal API will not be published by the [BMRS website](#) until after the downtime.

#### Contingency date

The testing of the migration process and the ability to run BSC Services from the new datacentre location has progressed well, however, we feel it is prudent to have a backup date and have agreed a contingency outage for **Sunday 23 April 20:57 (GMT)** and **09:15 Monday 24 April 2017**. We will formally advise BSC Parties via ELEXON Circulars should we need to use this contingency outage.

We will publish further reminders to BSC Parties nearer the time. For further information or clarification, please email [Paul Pettitt](#), Head of Project Delivery.

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## ELEXON webinars this week: last chance to register

On **15 and 16 March 2017**, ELEXON will be hosting two webinars on **Changes to the Business Unit Settlement Risks Rating (BUSRR) criteria** and the **12-month post implementation review of Modification P305** respectively.

On **Wednesday 15 March at 12:30**, the webinar on changes to the Business Unit Settlement Risks Rating (BUSRR) criteria will aim at helping Suppliers, Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) and other interested Parties understand changes to the current Business Unit Settlement Risks Rating (BUSRR) criteria, to take effect from **April 2017**.

During this hour-long webinar, we will discuss the changes to affected Top Settlement Risks and the introduction of a new Top Settlement Risk and MOA Peer Comparison reports. These changes are the result of an investigation conducted by ELEXON last year to identify whether the criteria of the top Settlement Risks is still reflective of the impact of poor performance at Business Unit level.

[Register for the webinar on changes to BUSRR criteria.](#)

On **Thursday 16 March at 12:00**, our second webinar of the week will aim to help increase industry's understanding of BSC Modification P305, following the publication of a 12-month post implementation review by ELEXON of this Modification.

Implemented in November 2015, this modification updated the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) methodology used to calculate 'cash-out' or 'energy imbalance' prices. The webinar will highlight the main trends seen in our analysis and how our findings compare to previous years. We will also cover System Length, System Prices and Balancing Behaviour.

[Register for the webinar on the 12-month post implementation review of P305.](#)

Prior to this webinar you may also wish to watch our two previous webinars on P305:

- [An introduction to P305](#): this webinar gives an overview of the changes to the price calculation
- [An overview of the post-implementation review of P305](#): this webinar discusses the key findings of our 6-month post implementation review

If you have any questions about the webinars or need more information, please email [communications@elexon.co.uk](mailto:communications@elexon.co.uk).

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## CALF values for the Summer 2017 BSC Season: 2 May appeal deadline

The Credit Assessment Load Factor (CALF) values for the Spring 2017 BSC Season, which runs from **1 June to 31 August 2017**, are available from the Credit/Credit Alerting section under the Financial and Credit menu on the [ELEXON Portal](#).

### **What can I do if I believe the assigned value does not accurately represent the expected Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit activity?**

If you are the Lead Party of a non-Credit Qualifying BM Unit, you can appeal an assigned CALF value if you believe it does not accurately represent your expected activity.

To raise an appeal, please complete the CALF Appeals pro forma in Appendix 5 of the [CALF Guidance document](#) and email it to [bscservicedesk@cgi.com](mailto:bscservicedesk@cgi.com) by **2 May 2017**. To find out more about CALF appeals, please see Section 12 of the CALF Guidance document.

If you have any questions, please email [SettlementOperations@elexon.co.uk](mailto:SettlementOperations@elexon.co.uk).

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## Modifications, Change and Implementation

### **Cross Code Forward Work Plan**

The Forward Work Plan (FWP) is updated on a monthly basis to coordinate the project management of 'major' industry change, through on-going oversight of the end-to-end delivery of significant programmes and central system changes.

The latest version will be published on **15 March 2017** on the [CACoP](#) page of our website and will also include potential BSC Modifications relating to the implementation of the European Network Codes.

As the plan is currently being consulted on by Code Panels, ELEXON has produced the FWP for the interim period. The updates have been drawn from publicly available information, provided in each Code's Change Register and the cross-Code Centralised Modification Register.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the [Change Team](#).

## Live Consultations

### P344 Assessment Procedure Consultation

Deadline for responding: **14 March 2017, 17:00**

We have issued [P344 'Project TERRE implementation into GB market arrangements'](#) for its first Assessment Procedure Consultation, which you are invited to respond to by **17:00** on **14 March 2017**.

You can download this consultation from the [P344](#) and [Consultations](#) pages of our website.

For more information, please contact Elliott Harper on 020 7380 4302 or email [bsc.change@exelon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exelon.co.uk).

### P348 and P349 second Assessment Procedure Consultation

Deadline for responding: **13 March 2017, 17:00**

We have issued [P348 'Provision of gross BM Unit data for TNUoS charging'](#) for its second Assessment Procedure Consultation, which you are invited to respond to by **17:00** on **13 March 2017**.

Likewise, we have issued [P349 'Facilitating Embedded Generation Triad Avoidance Standstill'](#) for its second Assessment Procedure Consultation, which you are invited to respond to by **17:00** on **13 March 2017**.

For more information on P348 & P349 please contact Giulia Barranu on 020 7380 4330 or email [bsc.change@exelon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exelon.co.uk).

### CP1484 Consultation

[CP1484 'Introduction of Additional SVAA Validation at SVA Run time'](#) opened for consultation on 6 March 2017, closing at **17:00** on **31 March 2017**.

For more information on this Modification, please contact Pritesh Mistry on 0207 380 4255 or email [bsc.change@exelon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exelon.co.uk).

### CP1479 approved

[CP1479 'Updates to the Defined Metering Points in Code of Practice 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10'](#) was presented for decision to the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) on 21 February 2017. The decision of ISG was not unanimous. Therefore, CP1479 was presented to the Panel and approved on 9 March 2017, with an Implementation Date of **2 November 2017**.

For more information on CP1479 please contact Giulia Barranu on 020 7380 4330 or email [bsc.change@exelon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@exelon.co.uk).

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## Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

### Capacity Market payments terms increased to five working days

On 7 March 2017, EMRS issued [EMR Circular 114](#) to inform **Suppliers** and **Capacity Providers** that the payment terms for all Capacity Market payments have increased from three to five working days. This aligns the Capacity Market payment terms with those for Contracts for Difference, and provides EMR Parties with additional time to make payments.

EMRS, on behalf of [Electricity Settlements Company](#) (ESC), will now send invoices and credit notes displaying the new payment terms. This change was brought into effect by [The Electricity Capacity \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016](#).

**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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## Market Domain Data (MDD) Circular 601 published

We have published [MDD Circular 601](#). This Circular details the issue regarding the missing CCC IDs in the release of MDD v253 and the subsequent publish of MDD v254 as a corrective action.

If you have any queries please call the BSC Service Desk on 0870 010 6950 or email [bscservicedesk@cgi.com](mailto:bscservicedesk@cgi.com), or email the MDD Co-Ordinator at [mddc@elexon.co.uk](mailto:mddc@elexon.co.uk).

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## ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 6 March 2017, we have published two ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02613](#): Withdrawal from the Balancing and Settlement Code – Highclare Trading Limited (Party ID: REDLANDS)

[EL02612](#): BMRS planned downtime: Thursday 9 March 2017

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

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## Upcoming meetings and events

- 20 March** - [P348 and P349 Workgroup](#)
  - 22 March** - [P344 Workgroup](#)
  - 23 March** - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)
  - 23 March** - [P322 Workgroup](#)
  - 28 March** - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)
  - 29 March** - [P344 Workgroup](#)
  - 30 March** - [Performance Assurance Board](#)
  - 4 April** - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)
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