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Coming up this week

19 June[Imbalance Settlement Group](#) at **10:00****20 June**[Introducing ELEXON Seminar](#) at **10:00**

Message from Mark Bygraves, CEO, on digitising ELEXON's technology platform

The electricity industry is undergoing an unprecedented amount of change driven by new regulations, new technologies, new business models and new service offerings. At ELEXON, we need to ensure we are responding to the industry's needs by not only continuing to deliver services to our historically high standards, but also adapting those services and the underlying technology platforms to meet the future needs of our customers.

That is why ELEXON has already embarked on our Foundation Programme to re-architect our central systems to deliver a flexible, scalable, open platform to provide settlement and other value-added services appropriate to the needs of the future market. Our Foundation Programme will allow us to provide customer-focused services able to adapt quickly to rapidly developing flexibility markets.

You can find out further details on the Foundation Programme on our [website](#).

The Programme will be delivered in phases, with a roadmap that is flexible to meet industry priorities and leverage existing investments where possible. We have determined that delivery on the new platform of BSC changes relating to the mandatory European TERRE regulations, is an opportunity to reduce the overall cost to BSC Parties of this EU requirement when compared with developing TERRE on the existing technology and then again on the new platform.

I also want to take this opportunity to reassure our customers of ELEXON's commitment to act as the administrator and operator of the BSC (and provider of settlement services for Contracts for Difference and the Capacity Market), and that we will continue to deliver our services effectively, efficiently and economically.

As is our way, we will engage with Parties to help shape and test industry changes on the new platform and so will look to work with your Operations and IT/Architecture teams as you would expect with such a significant

BSC change.

Participating in the 2018 election process for BSC Panel Members

Background

BSC Panel Members are appointed by election (in the case of Industry Members) or by appointment by the Panel Chairman (in the case of Independent Members), the Transmission Company and Citizens Advice / Citizens Advice Scotland as appropriate. With the exception of the Panel Chairman, they are appointed for a period of two years. The term of office of the present Panel Members expires on **30 September 2018**.

ELEXON administers the election and appointment of members to the BSC Panel. The BSC Panel election will result in the appointment of five Industry Panel Members for a two-year period from **1 October 2018**. The [BSC Panel Election process](#) will run through June to September 2018.

Who can participate in BSC Panel elections?

Each BSC Party which is a Trading Party on 20 June in the year of the election may nominate one candidate to stand for election as a BSC Panel Member. Guidance on [Determining Trading Party Group](#) is available on the [BSC Panel elections](#) page of the ELEXON website. The deadline for confirming that the details listed on the [Voting Share Register](#) are correct is **23:59 on 20 June 2018**.

Becoming a BSC Panel Member

We will distribute nomination forms to identified Trading Party contacts by **29 June 2018**. Candidates must be nominated by a Trading Party but this does not have to be their employer. Nomination forms must be completed and signed by the contact for the nominating Trading Party company, the candidate and the candidate's employer.

Nominations must be sent by **post** to the Election Co-ordinator **to arrive by 17:00 on 25 July 2018**. Nominations received after this date will be discounted.

What's happening now?

We have published a [BSC Panel elections timetable](#) setting out:

- the date that nominations must be received by ELEXON,
- the date that ELEXON will circulate voting papers to all voting Trading Parties,
- the date that completed voting papers must be received by ELEXON,
- the date that the results of the election will be announced.

An [overview of the election process](#) is available on the BSC Panel Elections page of the ELEXON website.

If you have any queries about the election, please contact the **Election Coordinator**, Claire Kerr, on **+44 (0) 20 7380 4293** or email PanelElections@elexon.co.uk.

Not-to-be-missed! Three high-calibre keynote speakers confirmed for ELEXON's Annual BSC Meeting and Seminar

Our Annual BSC Meeting and Seminar is a unique opportunity to hear direct from three high-calibre keynote speakers. **Dan Monzani Director of Energy Security, Networks and Markets, BEIS, Lord Hutton, Chair of Energy UK and Victoria MacGregor, Director of Energy at Citizens Advice** will be discussing the latest key topics and challenges facing the industry. There will also be an opportunity to hear how **ELEXON is supporting change and innovation** to meet our customers' new and increasing demands.

When?

12 July 2018, 14:00 – 16:30, followed by a networking reception.

Where?

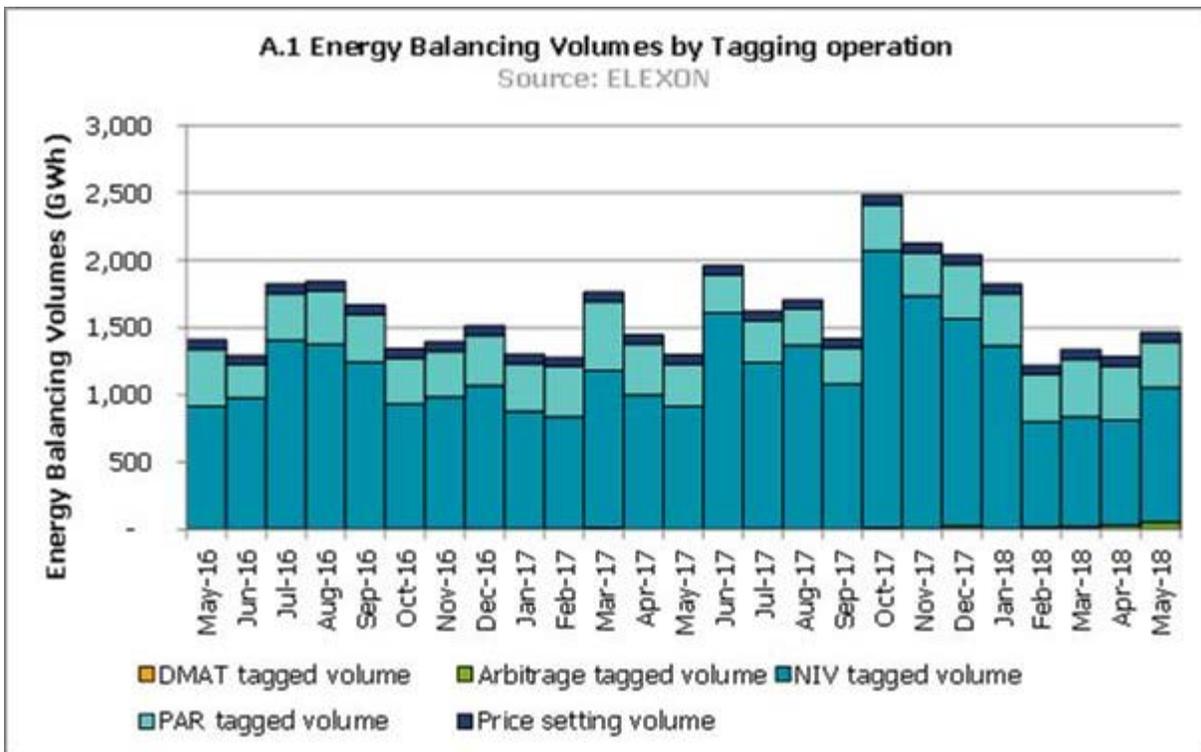
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Find out how to attend the [Annual BSC Meeting and Seminar](#).

May System Price Analysis Report (SPAR) published

The System Price Analysis Report (SPAR) is our monthly report on Imbalance Pricing, and includes an overview and analysis of the previous month's prices and pricing parameters. The SPAR aims to increase industry understanding of pricing, in light of the changes made as part of BSC Modifications [P305 'Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review developments'](#) implemented in November 2015.

The [latest SPAR](#), reporting on May 2018, is now available on the [System Price Analysis Report](#) page of our website. This month's SPAR includes an appendix on the four tagging operations used to remove balancing volumes during the System Price calculation.



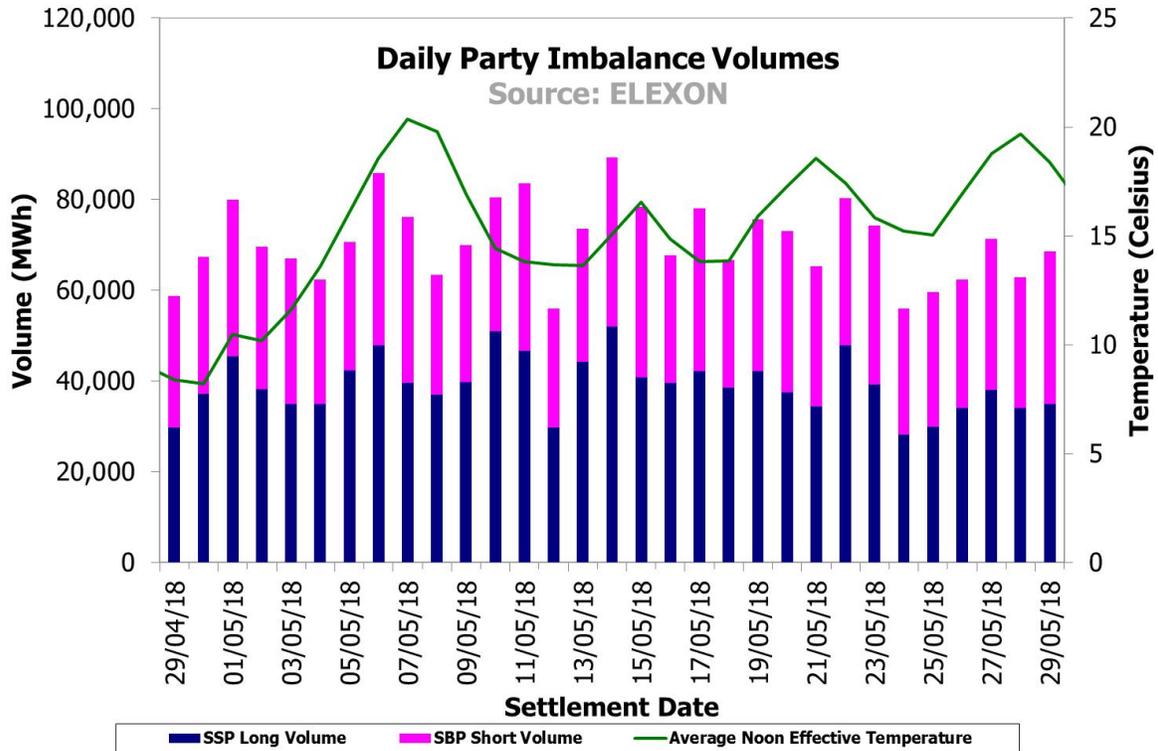
During May 2018, tagging removed 95.7% of energy balancing volume from the System Price calculation. In each Settlement Period, a volume weighted average of the remaining actions is taken to calculate the Imbalance Price. By removing these volumes from the top or bottom of the pricing stack, the final weighted average becomes higher or lower.

For further information, please email market.analysis@elxon.co.uk.

May Trading Operations Report published

The [May Trading Operations Report](#) (TOR) 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.

This month's TOR includes a new graph on Daily Party Imbalance Volumes.



From this reporting period onwards, this graph will be reported as it provides a more representative view of all BSC Parties Imbalance Volumes.

The total short party Imbalance Volumes for the period shown in the graph are 0.98TWh and long party Imbalance Volumes are 1.21TWh.

For further information, please email SettlementOperations@elexon.co.uk.

Smart Meter Rollout Industry Day: workshop summary now available

We have published the [summary of the workshop](#) discussions and actions identified during the Smart Meter Rollout Industry Day.

As part of ELEXON's Smart Meter rollout assurance activities, we hosted two industry days in April. Each day consisted of educational sessions on Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) processes related to the Smart Meter rollout followed by a workshop. During the workshop, participants discussed their issues and concerns related to the rollout and the extent to which they had the potential to impact the accuracy of Settlement under the BSC. The main themes from the workshops were as follows:

- **Data Communications Company (DCC) user interface**
- **Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) v1.0 interoperability**
- **Data transfer and quality**
- **Managing exceptions**
- **Reading legacy Meters**

One of the actions identified is to undertake future industry days over the rollout. As requested by participants, we will be seeking to support a collaborative cross code event covering end-to-end processes related to the

Modifications, Change and Implementation

Live Consultation

CPC00788

ELEXON invites you to provide an Impact Assessment of [CP1507 'Updates to BSCP520 to align with working practices and UMSUG recommendations'](#) by **17:00** on **29 June 2018**. CP1507 seeks to align [BSCP520 'Unmetered Supplies Registered in SMRS'](#) with working practices of Meter Administrators (MAs), following Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG) recommendations. The issues identified by the UMSUG relate to removal of unwanted data flows to Unmetered Supply Operators, Equivalent Meter Operation, Electric Vehicle charging and an issue highlighted by the BSC Auditor.

For more information please call **Harry Parsons** on 020 7380 4321 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

P356 approved

On 14 June 2019 the Authority approved [P356 'Aligning the BSC with Grid Code Modification GC0099 'Establishing a common approach to interconnector scheduling consistent with the single intraday market coupling processes set out within Regulation \(EU\) 2015/1222 \(CACM\)'](#) for implementation on **1 November 2018** as part of the November 2018 BSC Release.

For more information please call **Chris Wood** on 020 7380 4142 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

P367 approved

The BSC Panel has determined that [P367 'Removal of obsolete SBR and DSBR arrangements'](#) is a Self-Governance Modification and should be approved. BSC Parties have until **5 July 2018** to appeal the Panel's approval of P367. If no appeal is received, P367 will be implemented on **27 June 2019** as part of the June 2019 BSC Release.

For more information please call **Sasha Townsend** on 020 7380 4107 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

Issues 70 and 71 raised

[Issue 70 'Settlement of Secondary Balancing Mechanism \(BM\) Units using metering at the asset'](#) and [Issue 71 'Introduction of a Baseline Methodology as an alternative to Physical Notifications'](#) were raised by Flexitricity and ELEXON respectively on 15 June 2018.

Due to the complementary nature of these two Issues, the Issue Groups will be held on the same day for progression efficiency.

We are intending to hold the first meeting during:

- 4 – 6 July 2018
- 9 – 11 July 2018

If you would like to be part of these Issue Groups, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk by **22 June 2018**, indicating your availability for these days. You can still join the Issue Groups after this time, but we may not be able to take your availability into account when determining the first meeting date.

For more information please call **Harry Parsons** on 020 7380 4321 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

P368 raised

On 14 June 2018 the Panel agreed to raise Modification Proposal [P368 'Amendments to Section Z to better facilitate the production of the Risk Evaluation Methodology, Risk Evaluation Register and Risk Operating Plan'](#).

For more information call please contact **Edwin Foden** on 020 7380 4308 or email bsc.change@elxon.co.uk.

ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since 11 June 2018, we have published two ELEXON Circulars. These Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02833](#): Daily Profile Production (DPP) Run duplicated for Settlement Date 14 June 2018

[EL02832](#): Scheduled maintenance to BSC Central Systems: Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 June 2018

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

Upcoming meetings and events

28 June - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

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

5 July - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)

10 July - [Joint European Stakeholder Group](#)

12 July - [BSC Panel](#)

12 July - [Annual BSC Meeting and Seminar](#)

17 July - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

17 July - [Design Working Group](#)



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