

**Coming up this week****2 October**[Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#) at **10:00****4 October**[P370 Working Group](#) at **10:00****4 October**[Trading Disputes Committee](#) at **10:00**

ELEXON consultation response: Distribution System Operators – Future Worlds

On **12 September** ELEXON responded to the [Energy Networks Association consultation on Future Worlds for Distribution System Operators](#) (DSOs). The worlds explore possible frameworks for organisations performing functions and interacting with each other to enable DSOs to maximise the value of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) on their networks. The aim is to unlock the value of flexibility and reduce the costs of operating distribution networks for end customers.

Our view is that the key principles of a future framework are transparency and consistency. We believe this has considerable value in DER, as well as other energy service providers being able to participate across markets with consistent requirements, and therefore minimal barriers to entry. We also believe that for a market to operate effectively participants need information on that market to be available, preferably in real time or close to real time.

We also provided our view on the requirements for neutral market facilitation. We believe that market facilitation can only be neutral when the facilitator is independent of profit generating activities in the UK energy industry. This can be achieved in a number of ways, including independent System Operators, independent governance of market rules and robust regulation with business segmentation, amongst others.

You can find [ELEXON's response to the DSO Future Worlds](#) consultation on the [ELEXON responses to Industry consultations](#) page of our website, alongside all our other consultation responses.

November 2018 BSC Release: Invitation to Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) Participant Testing

A few weeks ago, we sent a [Release Circular](#) with details of participant testing planned for this Release, which starts this week.

note a slight amendment to paragraph 1.2.7 in the Circular. There will be changes to the definitions of CSV, XML download but not to the Data Push and TIBCO as mentioned.

If you haven't already, please register your interest by emailing Releases@elexon.co.uk.

Central Volume Allocation (CVA) Multi-Circuit inspection visits

At the start of the 2018/19 audit year, the Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) began a trial period of auditing all circuits associated with each CVA Metering System Identifier (MSID) selected for inspection.

The Performance Assurance Board (PAB) approved the increased audit scope to allow the TAA to continue to audit all circuits during the 2018/19 audit year, using the following process:

- The Meter Operator Agent (MOA) will provide the TAA with the total number of circuits associated with the CVA Metering System to be audited. Where relevant, the MOA will provide the names of the circuits rather than just circuit 1, 2 circuit, etc. e.g. Name of feeder from substation.
- The TAA will request technical information relating to the Metering Equipment for all the circuits associated with the CVA Metering System. Once on site, the TAA will audit the Metering Equipment for all the circuits associated with the CVA Metering System.
- The results of the audit will be published via the Technical Assurance Agent Management Tool (TAAMT) in line with standard practice.

If you have any questions or need any more information, please email TAMetering@elexon.co.uk.

Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) Review: New Risk Evaluation Methodology 2019/20 consultation published

At its meeting on **Thursday 27 September 2018**, the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) endorsed the new Evaluation Methodology (REM) 2019/20 for industry consultation. We invite you to respond to the consultation, which sets out how the PAB will **identify, evaluate and assess** the materiality of Settlement Risks relating to Performance Assurance Parties (PAPs).

This Risk Evaluation Methodology represents a **key step** in the Performance Assurance Framework Review and outlines a new approach to evaluating risk. We are keen to ensure that you hear about these changes and understand the impact they may have on BSC Parties. This change will also likely impact how we evaluate PAP risk contribution.

To help you respond to this consultation, we will host a number of education webinars to provide an overview of the new methodology, and offer participants the opportunity to ask questions.

Recommended attendees for these seminars would be all **Performance Assurance Parties**, in particular any persons in **Compliance, Risk** or **Operational Settlement roles**.

The webinar dates are:

- **Friday 5 October at 10:30**
- **Monday 15 October at 15:00**

If you would like to attend either of these webinars, please email events@elexon.co.uk.

The proposed REM 2019/20 and questionnaire are published on the [Consultations on Market Entry and Compliance](#) page of the ELEXON website. Please email your response to ryan.dale@elexon.co.uk by **Monday 22 October 2018**.

We will present the consultation responses to the PAB at its meeting on **Thursday 29 November 2018**. At this

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact **Ryan Dale** on 020 7380 4117 or email ryan.dale@elexon.co.uk.

Next BSC Panel meeting: 11 October 2018

The next BSC Panel meeting is on **Thursday 11 October** and will start at **10:00** at ELEXON's offices.

All agenda items will be held in open session (except those deemed confidential) and representatives of BSC Parties may attend. The meeting papers and agenda will be available on the [BSC Panel meeting](#) page of our website on **Thursday 4 October**.

If you would like to attend or have any queries, please email the [Panel Secretary](#) by **Tuesday 9 October**.

Modifications, Change and Implementation

CP1505 Approved

At its meeting on **13 September 2018**, the BSC Panel approved [CP1505 'Allowing 'off site' Commissioning of current transformers pre-installed in cut outs or switchgear at manufacture for use in low voltage \(LV\) installations'](#) for **implementation on 1 November 2018**, as part of the [November 2018 BSC Release](#).

What is the approved solution?

[Code of Practice 4 \(CoP4\)](#) details the requirements of Commissioning Metering Equipment for Settlement purposes in low voltage (LV) installations to be done 'on site'. This is not always reasonably practical or physically possible. In some installations current transformers are delivered in sealed units and have already been tested (and certain requirements of CoP4 confirmed) by the manufacturer 'off site'. In these instances it may not be cost effective to complete all Commissioning tests 'on site'. For some sealed units it may not be possible or overly difficult to access the current transformers to perform the required tests. This introduces an unnecessary hazard to Commissioning staff when the Commissioning could be better completed 'off site' in a more controlled and practical environment. The approved CP1505 solution will allow 'off site' Commissioning of current transformers by an off site Commissioning agent for LV installations.

Licensed Distribution System Operators and **Meter Operator Agents** will be directly impacted by CP1505.

You can find more information on the [CP1505](#) page of our website. If you have any questions, or you would like to discuss this Change Proposal further, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

P369 Approved

On **24 September 2018** the Authority **approved** [P369 'National Grid Legal Separation changes to BSC'](#) for implementation on **29 March 2019**. You can read the Authority's decision letter, and National Grid's notice to modify the Code, on the [P369](#) page of our website.

P369 will modify the BSC to account for a new National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO), that it is legally separate from National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET). This will be done by introducing a definition for the term 'National Electricity Transmission System Operator' and abbreviation 'NETSO' to refer to the entity named National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited.

P369 will impact **the Transmission Company**.

You can find more information on the [P369](#) page of our website. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this Modification further, please contact **Elliott Harper** on 020 7380 4302 or email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

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CP1508 'Updating references to the British and International Standards within the relevant Code Subsidiary Documents' seeks to update the references to Metering Equipment standards in relevant Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs) to ensure alignment to current applicable standards.

CP1509 'Amend BSCP503 to add new recipients of the D0355 data flow' will amend BSCP503 to add 'Contract for Difference Service Provider' and 'Capacity Market Service Provider' as recipients of the D0355 data flow to ensure that Half Hourly Data Aggregators (HHDA)s are required to send the D0355 data flow to these new recipients; this is in response to Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC) Change Proposal (CP) CP3526.

You can find the consultation response form and supporting documents on the [CP1508](#), [CP1509](#) and the [Change Proposal Circulars page](#) of our website.

Please email your response entitled **CPC00789 Consultation** to bsc.change@elexon.co.uk by **17:00 on 5 October 2018**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to meet this deadline.

For more information on CP1508 and CP1509 please contact bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

P372 seeking Workgroup members

On **13 September 2018** the BSC Panel raised Modification [P372 'Speeding up the approval process for the publication of BSC data on the BMRS'](#).

This Modification aims to reduce the timescales for changes to the [Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service \(BMRS\)](#) by streamlining [BSC Section V - 'Reporting'](#) to move a selection of reports, to be determined by the Workgroup, to the Reporting Catalogue and/or Interface Definition Documents; or alternatively place certain reports in a separate BSC Panel-controlled document, facilitating the ability to progress a Change Proposal instead of a Modification.

If you would like to become a member of the P372 Workgroup and help to direct the solution for this Modification, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk with your contact details and a provisional view of your availability during October and November 2018.

New ELEXON insight article: 1 November 2018 changes to the System Price Calculation

On **1 November 2018** the System Price Calculation is changing. This was planned as part of [BSC Modification P305: Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review Developments](#). Our Business Intelligence Analyst, Emma Tribe, investigates how these changes could impact the System Price in our latest [insight article](#). This article includes graphs that you can filter to gain a better understanding of the impact.

After recalculating System Prices with the November 2018 calculation the maximum increase in System Price was £829.915/MWh. This occurred on 9 October 2016, as a result of low margins and a higher Reserve Scarcity Price. However, on average System Prices increase by 1.2% or £0.55/MWh. For 99% of Settlement Periods the change in price is less than £20/MWh.

More insight articles

You can find the latest insight article on our [homepage](#), and previous articles in the collection are listed on the [ELEXON insights](#) page of our website.

We will keep you updated via Newscast and our website as further insights are published.

If you have any questions on these articles, please email communications@elexon.co.uk.

The view of the Disputes Secretariat on Trading Dispute **DA930** is available on the [Dispute Decisions](#) page of our website. If you believe you should have been notified as an affected Party, please email us at disputes@elexon.co.uk and we will take the Dispute to the Trading Disputes Committee.

Trading Dispute DA930: A Supplier raised Trading Dispute DA930 due to an erroneous Annualised Advance (AA) which was created from transposed Meter reads. The error does not meet the £3,000 materiality threshold specified in [BSCP11: Trading Disputes](#).

Two new Market Participants

Alphataraxia Europium BV (Party ID: ATX) and **Welsh Power Group Limited (Party ID: WPGL)** have successfully acceded to the Balancing and Settlement Code, effective from **1 October 2018**. **ATX** intend to register as a **Non-Physical Trader**, and **WPGL** intend to register as a **Generator**.

If you have any questions about the market entry process, please email market.entry@elexon.co.uk.

Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

REMINDER: 'Introduction to EMR arrangements' event for Suppliers: 10 October 2018

On **Wednesday 10 October 2018**, EMRS is hosting the next 'Introduction to EMR arrangements' for Suppliers with [Low Carbon Contracts Company \(LCCC\)](#), [Electricity Settlement Company \(ESC\)](#).

This event is at [EMRS'/ELEXON's offices](#) from **09:30-14:00** and will introduce new Suppliers to both Contracts for Difference (CFD) and Capacity Market (CM) schemes. Suppliers who have recently entered the electricity market or individuals from existing Suppliers that are new to EMR are welcome to attend.

What will this session cover?

- Overview of the Electricity Market Reform
- The different roles and responsibilities of the EMR Delivery Partners
- CFD Supplier Obligation Forecasting Model
- Details each Supplier payment and calculations for CFD and CM
- Credit Cover requirements for Suppliers for CFD and CM

How do I register?

Please email contact@emrsettlement.co.uk if you would like to attend.

What material can I read in advance of attending?

If you haven't attended a previous Supplier event, we suggest you familiarise yourself with the [EMRS Guidance](#) and the [Supplier Stakeholder pages](#) on our website.

Keep in touch with what's happening with EMR

Visit the [EMR Settlement 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 **24 September 2018**, we have published two ELEXON Circulars. The Circulars were for information and related to:

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

Upcoming meetings and events

9 October - [Joint European Stakeholder Group October Meeting](#)

11 October - [BSC Panel](#)

17 October - [Unmetered Supplies User Group](#)

18 October - [Design Working Group](#)

23 October - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

25 October - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

30 October - [Supplier Volume Allocation Group](#)

1 November - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)



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