



# Newscast

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## Coming up this week

**17 October**Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group at **10:00****17 October**Unmetered Supplies User Group at **10:00****18 October**Design Working Group at **10:00**

## All you need to know about ELEXON's Foundation Programme

### What is the Foundation Programme?

ELEXON has embarked on the Foundation Programme, a multi-year programme, which will reduce time and cost for industry and BSC Parties by simplifying the change process. The programme is part of our corporate strategy, which with the support of our stakeholders, aims to simplify and consolidate complex services, develop new market solutions and actively facilitate innovation for the benefit of the evolution of our energy markets.

### Why have we launched the Programme?

We recognise that the industry is going through a period of rapid change, and to ensure we can continue to support industry needs as the administrator and operator of the BSC, we must adapt our central systems and underlying technology platforms to meet the future needs of our customers, and to continue to support industry innovation. Our Foundation Programme represents this shift in our transformation approach, and the programme is on track to deliver a transition to a flexible, scalable and responsive central systems data platform to support our balancing and settlement services and future industry changes.

### How do I find out more?

There are several elements to the Foundation Programme and the programme is evolving at a fast pace. Work is already underway to replace the current market entry and registrations process to speed up and automate the current, paper-based process and we are engaging with industry to shape the right solution.

To make it easier for you to see what we are doing, we have published all you need to know on the Foundation Programme, on our website, to show you how the programme:

- Will help to deliver a solution for [P344 'Project TERRE'](#)
- Supports digitising and streamlining the market entry and registrations process
- Will benefit new and existing market participants and central services

Visit the Foundation Programme section of our website here: <https://www.elexon.co.uk/about/about-elexon/foundation-programme-2018/>

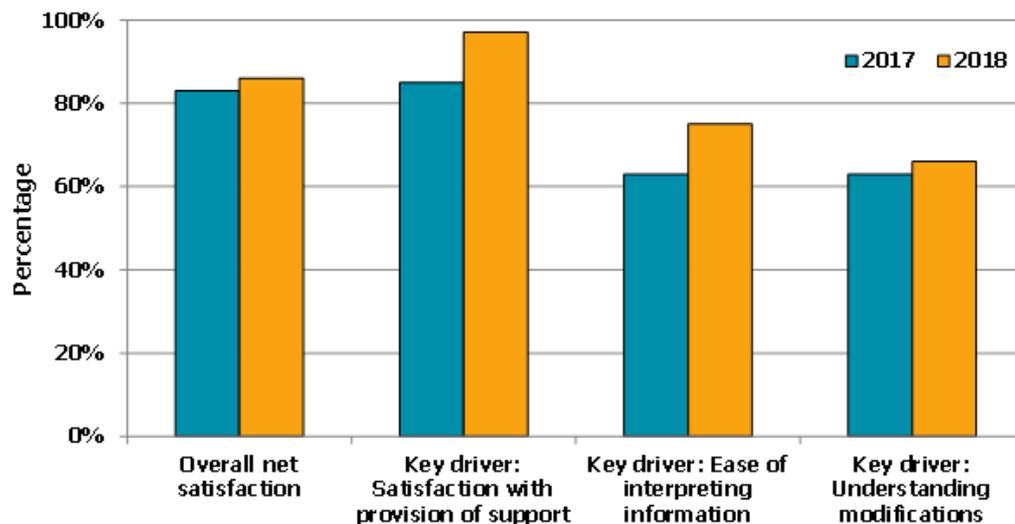
If you have any questions about the programme, please email the Foundation Programme team at [foundationprogramme@elexon.co.uk](mailto:foundationprogramme@elexon.co.uk).

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## Smaller customers' satisfaction increases with ELEXON in Ofgem's Code Administrators' Performance Survey

ELEXON's net satisfaction rating increased in [Ofgem's second cross-code administrators' performance survey](#), with 86% of those being surveyed satisfied with the BSC and ELEXON as a whole. All three key drivers, which have the greatest impact on satisfaction, also increased this year too and means we top Ofgem's performance survey for a second year.

Source: Ofgem



Mark Bygraves, ELEXON CEO, said 'I'm delighted to see Ofgem's recently released survey results for all of the 11 Code Administrators. I am particularly pleased to see smaller customers are saying our service has improved overall and nearly all respondents (97%) are satisfied with the provision of support that we give and 95% of participants are satisfied with how we respond for help when asked.

This shows that ELEXON is highly regarded and seen as helpful, trusted, independent, reliable market experts setting the standard for our customers, both large and small. We always have and always will focus our efforts on them. Of course, there is always room for improvement but we are thrilled with this feedback.

We will review the results and identify areas where we can continue to enhance the service we provide. Our customers have told us to particularly focus on how we can help them understand our Modification process which will, ultimately, enable change and innovation in the market so that's what we will do.'

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

## ELEXON consultation on how to align BSC reporting with EMR regulations to support innovation

Today we have published a consultation on our plans to ensure that the supply volumes ELEXON provides to EMR Settlement Limited (EMRS) support innovative and non-traditional business models, such as:

- Grid-scale battery storage operated by Licensed Generators
- Community energy schemes that supply electricity across the Distribution System without having an electricity supply licence (under the terms of the [Class A exemption](#) for small suppliers)

Electricity supplied to power stations (including electricity storage) above 50 MW in size (referred to in the BSC as 'Licensable') is already excluded from the supply volumes used in Contract For Difference (CFD) and Capacity Market (CM) charging (as described in the [guidance](#) published by EMRS). But electricity Suppliers are currently charged for electricity supplied to power stations below this size ('Exemptible' power stations), even if the power station holds a Generation Licence. We have received feedback that this is a particular issue for grid-scale battery storage, and may act as a significant barrier for this technology to access certain revenue streams.

In July 2018, we presented a [paper](#) to the BSC Panel, explaining the issues and proposing that we work with EMRS, and LCCC to develop a solution. The BSC Panel agreed that we should consult with BSC Parties to understand whether they support this approach, and seek views on key aspects of the solution.

Our consultation document explains this issue in more detail, and seeks views on our proposed plan of action. In the short term we have been working closely with LCCC and ESC to develop an interim solution, which we expect to deliver in January 2019. This interim solution should solve the issue for many affected parties, but will not address the complexities of Licensed Generation located on a private network with other demand. We propose to progress a solution for these more complex sites through a BSC Modification Proposal, once Ofgem has published its decision on [clarifying the regulatory framework for electricity storage](#).

The consultation document also addresses the question of electricity supplied across the distribution network by exempt Suppliers. Currently these volumes are included in the supply volumes for the licensed Supplier facilitating the exempt supply, which increases costs for community energy schemes and other exempt suppliers using the Class A exemption for small suppliers.

- Electricity Suppliers
- Developers and operators of electricity storage (and other electricity generation) below 50 MW in capacity
- Anyone who is, or intends to, supply electricity across the distribution network under the Class A exemption for small suppliers
- Half-Hourly Data Aggregators (who, under the interim solution, may see an increase in the volume of Metering Systems for which Suppliers asks them to send Metered Data to EMRS).

The consultation document and the template for your responses is on the [Operations and Settlement Consultations](#) section of our website. Please respond by **17:00 on Tuesday 30 October 2018**. The BSC Panel will then consider the responses at its meeting on **8 November 2018**, and will agree an approach to deliver the interim and enduring solutions.

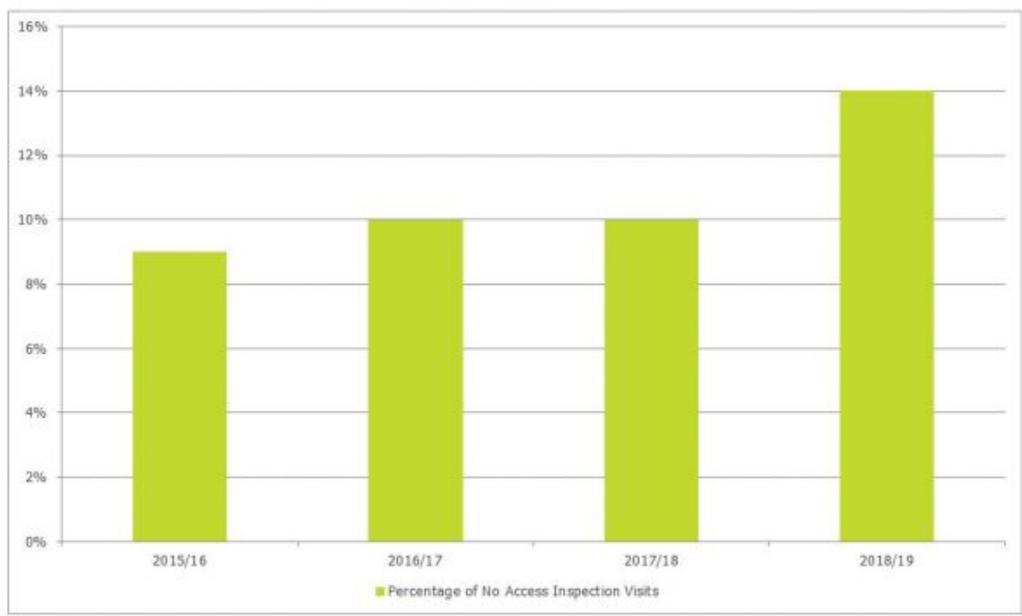
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## New ELEXON insight article: Audit results suggest issues for TAA inspection visits

The Performance Assurance Board (PAB) is keen to reduce the number of access issues that Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) Auditors have experienced. In our latest insight article, Kat Higby and Jason Jackson discuss the concerns raised during the PAB's review of Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) Inspection Visits for 2017/18 and what can be done to address site access issues.

The Technical Assurance of Metering (TAM) audit findings in 2017/18 showed that 10% of Inspection Visits resulted in the Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) Auditor being unable to access the site to complete the inspection.

This figure has gone up this year, with the total no access percentage sitting at around 14% in 2018/19. The graph below shows Inspection Visits and the percentage of Inspection Visits which resulted in no access in each audit year.



### 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@exelon.co.uk](mailto:communications@exelon.co.uk).

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## REMINDER: Consultation on Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) Review 2018

On **24 September 2018**, we issued a consultation on the Market Index Definition Statement (MIDS) Review 2018. The MIDS defines the use of Market Index Data to calculate the Market Index Price (MIP), a price reflective of wholesale electricity for a Settlement Period in the short term market. An annual review of this document is required by the BSC, to ensure that the MIP provides a reasonable reflection of the price of wholesale electricity in the short term market.

The review demonstrates that there is a need to change the MIDS. Changes to the MIDS timeband descriptions are recommended following [BSC Modification P342](#), which decoupled the Submission Deadline for Energy Contract Volume Notifications (ECVNs) and Metered Volume Reallocation Notifications (MVRNs) from Gate Closure. BSC Modification P342 was implemented in November 2017. A change is also suggested to remove timeband 6 as a weighted product.

To respond to this consultation, please use the form on the [Consultations page](#) of our website and email it to [market.operations@exelon.co.uk](mailto:market.operations@exelon.co.uk) by

The Imbalance Settlement Group will consider responses to this consultation at its [meeting](#) on **Tuesday 20 November 2018**, where a final recommendation will be made to the BSC Panel for approval.

For more information, please see ELEXON Circular [EL02855](#).

## ELEXON Reports published: September 2018

### Smart Meter Technical Detail Report: September 2018 reporting period

The September 2018 Smart Meter Technical Detail (MTD) Report is now available on the [ELEXON website](#).

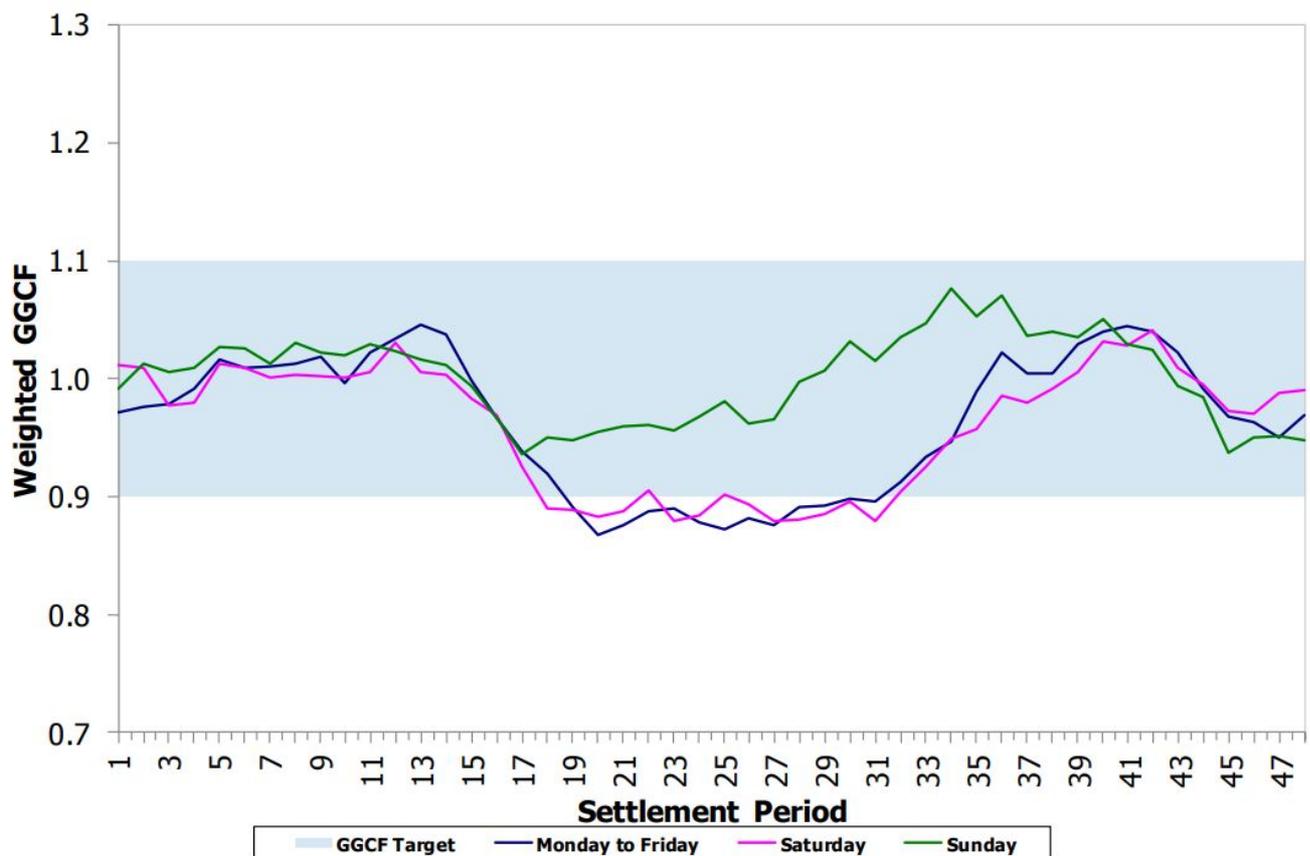
The Smart MTD report is used to monitor compliance with BSC obligations over the foundation and mass roll-out phases of the smart Meter roll-out. It provides:

- market level performance at sending late and corrected MTDs for Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) v1.0 and v2.0 Meters
- volumes of meter installations completed by meter type
- performance at first reconciliation run for all meter types

### Read the latest Trading Operations Report

The [September 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 graph on **Half-Hour Correction factors by Settlement Period volume weighted across all Grid Supply Point (GSP) Groups** (based on Initial Settlement Run (SF) Run for the latest month).



Higher than usual GSP Group Correction Factors (GGCFs) can be seen in daytime Settlement Periods on the average Saturday and Sunday in the last month. The data includes August and September Settlement Dates at the SF Settlement Run. Increased solar generation not accounted for by Non-Half-Hourly profiles can lead to an overestimate of consumption. Lower GGCFs in daytime Settlement Periods therefore scale down Suppliers' consumption volumes to match the GSP Group Take.

For further information or if you have any questions on the above reports, please email [SettlementOperations@exxon.co.uk](mailto:SettlementOperations@exxon.co.uk).

## CALF values for the Winter 2018 BSC Season: 1 November appeal deadline

The Credit Assessment Lead Factor (CALF) values for the Winter 2018 BSC Season, which runs from 1 December to 28 February 2019, 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 7** of the [CALF Guidance document](#) and email it to [bscservicedesk@cgi.com](mailto:bscservicedesk@cgi.com) by **Thursday 1 November 2018**. To find out more about CALF appeals, please see **Section 12** of the CALF Guidance document.

The holiday CALF deadline for the Winter 2018 BSC Season is **Monday 19 November 2018**, 10 working days before the start of the season. Please ensure you request a copy of the Holiday CALF proforma via [bscservicedesk@cgi.com](mailto:bscservicedesk@cgi.com).

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

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## Modifications, Change and Implementation

### P344 'Project TERRE' Release Circular coming soon!

Keep an eye out for a Release Circular which we will issue this week on the review of new and amended BSC Configurable items for [P344](#).

### P373 'Reversing the changes relating to Approved Modification P297' issued for Report Phase Consultation

We've issued [P373 for Report Phase Consultation](#), which you are invited to respond to by **17:00 on Friday 26 October 2018**.

The Proposer has requested that P373 be treated as an **Urgent Modification Proposal**. If Ofgem grant urgency, it may set an urgent timetable that is different to the current P373 progression timetable. If this happens, we will email the BSC change distribution list of any changes to the P373 timetable.

Modifications [P297 'Receipt and Publication of New and Revised Dynamic Data Items'](#) and P373 are intrinsically linked, as P373 proposes to reverse P297. The Implementation Date of P373 should, therefore, coincide with the P297 Implementation Date.

At its meeting on **11 October**, the BSC Panel acknowledged that National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO) may never be able to fully deliver the data needed for P297 to be implemented, and recommended that P373 be treated urgently for implementation on **1 November 2018**, the scheduled P297 Implementation Date. However, there is a risk that an Ofgem P373 decision is not received by then, or that Ofgem rejects P373. The Panel, therefore, requested that the P297 Implementation Date is extended to one of the following, whichever comes first:

- 31 January 2019; or
- The P373 (Approved) Implementation Date

If agreed by the Authority, this P297 Implementation Date extension would ensure that the BSCCo and ESO remain compliant with the BSC provisions, but would also enable the P297 Implementation Date to be the same as P373 once approved.

For more details please see the [P373 Report Phase Consultation](#) or email **Elliott Harper** at [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

### Issue 73 raised and seeking Workgroup Members

SSE raised [Issue 73 'Review of fault management and resolution timescales'](#) on **12 October 2018**. This Issue seeks to review several issues identified with the current faults process, additionally reviewing timescales for fixing faults.

If you would like to join the Issue group, please email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

### CPC00790 Impact Assessment of new CP1510

[CP1510 'Allow the online management of registrations, Market Entry and Market Exit'](#) seeks to amend the Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs) to allow participants to use the Self-Service Gateway being developed under ELEXON's Foundation Programme for data submissions. The Change Proposal has been issued for industry consultation and impact assessment as part of Change Proposal Circular CPC00790.

Please email your response entitled **CPC00790 Consultation** to [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk) by **17:00 on 2 November 2018**. For more information on CP1510 please contact **Matthew Woolliscroft** on **020 7380 4165** or email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

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## BSC Panel Headline Report published

The BSC Panel met on **11 October 2018** and the [Headline Report](#) is now available. This report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the Panel's most recent meeting.

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The view of the Disputes Secretariat on Trading Dispute DA927 is now 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](mailto:disputes@elexon.co.uk) and we will take the Dispute to the Trading Disputes Committee.

**Trading Dispute DA927:** A Supplier raised Trading Dispute DA927 due to a Current Transformer Ratio mismatch. The error does not meet the £3,000 materiality threshold specified in [BSCP11: Trading Disputes](#).

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## Two new Market Participants

**ORSTED ESS MERSEY LIMITED (Party ID: DONG014)** has successfully acceded to the Balancing and Settlement Code, effective from **1 October 2018**.

**SPALDING ENERGY EXPANSION LIMITED (Party ID: SPALDI)** has successfully acceded to the Balancing and Settlement Code, effective from **15 October 2018**.

Both Parties intend to register as a **Generator**.

If you have any questions about the market entry process, please email [market.entry@elexon.co.uk](mailto:market.entry@elexon.co.uk).

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## ELEXON Circulars published last week

Since **8 October 2018**, we have published two ELEXON Circulars. The Circulars were for information and related to:

[EL02892](#): Default of BSC – One Wales Energy – Un Ynni Cymru Limited

[EL02891](#): Possible National Grid Market Operation Data Interface System (MODIS) Downtime: Thursday 11 October 2018

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

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## Upcoming meetings and events

**23 October** - [Imbalance Settlement Group](#)

**25 October** - [Performance Assurance Board](#)

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

**1 November** - [Trading Disputes Committee](#)

**8 November** - [BSC Panel](#)

**13 November** - [Design Working Group](#)

**13 November** - [Joint European Standing Group](#)



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