

BSC RELEASE CIRCULAR – FEBRUARY 2019 RELEASE

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From	ELEXON Project Delivery Team
Purpose	For Information

Implementation of the February 2019 Release

What is the purpose of this Circular?

This Release Circular confirms the changes to BSC Systems, Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs) and other Configurable Items (CIs) that we will implement for the February 2019 BSC Systems Release ('the Release') on 28 February 2019.

What changes will the Release deliver?

The table below shows the approved Modifications and approved Change Proposal included in the February 2019 Release.

Change Reference	Title	Approval Dates	System Impact
P344	Project TERRE implementation into GB market arrangements	24 August 2018	BMRS, ECVA, FSS, CRA
P359	Mechanised process for GC/DC declarations	17 August 2018	CRA
CP1510	Allow the online management of registrations, market entry and market exit	4 December 2018	None

Changes to BSC Systems

P344 will amend the **Central Registration Agent (CRA)** system to allow a new type of BSC Party, Virtual Lead Party (VLP), to accede to the BSC. The **CRA** will also be amended to allow VLPs to register a new type of Balancing Mechanism (BM) Unit (BMU) known as a Secondary BM Unit for the purposes of taking part in TERRE from the P344 Final Implementation Date.

P344 will also amend the **Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS), Energy Contract Volume Allocation Agent (ECVA)** BSC Systems and ELEXON's Funding Share System (FSS) to store and process information relating to VLPs and Secondary BM Units.

P359 will amend the **CRA** to automate the Generation Capacity/Demand Capacity (GC/DC) Breach process and the calculation of a replacement GC or DC value following a breach.

How will the changes affect me?

- P344** will allow **customers** and **independent aggregators**, who currently provide Balancing Services through a 'non-BM route', accede the BSC as new category known as **Virtual Lead Parties**. Virtual Lead Parties will also be able to register Secondary BM Units.

Virtual Lead Parties will be subject to a reduced level of charges and obligations compared to existing BSC Parties, due to the reduced capacity for participation in the BSC Trading Arrangements.

From 28 February 2019, please visit this [Market Entry webpage](#) to start the registration process if you wish to become a VLP.

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- **P359** will impact **Generators, Interconnector Users** and **Suppliers**. The Modification will relieve BSC Parties of the burden of re-declaring GC and DC values following a breach and CRA will notify the impacted Party of the GC/DC breach as well as the new values for the GC/DC threshold. Following this notification, the Party in breach will have two Working Days (WDs) to challenge the amended GC/DC values, if it disagrees. ELEXON will administer the breach appeal process.
- **CP1510** amends the Code Subsidiary Documents (**CSDs**) to allow participants to use the Self-Service Gateway being developed under ELEXON's Foundation Programme for data submissions, as a new alternative to the existing paper-based method.

Are there any changes in the Release that will not be delivered on 28 February 2019?

TERRE will not be fully implemented until BSCP603 and the full TERRE software solution has been implemented in National Grid and BSC Systems on the 'P344 Final Implementation Date', as set out in the BSC Section H changes for P344. We will raise a separate Change Proposal to implement related changes to BSC Configurable Items that will become effective on this date.

The implementation of the Self-Service Gateway referenced under CP1510 will now take place later in the Spring. We will issue a separate Release circular to inform you of the new implementation date.

Will there be a BSC Agent downtime?

No, there is **NO** BSC Agent downtime for the February 2019 release. The changes to CRA for P344 and P359 will be deployed outside of business hours; we will issue an ELEXON circular if the timings of the CRA Daily Reports will be affected. The changes to the BMRS and ECVAA systems are minor and will be deployed without need for a BSC Agent Downtime.

Where can I find more information on the February 2019 Release?

For more details related to the Release, please see the [February 2019 Release page](#) of the ELEXON website.

In Appendix A below, we have listed the amended BSC Sections, CSDs and other CIs impacted by each change proposal in this Release.

The new versions of the amended BSC Sections, CSDs, other CIs and BSC Baseline Statement will be available to download from the [BSC and Codes page](#) of the ELEXON Website from **28 February 2019**.

If you have any queries, please contact Adey Bolaji on 020 7380 4255 or email releases@elexon.co.uk.

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Appendix A: The Code Subsidiary Documents that will become effective on 28 February 2019.

Code Subsidiary Documents	Changes	Old Version	New Version
Section A	P344	7.0	8.0
Section D	P344	19.0	20.0
Section H	P344	22	23.0
Section J	P344	13.0	14.0
Section K	P344 & P359	38.0	39.0
Section M	P344	28.0	29.0
Section N	P344	14.0	15.0
Section P	P344	18.0	19.0
Section Q	P344	29.0	30.0
Section R	P344	14.0	15.0
Section S	P344	28.0	29.0
Section S Annex S-2	P344	23.0	24.0
Section T	P344	26.0	27.0
Section V	P344	37.0	38.0
Section X Annex X-1	P344 & P359	81.0	82.0
Section X Annex X-2	P344	42.0	43.0
Section Z	P344	6.0	7.0
BSCP15	P344, CP1510 & P359	26.0	27.0
BSCP20	P344	17.0	18.0
BSCP25	P344 & CP1510	8.0	9.0
BSCP31	P344 & CP1510	11.0	12.0
BSCP38	P344 & CP1510	20.0	21.0
BSCP41	CP1510	7.0	8.0

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BSCP65	P344 & CP1510	15.0	16.0
BSCP68	P344	13.0	14.0
BSCP70	P344 & CP1510	7.0	8.0
BSCP71	P344 & CP1510	13.0	14.0
BSCP75	P344	13.0	14.0
BSCP301	CP1510	17.0	18.0
BSCP503	P344	20.0	21.0
BSCP507	P344 & CP1510	15.0	16.0
BSCP508	P344	25.0	26.0
BSCP537	P344	14.0	15.0
BSCP537	P344	6.0	7.0
BSCP537	P344	3.0	4.0
BSCP537	P344	8.0	9.0
Communication Requirements Document	P344	17.0	18.0
CRA Service Description	P344, CP1510 & P359	19.0	20.0
Specification	P344, CP1510 & P359	19.0	20.0
Demand Capacity and Generation Capacity Limit Review and Determination	P359	1.0	2.0
ECVAA SD	P344	20.0	21.0
ECVAA URS	P344	21.0	22.0
NETA IDD Part 1 document	P344 & P359	38.0	39.0
NETA IDD Part 1 Spreadsheet	P344	28.0	29.0
NETA IDD Part 2	P344 & P359	38.0	39.0
NETA IDD Part 2 Spreadsheet	P344 & P359	28.0	29.0

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SVAA Service Description	P344	5.0	6.0
SVAA User Requirements Specification	P344	16.0	17.0
SVA Data Catalogue Vol 1	P344	48	49
SVA Data Catalogue Vol 2	P344	37	38