

# BSC Update

## 1. New guidance for the registration of BM Units associated with Generating Plant in the CVA Market

Are you planning to register a new Generating Plant? If so you may find our new guidance helpful. The guidance on [Registration of BM Units associated with Generating Plant in the CVA Market](#) describes the steps that you need to go through to register as a BSC Party (if required) and to register your BM Units. This document is available on the [Guidance](#) page of our website, under 'Registrations', and covers:

- Directly connected sites (i.e. sites connecting to the Transmission System)
- Embedded sites (sites connected to a distribution system) that the registrant is required to or wishes to register in CVA.
- The guidance contains a checklist of steps that need to be completed. It does not include embedded sites registering in SVA.

If you have any queries on Accession to the BSC and registration of a BSC Party, please contact [market.entry@elexon.co.uk](mailto:market.entry@elexon.co.uk). For queries on the registration of BM Units please contact [BM.Unit@elexon.co.uk](mailto:BM.Unit@elexon.co.uk).

## 2. New consultation issued: review of Metering Dispensations and non-standard BM Unit applications

We have carried out a review of Metering Dispensation and non-standard BM Unit applications. This review was initiated at the request of the BSC Panel in light of the growing numbers of Metering Dispensations and non-standard BM Units that Parties have requested for sites being configured and re-configured to accommodate mid-sized renewables and the redevelopment of old generation sites. We have issued a consultation on our initial findings and recommendations, and invite you to provide your views on these. You can download this consultation from the [Consultations](#) page of our website.

If you would like to respond, please use the response form attached to the consultation and return this to us at [design.authority@elexon.co.uk](mailto:design.authority@elexon.co.uk) by **Friday 6 January 2017**.

## 3. Move on to the new BMRS: legacy website closed on 1 December 2016

Since 14 September, the [new BMRS](#) (Balancing Reporting Mechanism Reporting Service) has been running in parallel with 'legacy' BMRS, the former website. Our statistics show that the majority of BMRS users have migrated to the new website and are benefiting from the new APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) and Data Push services.

The planned decommissioning of the legacy BMRS took place at **07:00** on **1 December 2016**. From this date, the legacy BMRS and associated services (e.g. SOAP service) are no longer accessible. Please access the new BMRS website on [www.bmreports.com](http://www.bmreports.com). This url will now point to new website.

## 4. Panel meeting regarding GB Energy Supply Ltd

On 28 November 2016, the BSC Panel met to consider the position of GB Energy Supply Ltd (Party ID ALTITUDE). As reported by GB Energy Supply Ltd and in the press, the Supplier has ceased trading. The BSC Panel considered the BSC Default processes and set resolutions to minimise the impact to the industry that could occur as a result of the Supplier's situation.

The BSC Panel decided that the following resolutions recommended in [BSC Section H](#) should be applied:

- Suspension of right to submit ECVNs and/or MVRNs
- Cancellation of existing ECVNs and/or MVRNs
- Suspension of right to register further Metering Systems and BM Units
- Notification to FAA to treat the Party as a Defaulting Party
- Suspension of right to vote in Panel elections
- Notification of Default to other Parties.
- Ofgem is taking steps towards appointing a new Supplier to take over the 160,075 customers who were with GB Energy Supply.

For further information please refer to [ELEXON Circular EL02562](#).

## 5. Preparation for BSC Systems Datacentre Relocation

ELEXON is working with its service provider CGI to plan the relocation of BSC Central Systems from datacentres based in London to datacentres in South Wales in March 2017. The move to the new datacentres will provide a more flexible cloud-based infrastructure hosting environment of the BSC Central Systems that will better support change in the future.

In preparation of the move, over the next few weeks, CGI will be contacting all BSC Parties with a 'High Grade' communication line used to connect to the BSC Central Systems, to arrange site visits in order to upgrade their communications infrastructure.

We will issue further updates in the New Year to provide more detail on specific dates for the datacentre relocation.

## 6. ELEXON responds to the CMA's Energy Market Investigation (Electricity Transmission Losses) Order 2016

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has published responses from across the industry to its draft Order on Locational Transmission Losses. This remedy forms part of the [CMA's Energy Market Investigation](#) conclusions. [ELEXON's response](#) can be found on the Energy Market Investigation page of CMA's website.

In addition, we have issued a [briefing note on Zonal Transmission Losses](#) that provides background information to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) remedy on the allocation of Transmission Losses set out in the CMA's report.

## 7. Modifications, Change and Implementation

### **P346 Implementation Date: 1 April 2017**

The window to appeal the BSC Panel's decision to approve Self-Governance Modification [P346 'Changes to Specified Charges for Elective Half Hourly Settlement'](#) closed on 1 December 2016. No appeals were received, so P346 will be implemented on 1 April 2017 (April 2017 Release) in accordance with the Panel's determination.

The proposed solution is to amend the method by which the 'Supplier' half of the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) costs are recovered so that all of these costs are recovered through a single 'per Metering System Identifier (MSID)' fixed tariff.

Further information can be found on the [P346](#) page of our website. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this Modification further, please email [bsc.change@elexon.co.uk](mailto:bsc.change@elexon.co.uk).

## 8. Electricity Market Reform (EMR) update

### Launch of EMR Settlement Portal

In response to the feedback received from our stakeholders, EMRS, along with Low Carbon Contracts Company, will be launching the EMR Settlement Portal. We will be doing a phased roll-out to EMR Parties over the next few weeks, with the intention that all parties will have access by the end of the year.

The portal will provide a secure and simple way for EMR Parties to access all their current and historic settlement related files and backing data.

### First Capacity Provider payment

On 6 December 2016, EMRS, on behalf of Electricity Settlements Company, will issue the first Capacity Payment credit notes for the 2016/17 Delivery Year to Capacity Providers. The credit note will cover the October 2016 period. Payment will be made on **9 December 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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