

BSC Update

1. The November 2016 Release is now live

The November 2016 BSC Systems Release was successfully implemented on 3 November 2016. The final scope of this Release included three Modifications and seven Change Proposals. These include amended BSC Sections, Code Subsidiary Documents and Configurable Items. Please note that on 14 October 2016 the Authority approved the [P324 Proposed Modification](#) for implementation on **11 November 2016**; 20 working days following the decision to approve.

Please visit the [November 2016 Release](#) page of our website to learn more about the complete scope, key dates and the impacted documents.

2. Move on to the new BMRS and benefit from the API and Data Push services

As highlighted in [Newscast issue 625](#), the [new BMRS](#) (Balancing Reporting Mechanism Reporting Service) has been running in parallel with 'legacy' BMRS since the 14 September 2016. We are pleased to report that the number of the interactive users accessing new BMRS has grown steadily in the last two weeks; approximately 60% of interactive users have been accessing the new BMRS website.

The new BMRS offers better capability for accessing data programmatically through the APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) and Data Push Service. The Data Push allows the near real-time publishing of information from the BMRS system. This is useful for those who need the latest information from BMRS pushed to their system near real time and some users are adopting the Data Push service to complement or as an alternative to TIBCO messaging on the high grade service.

User feedback on the Data Push Service has been positive, one of our users commented: *"At Outlook Energy Services, having a secure source of market and balancing data helps us ensure the reliable performance of our trading software, market forecasts and asset dispatching tools. The ELEXON Data Push Service provides us with a stable and convenient way of acquiring data in real time, forming the backbone of many of our services."*

ELEXON continues to strongly encourage users wishing to access the BMRS website, to use the new BMRS on (www2.bmreports.com) instead of the 'Legacy' BMRS which, as previously notified, will be decommissioned on **1 December 2016**. To read more about the data access mechanism please visit the [new BMRS page](#) of our website, where you will find the [API and Data Push user guide](#) and further information on the new platform.

3. October 2016 update of the BSC Systems Roadmap

The [BSC Systems Roadmap](#) provides a view of market and regulatory changes that impact the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Systems over the next five years. This tool presents ELEXON's best view of the likely timing and impact of major industry and regulatory developments, alongside approved or prospective BSC Changes.

It also shows changes arising from ELEXON's management of the BSC service, such as planned

improvements and major technology upgrades.

We have updated the Roadmap with our latest view of the BSC change pipeline and market changes. It includes information about the impacts of [project TERRE](#) (Modification [P344](#)), and the Competition and Market Authority's (CMA) proposals about zonal transmission losses (Modification [P350](#)). There is also a [BSC Systems Roadmap companion document](#) which provides more information about the contents of the Roadmap diagram and highlights what has changed from the previous version.

The Roadmap also includes a milestone (in early 2019) for the possible timing of the UK's exit from the EU. For as long as Britain wishes to participate in the European electricity market, then EU regulations will still apply, so the European milestones on the roadmap are still expected to be relevant.

If you have comments on the roadmap, or would like us to discuss it with you and your colleagues, then please get in touch with ELEXON's Design Authority team at design.authority@elexon.co.uk.

4. European Network Code on Emergency and Restoration

Last week, European Union Member States approved the latest text of the Network Code on Emergency and Restoration (NC ER). This is a significant milestone in its development and we estimate that the NC ER is likely to become binding European law sometime around **May 2017**. This Code covers, amongst much else, the development of rules for market suspension and restoration and a requirement for each Transmission System Operator to propose rules for balancing and imbalance Settlement during market suspension periods. If changes to the existing arrangements are proposed and approved, there could be impacts on [Section G of the BSC](#), which covers contingencies.

More information on the European Network Code on Emergency and Restoration is available on [Entso-e's website](#).

5. P272 update: P322 Supplier Migration Updates

Following discussions with Ofgem and industry we have decided to amend the template for reporting. This amendment will see an additional column added to the Supplier Migration Update (SMU) in which the Suppliers will be able to report the number of Profile Classes (PCs) 5-8 Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) metered sites that are reported to Ofgem as 'advanced-capable' in their regular information request about Supplier Licence Condition 12 compliance.

Those meters which are included in the new column should no longer be reported as an 'opportunity'. Suppliers are reminded that if the addition of this column reduces the total volume of opportunities significantly, then they are required to submit a new Supplier Migration Plan (SMP).

For the avoidance of doubt, once a meter becomes advanced, Suppliers need to migrate them to Half-Hourly Settlement, in line with their [P272](#) and [P322](#) obligations. The new template can be found on the [P272](#) page of our website, under 'related content'.

6. Credit Assessment Price (CAP) Review Consultation on increasing the CAP

Consultation on the value of CAP

Forward market prices are used to trigger a Credit Assessment Price (CAP) review. As the calculation uses data two months forward, the prices have been rising following the summer. This has resulted in CAP increases in September and October. Following a further trigger today, we will be issuing a consultation paper on the value of Credit Assessment Price (CAP), which will be available on the [Consultations page](#) of our website from tomorrow **8 November 2016**.

The reference price today is **£110/MWh** however, the trend of the forward prices suggest the reference price could be between £120/MWh and £125/MWh when the Credit Committee meet. The Credit Committee will meet shortly after the end of the consultation period to decide a new CAP value.

We will invite you to indicate whether you agree with the proposal to **increase** the value of CAP to **£110/MWh** from its last agreed level of £98/MWh, based on current level of the reference price, or whether you consider an alternative value of CAP based on its future estimates, **between £120/MWh and £125/MWh**, to be more appropriate.

How does this affect me?

This potentially affects the level of Credit Cover that Parties are required to lodge, so we urge all Parties to respond to the consultation. We will present the responses to the Credit Committee, who will determine the new CAP value and the date from which any changed value will take effect.

You can find more information on the CAP, the Credit Committee and the review process on the [Credit Committee page](#) of our website. We have also published [FAQs](#) to help you become more familiar with this process.

7. 'Introducing ELEXON' seminar dates 2017: registration now open

The dates for the 'Introducing ELEXON' seminars in 2017 have been published on the [Ad-hoc events](#) page of our website. These are:

- [Wednesday 15 February](#)
- [Wednesday 12 April](#)
- [Wednesday 14 June](#)
- [Wednesday 13 September](#)
- [Wednesday 22 November](#)

You can register by following the relevant links above.

Training videos

In addition to the above, we have developed three training videos on some of the BSC arrangements. The videos are around 20 minutes long and will help you break the arrangements down to bite-size modules. The topics covered are:

- Management and Resolution of Erroneous EACs/AAs
- PARMS, Peer Comparison and Supplier Charges
- Credit Cover and Credit Default.

These videos are available to view on [ELEXONUK YouTube channel](#) and the [Training videos](#) page of our website.

8. Last chance to register: P329 'Changes to REMIT inside information reporting' Forum

We would like to invite participants who submit REMIT inside information for publication on the Balancing Mechanism and Reporting Service (BMRS) to attend a forum on the changes for [Modification P329](#) that will be implemented on 29 June 2017 as part of the June 2017 Release.

The forum will be held at [ELEXON's premises](#) on **9 November 2016** from 10:00 to 14:30 and will cover:

- Modification P329 background
- the revised REMIT XSD
- National Grid presentation on MODIS for REMIT submissions
- transition approach
- testing approach.

The draft P329 XSD (XML Schema Definition), Implementation Guide and sample XML are available from the [June 2017 Release](#) page of our website.

Please register your intention to attend, in person or by teleconference, by emailing releases@elexon.co.uk by **17:00 on 8 November 2016**. We will confirm your registration by return email.

Further details on this meeting are available in the relevant [Release Circular](#), issued on 17 October 2016, and available on the [Release Circulars](#) page of our website.

9. Modifications, Change and Implementation

Live Consultation

P350 Assessment Procedure Consultation

Response date: 25 November 2016

[P350 'Introduction of a seasonal Zonal Transmission Losses scheme'](#). The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) [Energy Market Investigation](#) concluded that the absence of locational pricing for transmission losses has an adverse effect on competition. Therefore, in line with the CMA's determination, P350 will introduce a Transmission Loss Factor for each TLF Zone (which will align with the existing Grid Supply Point (GSP) Groups) for each BSC Season in order to allocate transmission losses on a geographical basis. The CMA is mandating, through secondary legislation and licence changes, an Implementation Date of **1 April 2018**.

P350 is expected to impact generators, Suppliers, Distribution System Operators (DSOs) and the Transmission Company.

P346 Report Phase Consultation

Response date: 2 November 2016, 17:00 (closed)

[P346 'Changes to the BSC Specified Charges to facilitate Elective HH Settlement'](#) proposes that the 'Supplier' half of the total Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) Costs will be recovered through the application of a flat charge levied per SVA Metering System Identifier (MSID) per month. This will be applied equally to all SVA Metering Systems, both Half Hourly (HH) and Non-Half Hourly (NHH), across all Measurement Classes. As a result, the existing SVA (Consumption) Funding Share will be removed. The determination of the flat charge per SVA MSID will be done prior to the start of the BSC Year, and will apply throughout the BSC Year.

P346 is expected to impact **Suppliers and ELEXON**. The BSC Panel initially recommends that the **P346 should be approved**.