

Minutes	
Meeting name	Electricity Balancing System Group
Meeting number	18
Date of meeting	18 December 2013
Time	10:00 - 14:00
Location	Energy UK offices, London

Attendees		
Name	Initials	Company
Alex Haffner	AH	National Grid (Chair)
Campbell McDonald	CMD	SSE
Dan Webb	DW	Seabank
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF Energy (dial-in until 12.00)
Guy Phillips	GP	E.ON (from 11.00)
Joe Warren	JW	Open Energi
John Lucas	JL	Elexon
Nick Sargent	NS	National Grid (Technical Secretary)
Richard Devenport	RD	EDF Energy (dial-in)
Robert Paterson	RP	National Grid
Sally Lewis	SL	National Grid
Simon Peter Reid	SR	Scottish Power

Apologies		
Name	Initials	Company
Christopher Proudfoot	CP	Centrica
John Norbury	JN	RWE
Lisa Waters	LW	Waters Wye
Peter Knight	PK	Centrica

## Introduction

AH welcomed the attendees and introduced the agenda. No additional items were requested.

## S1 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

No comments received. Minutes for meeting #17 approved.

## S2 Review of Actions

### *11/05: Review of Project Plan*

Standing agenda item S5. Ongoing action to be discussed each meeting.

RP discussed his high level timescales slide, explaining the testing regime and processes. Progress has been reviewed based on experience to date and as EBS is key to safeguarding supplies to customers and to market participants' businesses, then go-live has been delayed to April 2015.

No questions received.

Industry update will be published shortly as an updated newsletter.

### **Open**

### *11/11: Max Generation data*

To be arranged when other EBS issues have been cleared off.

### **Open, low priority.**

### *13/33: General Meeting Admin*

Standing agenda item S7.

### **Open**

### *13/35: Communication*

RP sent an update out detailing consultation issues.

Standing agenda item S6.

### **Open**

### *13/12: Options for declaring Frequency Response unavailability*

Options for declaring unavailability on both a module and generating unit level.

Relates to go-live new interfaces.

IT change request raised by RP and is currently in progress.

### **Open**

### *13/32: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

To complete the draft consultation, circulate to GCRP & EBSG for comment, then issue.

Published 04 November and discussed further under agenda item 3

## **Closed**

### *13/36: Industry Newsletter*

To mention multiple run up/run down rates etc. in the newsletter that explains and encourages responses to the Grid Code consultation.

Completed.

## **Closed**

### *13/41: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

Investigation of CUSC modification process conducted by SL.

Changes would be required to the CUSC, Section 6.8 Balancing Mechanism Requirements and Section 6 Appendix 1 – Communications Plant. It is likely that a modification would be able to take the route of the fast track process which would mean it could be implemented relatively quickly (potentially less than 2 months), as this is consequential mod and dependent on Grid Code mod, recommendation is to postpone raising CUSC mod until an implementation date (of Grid Code changes) is determined.

## **Closed**

### *13/42: Conflicting Delivery Issues*

Arising from the coincidental delivery of EBS with the Capacity Mechanism.

Complete – RP responded to LW by e-mail as follows: “EBS is not expected to be affected by the earlier deliveries of EMR, such as the procurement of the capacity obligations. New systems will provide this functionality. It is possible that we may wish to change EBS to assist with the management of one aspect of CM, namely the issue of the Capacity Mechanism Warning. This though would only be required once any capacity obligations had become active.”

Oct 2020 is when the Capacity Mechanism is due for delivery (RD).

Demand side response transition arrangements in 16/17 and 17/18. Transition arrangements are a mini version of the real thing.

Clearly important to get EBS live before too many other changes commence (GB).

## **Closed**

## **3a Dynamic Parameters Consultation Responses**

SL presented the consultation responses. Five responses were received, all of which were broadly supportive but raised some points on specific parts of the proposed changes.

Comments raised by respondents absent from this meeting would also be discussed with them separately.

SL presented the number of responses in support/opposition to each question and discussed each comment made. Changes to proposed text were made as appropriate following discussion.

Although some terms were seen as confusing, these had been discussed at length and attendees agreed that they should not be changed at this time.

Decimals will not be allowed in elbow points. A concern would then be the time taken to change 1MW (RD). That is the purpose of the slower rates as CCGTs often have 'holds' in their run-ups and this change will mean that they can be modelled better (RP).

Seabank has run-up rates that are seen as flat and are difficult to model (DW).

Discussion took place around tap change scenarios.

The GP responses to Q7 and Q8 were discussed at length.

In his response to Q7, GP was looking for more certainty in the wording and as such, asking for the word "normally" to be removed from the proposed text. Text changes were subsequently discussed and rewritten by GP, RP, and SL.

This meeting could discuss its requirements for time varying dynamic parameters at some point in the future (RP).

It is understood that EBS may not have the functionality at go-live for a time dependant NDZ and as such, this comment is moot. However, if an alternative was available, it should be discussed and considered (GP).

An understanding of future functionality and capability for National Grid would be useful for industry to know. Possibly an item for the next industry update to cover, or perhaps an agenda item for an EBSG meeting (GP).

Prioritisation of changes needs to be considered for/following Go-Live of EBS (CM).

*ACTION: Additional functionality to be included into later releases of EBS can be discussed at a future meeting (AH).*

Fax forms: implementing these now instead of waiting for EBS go-live should be considered. There is effectively no need to wait on this (DW). It is possible to introduce these forms earlier but the practicality of doing would need to be considered (RP).

Agreed, because of the delay to EBS, it makes sense to issue revised Fax Forms now (SR, GB).

*ACTION: Grid Code team to advise how onerous it would be to change the Fax Forms as part of the Grid Code change process, and if "fast track" was available. Consider if changes should be made at this point in time (SL).*

In discussions with the Grid Code team, we should consider GP's comment that a further consultation may be required (RP).

## 3b DVC&D Rules Consultation Responses

RP presented the comments received to the DVC&D Rules consultation.

GB wished to discuss his comment regarding the use of a separate document to contain the new Rules. It would be quite a challenge for changes to be made to an existing document, making it complicated and unmanageable. Some new terms could be seen as confusing (EDT\* interface for example). RP offered to call GB separately to discuss further in detail.

SR found the changed document complicated. Pages 7&8 of the consultation document each show diagrams that explains the relationships between the terms (RP). Perhaps the second page of the planned newsletter could include the diagrams (SR)?

GB gave his apologies and left the meeting.

## 4 P297 Update

RP discussed his presentation from the last BSC workgroup. "Issues with the existing SEL/SIL solution"

## S5 Review of Summary Project Plan

RP had already his presented the High Level Timeline earlier in the meeting.

The EBS New Industry Interfaces Plan ver7 was presented, with discussion centred on relevant line items

For the changes to the Grid Code and DVC&D Rules, the next stage is for National Grid to write and submit the report to Ofgem by 24 Jan 2014.

For the BSC Modification, Elexon will be issuing a new Assessment Phase consultation by 06 Jan 2014.

The Elexon release dates for P297 need further consideration given the proximity of the June 2015 release to the planned EBS go-live date (RP).

Such a project might be considered for a special industry release. JL agreed that it was possible to have a special release.

## S6 Communications Update

RP had presented the High Level Timeline slide earlier under action 11/05.

## S7 General Meeting Admin

NS asked if facilities were adequate and referred to the next meeting date proposed for March, by which time National Grid facilities in Warwick might then be available.

## S8 Next Meeting Planning

Thursday 06 March 2014

Energy UK offices / National Grid Warwick

## S9 AOB

None

## 10 Actions and Next Steps

3a - ACTION: Additional inclusions into a later release of EBS can be discussed at a future meeting (AH)

3a - ACTION: Grid Code team to advise how onerous it would be to change the Fax Forms as part of the Grid Code change process, and if "fast track" was available. Consider if changes should be made at this point in time (SL).