

# **National Grid Electricity Transmission Electricity Balancing System Group (EBSG) Terms of Reference**

## **Governance**

1. The EBSG is established by Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP).
2. The group shall formally report to the GCRP.

## **Membership**

3. The EBSG shall comprise a suitable and appropriate cross-section of experience and expertise from across the industry, which shall include:
  - National Grid
  - ELEXON
  - Grid Code Users and BSC Parties (by open invitation through ELEXON)
  - Ofgem

## **Meeting Administration**

4. The frequency of EBSG meetings shall be defined as necessary by the EBSG chair to meet the scope and objectives of the work being undertaken at that time.
5. National Grid will provide technical secretary resource to the EBSG and handle administrative arrangements such as venue, agenda and minutes.
6. The EBSG will have a dedicated section under the Grid Code part of National Grid's website. A link to this section will be provided on the web page 'EBS (BM Replacement) Project'<sup>1</sup>. This will enable EBSG information such as minutes and presentations to be available to a wider audience.

## **Scope**

7. The scope of this group is limited to that of the Electricity Balancing System, and the Balancing Mechanism and Ancillary Services data and instructions that it will support.

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<sup>1</sup> The EBS (BM Replacement) Project web page can be accessed via <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Balancing/EBS/>

8. The group will consider the changes requested by the industry in response to National Grid's consultations and also any changes that are offered as part of the standard vendor system. It will draft any Grid Code modifications and supporting documents required to implement these changes. ELEXON will assist the group in highlighting any BSC implications, keep the BSC Panel updated on the group's work and conclusions, advise on the best BSC Governance route for progressing any consequential changes (e.g. as a Standing Issue or Modification Proposal), and assist in drafting any BSC proposals.
9. Any other changes raised shall not normally fall within the scope of this group but could be considered for delivery after system go-live.
10. The scope of the group shall not include co-ordination of communications to the wider industry relating to EBS (e.g. industry testing, transition and go-live arrangements and timescales); however, National Grid may request members of the EBSG to provide contact details of other personnel in their respective organisations who may, for example, be involved in IT system testing.

### **Deliverables**

11. The Group will provide updates and any reports to the Grid Code Review Panel which will:
  - Detail the findings of the Group;
  - Draft, prioritise and recommend changes to the Grid Code and associated documents in order to implement the findings of the Group; and
  - Highlight any consequential BSC changes which are or may be required, so that these can be progressed under BSC governance.

### **Timescales**

12. It is anticipated that this Group shall be stood down after EBS go-live (currently Q3 2013). There will be timescales for the various activities within the scope of this Group, but it will only be possible to determine these after consideration of the specific activity or change.