

Charging Circular – BSUoS Invoices and BPA Files

8 August 2019

Dear BSUoS customer,

Please be advised that today we have reissued the BPA reports for the SF run for the 10/07/2019 settlement day.

These reports will have overwritten the existing files on our SFTP server.

The original BPA reports for this date were issued on the 2nd August 2019. If you have previously downloaded these reports, we would advise you to retrieve the new version from our server. If you haven't yet downloaded these reports from our server then by default you will receive the updated version from this point on.

Why was this action necessary?

On the 2nd August 2019, we released the BSUoS invoices and BPA files for the SF run for the 10/07/2019 Settlement day.

Unfortunately, it was identified that there were relatively small discrepancies within the data in the BPA reports.

At a high level, the total values in the BPA reports matched the values on the invoices, but at the Half Hourly settlement period by BMU, there were variances.

Why was there a difference?

On 1st and 2nd August 2019, Elexon were experiencing problems which meant they weren't able to release the SF data for those settlement days (see Elexon circular:

<https://www.elexon.co.uk/documents/industry-news/elexon-circulars/el03021/>)

To avoid disruptions and delays to the BSUoS invoice process we scheduled to use II data for these two days. Please note, the CUSC allows for us to use substitute data in cases where data is unavailable at the time of billing. The II data generally varies very little when compared to SF data, and everything is reconciled at the RF run.

On the day that we invoiced the 10th July settlement day, the SF file (that was due to be released the previous day) came into our system in the gap between BSUoS calculations having run in the morning (using the II data) and the BPA files running. The system is designed to use the latest data so the BPA files were created based on the delayed SF file we had received that morning from Elexon.

The 11th July settlement day was not affected because the delayed SF file from Elexon came in before we started the BSUoS calculations.

We did some analysis to gauge the overall effect on billing and it was approx. £600 difference over the £2.6m we invoiced that day.

Do I need to take any further action?

If you have downloaded the BPA reports for the SF run for the 10/07/2019 settlement day before 5pm today, we could advise that you download this report again from our SFTP server.

If you haven't yet downloaded these reports from our server then by default you will receive the updated version from this point on, so no further action is necessary.

Lessons learned

If we need to use substitute BSUoS data in the future, we will act to ensure that any delayed files arriving into our system do not create discrepancies between the invoice and data reported in the BPA reports.

Apologies for the very long email, we wanted to explain this one fully as we realise the high dependency that BSUoS customers have on receiving accurate data.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you require further information or have any questions relating to this issue.

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