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Future of Registration Webinar 23 January 2025: Your questions answered

During the NESO Future of Registration Webinar on 23 January we gave you an opportunity to ask your questions. Some we were able to answer during the event, but we did not have time to answer everything. Below are all your questions, with answers.

If you have any further questions, please email us at: bmu.registration@nationalenergyso.com

Questions and Answers

Topic	Question	Answer
Balancing Services	For any BMUs already in SMP, will there be any changes on these or any impact on BS pre-qualification and EAC participation?	There will be no impact on units that already exist in SMP and are already participating. The BM section will be separate from your units in the Balancing Services.
Balancing Services	Could you please clarify the SAA acronym? and noting Quick Reserve is missing from the list of relevant Balancing services	SAA stands for Small Aggregated Asset. Quick Reserve will be added under Balancing Services.

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BMU ID	How soon after submitting an application will BMU ID's be issued as we need this for Elexon BMU registration	You can e-mail the registration team beforehand to get your BMU ID. This can be before you start entering data into SMP, whilst your registration is still in draft or just before submission. All we ask if that you give us some details about the unit to provide the correct BMU ID – Where in the country, fuel types, MWs, Contract Type and whether it's single site or aggregated. bmu.registration@nationalenergyso.com
BMU ID	If we use the BM unit ID as unit name, is there a way of knowing what the BMU ID will be before we create a unit? Or is it for providers to make up?	You can e-mail the registration team beforehand to get your BMU ID. This can be before you start entering data into SMP, whilst your registration is still in draft or just before submission. All we ask if that you give us some details about the unit to provide the correct BMU ID – Where in the country, fuel types, MWs, Contract Type and whether it's single site or aggregated. bmu.registration@nationalenergyso.com
BSC signatory	Does the Company Information allow storing of more than one Elexon BSC signatory?	At this point, only one Elexon BSC signatory information is allowed in SMP. If required we can consider changing this in future updates.
Current registrations in progress	Could you please clarify whether the upcoming SORT upload (cut off on the 26/02) will have to go through the new BMU registration process on SMP?	Any units currently in the registration process will continue in the current process and SMP will be updated by the NESO Registration Team. The usual requirements will need to be met before the cut off to ensure inclusion in the March SORT upload

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CUSC	is the CUSC document a new requirement or only applicable for embedded BMU's?	For any asset to enter the BM the relevant connection agreement and Connection Use of System Code (CUSC) accession in required. The CUSC is an overarching document that you accede to as the lead party. When obtaining your connection agreement, if you are not already acceded to the CUSC, this will be issued to you by the Connections Team. More information on this can be found on the Use of System page within the Connections area of the NESO website - https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/connections/help-and-support/use-system-uos-and-virtual-lead-party-vlp
CUSC and VLP	Can you please also provide guidance on what the supporting documents are (eg CUSC, VLPA, etc...)	For any asset to enter the BM the relevant connection agreement and Connection Use of System Code (CUSC) accession in required. The CUSC is an overarching document that you accede to as the lead party. When obtaining your connection agreement, if you are not already acceded to the CUSC, this will be issued to you by the Connections Team. More information on this can be found on the Use of System page within the Connections area of the NESO website - https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/connections/help-and-support/use-system-uos-and-virtual-lead-party-vlp

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CUSC and VLP	you refer to CUSC document and VLP document, what are these?	For any asset to enter the BM the relevant connection agreement and Connection Use of System Code (CUSC) accession in required. The CUSC is an overarching document that you accede to as the lead party. When obtaining your connection agreement, if you are not already acceded to the CUSC, this will be issued to you by the Connections Team. More information on this can be found on the Use of System page within the Connections area of the NESO website - https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/connections/help-and-support/use-system-uos-and-virtual-lead-party-vlp
Data migration	For units/assets that are already registered in the SMP, will the BMU section be migrated to SMP by NESO?	Yes, there a quite a few units in both systems that share an ID as there is pre-requisite for some services to be registered in the BM. The BM side will be migrated over and into the existing units.
Data migration	Can we update any migrated data gaps ourselves, as providers, or do we need NESO to update these for us?	Yes please, one of the advantages of moving our processes to SMP is it enables Lead Parties to update the asset records directly for us to approve.

We will explain more about this at our next webinar on 20 February when we will be asking all Lead Parties to validate the data for each of their assets and fill in any blanks/replace dummy data between 1-31 March. |
| Data migration | If we are an existing BM provider, will our CUSC, VLPSA and Supplier Agreement be migrated into SMP? Same question for existing EDT/EDL info? | You will still be required to upload CUSC and VLPA into SMP as part of your application for each new SBMU.

Yes existing EDL/EDT information will be migrated to SMP. |

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Data Migration	When will the functionality become available?	It is not clear which functionality you are referring to. Suggest contacting us by email with a more detailed question. If the question is for enabling BM registration on SMP then it will be available after 14th Feb.
EDL/EDT	Would you please share an updated list of "NESO approved" EDL/EDT providers? And what does it take to be approved as an EDL/EDT provider?	It is the responsibility of the lead party to provide EDL/EDT details during the registration process. NESO do not have an approved list, but we do publish technical specifications that need to be met. More information can be found at: Balancing Mechanism Wider Access	National Energy System Operator under "EDT/EDL and API"
Elexon registration	How will the NESO changes impact the parallel Elexon BMU registration processes?	There is no impact on Elexon BMU Registration processes
Elexon registration	Will there be any changes to the Elexon BMU registration process, can you please clarify? Thank you	No impact to the Elexon registration process.
Guidance	Will a guidance document be made available?	Yes, this will be published shortly
Guidance	Would a step by step guide be provided to aid the smooth take off of this change	Yes, this will be published shortly
Multiple companies	Can you see multiple companies under the SMP login? We have BMUs registered against different BSC parties, are we able to see all of these in one place?	Yes, you will be able to see multiple companies under the SMP login by using the Inter Company agreement functionality.

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Multiple companies	will I be able to have multiple companies on my login as we do not register all BMU's under one company?	Yes, you will be able to see multiple companies under the SMP login by using the Inter Company agreement functionality.
Multiple complanies	To clarify, can sub-company BMUs be created all under the same parent company account, or must a new account be created for each?	The BMU must be created by the Lead Party for that unit. However, you will be able to see multiple companies under the SMP login by using the Inter Company agreement functionality.
New registrations	Does any registration after 14th Feb need to be done in SMP? Or will there be transition period where either route can be used?	Yes, after 14th Feb for all Primary, Secondary & Additional Supplier units registration will need to happen on SMP. Only Interconnectors & Supplier base units registration will continue with the current process.
New registrations	Will CVA BMUs follow the same process in SMP?	Yes, process for all BM Registration types will be completed in SMP.
New registrations	at the moment the BMU reg form is required to have 3 signatures, is there a step to provide that same authorisation?	No, you will just need one authorised signatory.
Operational metering	Will there be any changes to the operational metering/how it is requested etc.?	No, you'll still need to go to our operational metering team inbox to requesting testing.
SORT	Does this change the SORT upload dates/cut off date for March upload?	No, the change to SMP will not impact any of the SORT dates.

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Using SMP	Is the SMP registration per BMU or can it be for a group of assets owned by a single user? How many user accounts can be on an SMP account?	SMP will support both i.e per BMU and bulk assets owned by a single user. For single BMUs it can be don through the SMP portal and for bulk it can be done through SMP APIs. We are happy to provide to connect and provide more information on SMP APIs if you need. On SMP we recommend 5 user accounts however, this is not a limitation and if there is need to increase we check and understand the need and act upon.
Using SMP	Can unit/asset details be uploaded and saved to SMP incrementally (i.e. can you save your work and come back to it later) or does it need to be done in one go?	This can be incrementally and saved to SMP.
Using SMP	once you click save for the BMU reg is that the application submitted?	No, you can save the registration in the interim if you are still waiting for details. The submission process is separate from saving the registration.
Using SMP	Can you use a team mailbox to register an SMP user account so that multiple team members can log into the one account and add details or check notifications etc	No, you can not use a team mailbox to login / register to SMP as this is Single Sign-on guideline from NESO Security team.
Using SMP	How will it work for registering BM units where we are not Lead Party, but are Trading Agent and Control point?	The Lead Party is accountable for registering the unit, and providing all the required information including details of the Trading Agent and Control Point information including telephony and contact details.

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Using SMP	Will there be an option for SVA BMUs? I believe only BCA, BEGA, BELLA were in the drop downs	Supplier Additional BMUs are a choice in the BMU Category field drop down. A Supplier agreement and CUSC will need to be uploaded with the application. BCA BELLA And BEGA are options for Primary BMUs
Using SMP	Will trading parties who vary to the supplier/registrant, have access to SMP - to register Control Points for example?	Yes, you can create a Control Point and Trading Agent.
Using SMP	Will we have to re-prequalify the existing units for BM under the pre-qualify for services section?	No, if your units are already in BM then you are good to go.
Using SMP	Do we still need to send EIC Request via the existing form, or will this be in SMP too?	EIC Request will be the same as it is now.
Using SMP	How would you ensure that it's the right user for the asset registering on the platform? How would double registration for a single BMU be prevented?	For the first question: this will be managed by the user management functionality with in SMP, wherein the control has been provided to the superuser of the company.

For the second question: There is a validation rule on SMP which will prevent of having double registration of a single BMU. BMU ids are entered by the NESO Registration team |
| Using SMP | Will you create a new user role for BM registration? | Not at this point. We already have different roles in SMP which can used as appropriate and assigned to users by super user of the company. |

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Using SMP	regarding the team email, can many users look at teh same registration if they log in as themselves? to four eye submissions etc..	Yes, they will be able to see the same registration if they log in as themselves under the same company.
Using SMP	How are super users registered/chosen	When you register to SMP, first user will become the super user, however, you that needs to be changed then you can connect with your account manager who can change it from backend system.
Using SMP	As a consultant we support multiple clients. What is the process to allow access to the client setup and other accounts?	Once the Lead Party superuser account has been created with NESO they control who can have access to their information in SMP.
Virtual Lead Party (VLP)	Did I miss when the SBMU (i.e. vlp) registrations start?	SBMU Registration as a VLP will still require the relevant agreements such as a CUSC Accession and VLP Agreement. The portal to complete pre-qualification will become SMP rather than the external Salesforce portal. You can begin the VLP process once you are ready. Manpreet Patel in the Balancing Services Team will support you with your application.
Webinar information	Have the slides for this session been published already? Can you share a link to them?	Apologies, we were not able to publish these slides before the webinar started but we will do this as soon as possible after the session finishes

Update: slides and webinar recording have been published at: Balancing Mechanism Wider Access | National Energy System Operator under "Onboarding and Registration Drop in sessions" |

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Webinar information	Hi there, thanks for the great presentation. When will this recording of the session be available? Keen to rewatch it and capture more details asap!	We are aiming to publish the webinar recording later today