

Standing Issue

Standing Issue Title: Black Start Generator – Defining a ‘Local Shutdown’	Issue: 42
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Description of the Issue: <p>Section G of the BSC contains the arrangements for suspending normal BSC market operations in the event of a Black Start situation. This includes suspending the normal operation of the Balancing Mechanism, the notification of contract volumes and the calculation of energy indebtedness (i.e. credit positions). A single Imbalance Price would apply and the Lead Parties of any BM Units which were given instructions under the Grid Code would be entitled to compensation under the BSC.</p> <p>The BSC defines a Black Start Period as beginning from the Settlement Period in which either a Total Shutdown or a Partial Shutdown of the Transmission System occurred.</p> <p>The terms Black Start, Black Start Station, Total Shutdown and Partial Shutdown are defined in the Grid Code. Under the Grid Code, a Partial Shutdown is considered to have occurred (and therefore a Black Start is considered to have commenced) if any Black Start Station receives a Black Start instruction from the Transmission Company.</p> <p>The P231 Workgroup previously highlighted the issue that an instruction to a single Black Start Station (e.g. during a localised shutdown) could result in the suspension of normal BSC market operations. This issue fell outside the scope of P231, and the group therefore recommended that a separate cross-code workgroup should consider it further at an opportune time (see Appendix 6 of the P231 Assessment Report).</p> <p>We have raised this Standing Issue to facilitate further industry discussion of this issue. The Issue Group should consider the appropriateness of the current arrangements, and whether any changes are needed to the BSC and/or Grid Code.</p> <p>We recommend that membership of the group is drawn from the original P231 Workgroup members, plus any other interested BSC and Grid Code participants.</p> <p>We propose that the group first convenes in June 2011.</p> <p>You can find more information in the attached paper “Black Start Generator – Defining a ‘Local Shutdown’”.</p>	
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