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Dear colleagues,

Approval of the request to extend further the implementation date for P297 'Receipt and Publication of New and Revised Dynamic Data Items'

This letter sets out our decision to agree to a further request from the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Panel to extend the deadline for BSC modification P297.¹ The deadline will move by one month, from 31 January 2019 to the earlier of 28 February 2019 or the implementation date for BSC Modification P373 (if it were to be approved).

During the period between now and the new deadline, we expect the Electricity System Operator (ESO) to complete its plan to perform a cost benefit analysis of code requirements linked to its Electricity Balancing System (EBS).

Further background to BSC Modifications P297 and P373 can be found in our previous extension decision dated 29 October 2018.²

New extension request

At its meeting held on 13 December 2018 the BSC Panel agreed to a new request to extend P297. The Panel requested that the Authority extend the implementation date to:

- i) 28 February 2019; or
- ii) The implementation date for (Approved) Modification P373.

Prior to the BSC Panel's request, the Electricity System Operator (ESO) notified a revised timetable for its cost-benefit analysis and communicated this to stakeholders in an open letter on 10 December 2018.³ The revised timetable moved the delivery of the ESO's cost-benefit analysis from December 2018 to week commencing 7 January 2019.

Our decision

We have considered the extension request for P297, the interactions with modifications GC0068 and P373, and additional information that the ESO has shared recently. This includes the ESO's plan for performing a fuller analysis of the costs and benefits of implementing the GC0068 and P297 requirements ahead of full EBS go-live (eg, through current ESO systems), as well as regular updates on this to both the Grid Code Panel and

¹ P297: <https://www.elexon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p297/>

² <https://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/P297-decision-on-extension-request-final-29-oct.pdf>

³ https://www.nationalgrideso.com/sites/eso/files/documents/GC0068-P297%20CBA%20Open%20letter%20101218%2018_Final%20signed_0.pdf

BSC Panel. As the cost-benefit analysis is not expected to be complete until early January we think that extending the P297 deadline by one month to 28 February would be a pragmatic step whilst the ESO completes this work and we wait to see its result.

We want to reiterate that before we make any decision on P373, we expect the ESO to deliver its planned cost-benefit analysis. If this analysis shows net benefits from delivering elements of the functionality envisaged in GC0068 and P297 ahead of full EBS go-live, we expect to see clear commitments from the ESO to bring forward these solutions. We are unlikely to make a decision on P373 until after these steps are completed.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of the Authority