

By email to:

Michael Gibbons
Chairman
BSC Panel

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Dear Michael

Request to revise the P297 Implementation Date

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) is replacing the current Balancing Mechanism (BM) System with the new Electricity Balancing System (EBS). The Modification P297 was raised by National Grid, enabled by the EBS functionality. The new platform would allow National Grid to accept an enhanced Dynamic Data Set submitted by the BSC Parties. Additionally P297 introduces a change to the file format of the Dynamic Data used by NGET and ELEXON facilitated by the new technology.

The Authority approved this Modification P297 such that market participants would be able to start using the new web-technology interfaces from around six months after EBS go-live.

I wrote to you on 16th December 2016 requesting a deferral of the P297 implementation date from the June 2017 ELEXON Systems Release due to delays with the delivery of EBS. National Grid have delayed giving a new date until it can be provided with confidence, but we still do not have certainty about it. I believe for planning purposes you require a new date. To this extent please use November 2018 as holding date for P297 Implementation.

Please can I take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the delays and uncertainty to the delivery of the EBS and to thank you in advance for your understanding.

If you have any questions on this subject, please contact Christopher Fox in his role as BSC Panel Representative for the Transmission Company on 0118 936 3552 or at Christopher.Fox@nationalgrid.com in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Burt', written in a cursive style.

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