



Credit Assessment Price Consultation – February 2014

Target Audience BSC Trading Parties

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Deadline for Responses **12:00pm Monday 10 February 2014**

Summary

We are consulting on a possible change to the Credit Assessment Price (CAP). This parameter is used in the calculation of BSC Parties' Credit Cover. This means any change can have an impact on the amount of Credit Cover that a party is required to lodge.

We are proposing that the value of CAP is decreased to £51/MWh from the current value of £57/MWh. Any responses to this consultation will be presented to the Credit Committee at its next meeting. At the meeting the Committee will determine if a change needs to be made to the value of CAP, and when any change should be implemented.

Trading Parties are invited to respond to this consultation using the proforma, which is available on the Consultations page of the ELEXON website. Responses should be returned to creditcommittee@elexon.co.uk by 12.00pm on Monday 10 February 2014.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Credit Assessment Price (CAP) is a parameter defined in Section M1.4 of the BSC as 'the price it would be appropriate to use to determine the equivalent financial amount of Trading Parties' Energy Indebtedness.'
- 1.2 The CAP review trigger level has now been breached and we are consulting on a new CAP value. The Credit Committee will meet following this consultation to determine if a new CAP value should apply.

2. The CAP Value and Trigger Level

- 2.1 The Credit Committee last reviewed the value of CAP and the CAP Trigger Level on 14 August 2013. This review resulted in the value of CAP being increased from £51/MWh to £57/MWh. This change became effective from 12 September 2013. The Trigger Level remained unchanged at £6/MWh.
- 2.2 The following table shows the historic values of CAP since January 2005:

Effective From	Effective To	Value (£/MWh)
12/01/2005	30/09/2005	23
01/10/2005	28/02/2006	28
01/03/2006	02/10/2006	39
03/10/2006	02/04/2007	64
03/04/2007	26/11/2007	37
27/11/2007	29/04/2008	48



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30/04/2008	30/06/2008	61
01/07/2008	12/06/2008	78
13/08/2008	05/11/2008	100
06/11/2008	16/12/2008	108
17/12/2008	03/03/2009	67
04/03/2009	11/01/2010	49
12/01/2010	16/06/2010	38
17/06/2010	27/07/2010	45
28/07/2010	03/05/2011	50
04/05/2011	13/10/2011	56
14/10/2011	09/01/2012	59
10/01/2012	22/02/2012	51
23/02/2012	03/10/2012	46
04/10/2012	11/09/2013	51
12/09/2013	-	57

3. The CAP Review Process

- 3.1 On the first working day of each week we compare the value of CAP to the reference price, which is derived from average quarterly forward market prices currently provided by ICIS Heren. Where the absolute difference between the two values exceeds the trigger level of £6/MWh it is termed a 'trigger event'.
- 3.2 Following a trigger event, we issue a consultation proposing that the CAP be changed to the current reference price.
- 3.3 Following the close of this consultation, the Credit Committee will meet to consider the comments received from Trading Parties and determine if the value of CAP should be changed. If the value is to change then the Committee will confirm the date from which the change will take effect. This date will not be less than 20 working days after BSC Parties receive notification of the change.

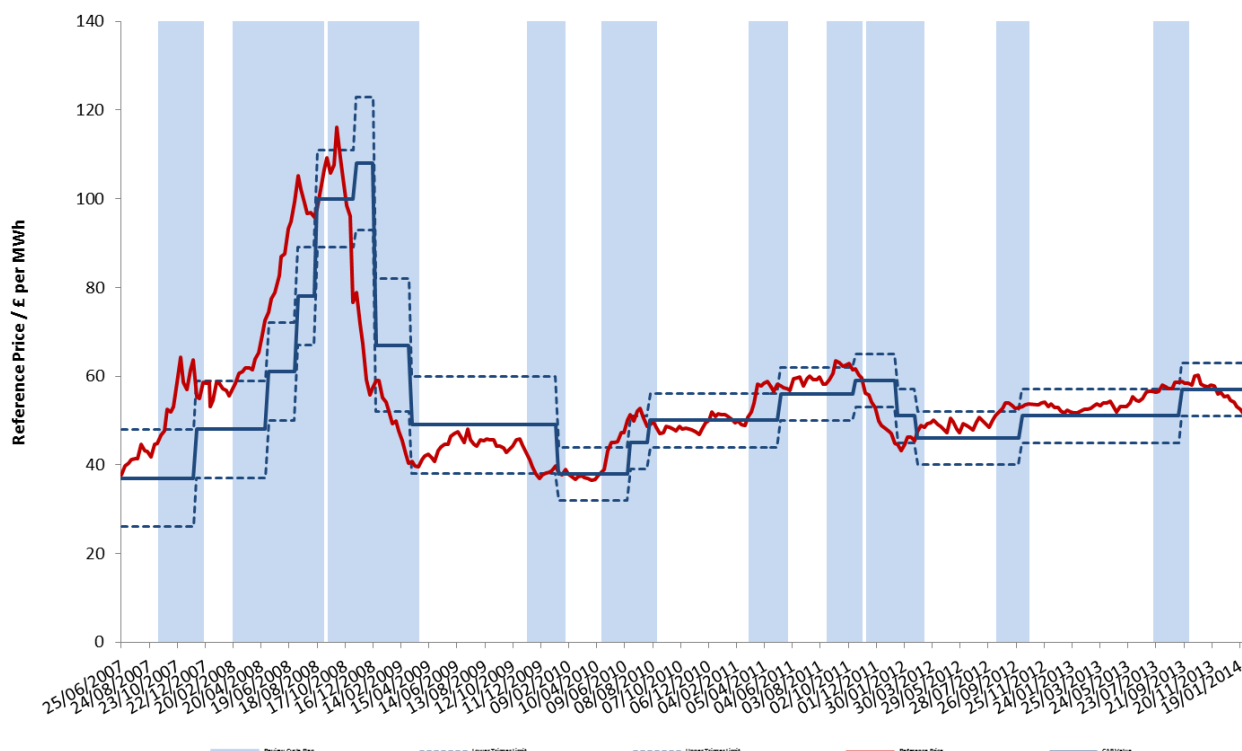
4. Recent Pricing Data

- 4.1 The reference price averaged about £53.20 during January 2014 and was based exclusively on Quarter 2 2014 prices. In February 2014, the reference price calculation gives greater weight to Quarter 3 2014 forward prices, which are generally lower. Low Quarter 3 prices have caused the reference price to breach the lower trigger level.
- 4.2 On Monday 3 February, the reference price was £50.57, breaching the trigger level by £0.43.
- 4.3 Graph 1 shows the reference price in comparison to the CAP value and the upper and lower limits of the trigger level. The area shaded in blue on this graph indicates previous periods where the value of CAP was under review.



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Graph 1: Reference Price and CAP

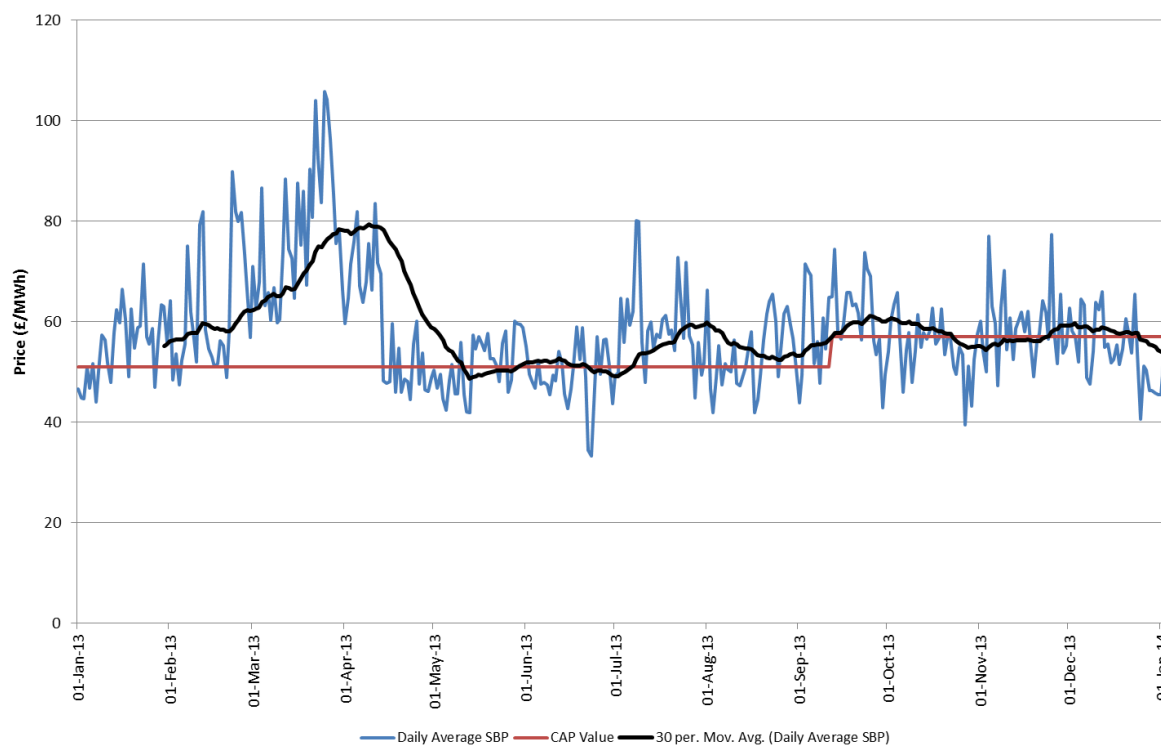


- 4.4 The graph shows that the reference price has been decreasing since mid-October 2013. The reference price is currently derived based on a weighted average of Q2 2014 and Q3 2014 forward prices and, according to the methodology, will decrease further in March and April as lower Q3 prices will be more heavily used.
- 4.5 Graph 2 shows the daily average SBP, the 30 day moving average of SBP and the value of CAP. We believe that this is the real measure of how good the current CAP review process is, as CAP is intended to be a proxy for outturn SBP.



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Graph 2: Daily Average System Buy Price and CAP



- 4.6 This shows that since mid-December 2013, the current CAP value has been overestimating the outturn SBP.
- 4.7 We are recommending that the current reference price of £51/MWh (approximately) is used as the new value of the CAP.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The Credit Committee will meet next week, following the end of the consultation, to consider the responses and whether or not to change the current CAP value. Any change will be notified to all BSC Parties, and the new value will come into effect after 20 Working Days.

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