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Dear colleagues,

Approval of request to defer the implementation dates of approved modifications P321 'Publication of Trading Unit Delivery Mode' and P297 'Receipt and Publication of New and Revised Dynamic Data Items' from the November 2016 Release to the June 2017 Release (29 June 2017)

This letter sets out our decision to agree to a request from the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Panel to defer the implementation dates for approved modifications P321 and P297, from 3 November 2016 to 29 June 2017. Background to the request and the reasons for our decision are set out below.

Background

National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) Balancing Mechanism (BM) System is being replaced with the Electricity Balancing System (EBS).¹ The BM System receives data from, and issues instructions to, market participants and publishes the results to the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Agent (BMRA) and Settlement Administration Agent (SAA).² In preparation for the EBS go-live date the EBS group³ has been progressing the required changes to the Dynamic Data Set.⁴

P297

NGET raised P297 'Receipt and Publication of New and Revised Dynamic Data Items' on 24 July 2013 to align the BSC with changes made to the Dynamic Parameter⁵ set in the Grid Code, and to modify the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service system (BMRS) and SAA

¹ A replacement for the BM System, to improve functionality and resilience, originally consulted on by National Grid in 2008: <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/industry-information/electricity-codes/balancingframework/electricity-balancing-system/>.

² More information regarding the SAA is available: <http://www.elexon.co.uk/knowledgebase/trading-settlement/>

³ <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/workinggroups/ElectricityBalancingSystemGroup/>

⁴ The Dynamic Data Set comprises a set of data items defined in the Grid Code. For each relevant BM Unit, the Lead Party needs to ensure that those data items forming part of the Dynamic Data Set are submitted to the Transmission Company (NGET) in accordance with the provisions of the Grid Code.

⁵ The data described as Dynamic Parameters are set out in National Grid's Balancing Code 1.A.1.5 - http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/79FE9275-D1FA-47F7-BF2C-E39662106062/58738/20_BALANCING_CODE_1_I5R2.pdf

systems to enable the Balancing and Settlement Code Company (BSCCo) to receive and publish the new and revised Dynamic Data items from NGET.

We approved P297 on 28 April 2014 for implementation on 5 November 2015⁶. The implementation date was intended to correspond with the point from which NGET could start sending the data to be published on the BMRS.

On March 2015, we approved a request from the BSC panel to extend the timescale for implementation of P297 by 12 months to 3 November 2016⁷ (the November 2016 BSC Release).

P321

P321 proposes to publish information on the direction of delivery (delivering or offtaking) of Trading Units, particularly for each Grid Supply Point (GSP) Group, in each Settlement Period. It is intended to provide customers with better access to this information. In October 2015, P321 was approved by the BSC Panel as a self-governance Modification. Its implementation was subsequently deferred from the June 2016 release to the November 2016 release with the Authority's approval.⁸

Extension requests

At the BSC Panel meeting held on 9 June 2016, and in accordance with BSC Section F 2.11.8, the Panel agreed to request that the Authority extend the implementation date for P297 to the June 2017 BSC Release. The Panel agreed to this request based on information provided by NGET to the effect that the EBS go-live date will be no earlier than October 2016 and that new data interfaces associated with EBS are now scheduled to commence not earlier than April 2017.

At the same BSC Panel meeting, and also in accordance with BSC Section F 2.11.8, the Panel agreed to request that the Authority extend the implementation date for P321 from the November 2016 BSC Release to the June 2017 BSC Release. This is intended to reflect a delay to the new BMRS system due to issues encountered during performance testing. Elexon notes that it has developed a workaround solution which it indicated would be in place by June 2016. The proposer of P321 has confirmed that the workaround meets its original requirements.

Our decision

We have considered the issues raised by the extension requests and acknowledge that the modifications are tied to the EBS and BMRS go-live.

Whilst we are disappointed by the further delay implementing these modifications, we consider that it is appropriate to ensure that the implementation dates for P297 and P321 are properly aligned with the EBS and BMRS go-live dates, consistent with the intended approach at the time of approval.

In accordance with BSC Section F 2.11.7 we therefore approve the revised implementation dates for P297 and P321 of 29 June 2017.

Mark Copley
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⁶ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/ofgem-publications/87452/p297d.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Approval-of-revised-implementation-date-for-P297.pdf>

⁸ <https://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/P321-Letter-to-BSC-Panel.pdf>