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Summary This paper invites the BSC Panel to request that the Authority approves a revised Implementation Date of 29 June 2017 for P297 and P321, as part of the June 2017 BSC Release. It also formally notifies the Panel that, due to a further delay with the implementation of the new Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) system, approved Change Proposal CP1460 can no longer be implemented by 22 December 2016.

1. Recap of Panel updates on BMRS and the November 2016 Release

- 1.1 On 5 January 2016, the Panel wrote to the Authority to request the approved Implementation Date for [P321 'Publication of Trading Unit Delivery Mode'](#) be deferred to 3 November 2016 as part of the November 2016 BSC Systems Release. The Authority approved this request on 26 January 2016.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 14 April 2016, the Panel approved [CP1460 'Timely inclusion of SBR Actions into imbalance cashout'](#) for implementation on 22 December 2016 as a Standalone Release. At the time, it noted that ELEXON would present a paper to the May 2016 Panel Meeting to recommend a way forward once the new AMD service provider's impact assessment had been received. It also expressed that if it was possible to implement CP1460 sooner than the 22 December 2016, then ELEXON should do so.
- 1.3 At the May meeting, ELEXON notified the Panel that we had received the new AMD service provider's Impact Assessment for P321 and CP1460 and it was being reviewed with the service provider. The Panel approved the start of this work on 30 May 2016, in order to have the changes delivered by the end of November 2016. The Panel also noted the constraints, risks and issues relating to these system changes.
- 1.4 ELEXON notified the Panel in April (Panel 251/12) and May 2016 (Panel 252/08) that there was a risk to the implementation of P297, P321 and CP1460 as part of the November 2016 Release, due to:
 - The dependency on National Grid's Electricity Balancing System (EBS) project output to deliver Approved Modification [P297 'Receipt and Publication of New and Revised Dynamic Data Items'](#).
 - The transfer of service from the current Application Management and Development (AMD) service provider to a new service provider.
 - The impact of the extension to the implementation date of the new Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) system.
- 1.5 In April, National Grid confirmed that its EBS project was further delayed. It therefore recommended that P297 should be postponed to the June 2017 Release.

2. P297: Recommended change to Implementation Date

- 2.1 The previous revised P297 Implementation Date of 3 November 2016 was chosen to correspond with the point from which the Transmission Company could start sending the data to be published on the BMRS.

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- 2.2 The P297 implementation plan relied upon the Transmission Company providing ELEXON with the required data for testing in June 2016 in preparation for the November 2016 Release. However, in April the Transmission Company informed the Panel that the EBS go-live date will be no earlier than October 2016 and new data interfaces associated with EBS are now scheduled to commence not earlier than April 2017. Therefore, the Transmission Company recommended that P297 was implemented in the June 2017 Release.
- 2.3 ELEXON recently became aware of a further delay with National Grid's EBS project of a few weeks. However, we have received assurance from the Transmission Company that the Implementation Date will not be impacted.
- 2.4 Consequently the Panel will need to write to Ofgem in accordance with Section F 2.11.8 to request that the Implementation Date for P297 is moved to the 29 June 2017 (June 2017 Release).

3. BMRS update

- 3.1 The implementation of the new BMRS system has been delayed.
- 3.2 The decision has been taken to postpone the targeted 23 June 2016 go-live date due to issues encountered during recent performance testing. Though functional testing has proved successful, ELEXON is not satisfied with the operational performance (i.e. that the system will provide data to participants in a timely fashion when queries are run). We are allowing further time to improve this reporting performance and the proposed go-live is now early August 2016.
- 3.3 On Wednesday 1 June 2016 the ELEXON Board approved a proposal for a re-plan and this is now being validated with the two service providers. As the proposed delivery date is beyond the end of the current AMD contract we will need to discuss extension terms with the outgoing AMD service provider.
- 3.4 Because of this delay, the work on P321 and CP1460 has not yet been able to start.
- 3.5 The Panel will receive a further update on the revised BMRS plan at its meeting on 14 July 2016.

4. BMRS impacts on the November 16 and CP1460 Standalone Release

- 4.1. ELEXON has assessed the impacts arising from the delay to BMRS outside the BMRS project. The main impacts on other projects are:
- the inability to deliver the BMRS change in time to deliver the system changes planned for the November 16 Release (P321) and the Standalone Release (CP1460); and
 - the inability for the new AMD provider to fully take on the new BMRS as AMD alongside other applications, as the new AMD provider.
- 4.2. With regard to P321 and CP1460, the new AMD provider has indicated it cannot deliver these BMRS system changes in its AMD capacity unless the new BMRS solution has gone live.
- 4.3. After careful consideration, we believe that the P321 Implementation Date should be moved back to June 2017, allowing us to group the system changes (P297, P321 and [P329 'Changes to REMIT inside information reporting'](#)) that affect the same systems (BMRA and SAA).
- 4.4. Consequently, ELEXON requests the Panel to write to Ofgem in accordance with Section F 2.11.8 to ask that the Implementation Date for P321 is moved to the 29 June 2017 Release.
- 4.5. In the meantime, we have already developed the workaround for P321 which will go-live at the end of June 2016 (we have checked the workaround solution with the P321 Proposer and confirmed that it meets their requirements).
- 4.6. With regard to CP1460, ELEXON has explored the potential for a manual workaround but we do not believe this is achievable due to the need for the solution to have near-to-real time data processing and publication.

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Therefore, ELEXON informs the Panel that the changes necessary to the BSC Systems to implement CP1460 will not be completed by the approved date of 22 December 2016.

- 4.7. We therefore ask the Panel to consider whether the CP1460 solution is still required in 2017 and, if so, we can re-plan for CP1460 and come back to the Panel with a proposed Implementation Date.

5. Recommendations

5.1 We invite you to:

- a) **NOTE** the BMRS delay and its impact on the November 2016 Release;
- b) **PROPOSE (to the Authority)** a revised Implementation Date for Approved Modifications P297 and P321 of:
 - **29 June 2017** as part of the June 2017 BSC Systems Release;
- c) **NOTE** that we will issue the Panel's proposed revised date to the Authority to replace that originally submitted in both the P297 and P321 Final Modification Report;
- d) **NOTE** that the changes necessary to the BSC Systems to implement CP1460 will not be completed by 22 December 2016 and **CONSIDER** whether it will be required in 2017; and
- e) **NOTE** that a further update on the new BMRS implementation plan will be provided in July.

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