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To BSC Parties and Notification Agents
From BSC Operations
Purpose For action

REMINDER: BSC Central Systems and ELEXON Portal planned downtime from Saturday 1 April – Monday 3 April 2017

What is happening?

As previously advised in ELEXON Circular [EL02616](#) a period of planned downtime has been scheduled so ELEXON can migrate all the BSC Central Systems applications to its new hosting environment. Please see [Newscast 640](#) and [Newscast 643](#) for more details on this project.

The planned downtime will impact both BSC Central Systems applications and the ELEXON Portal, the timings are as follows:

- BSC Central Systems applications – there will be planned downtime between **20:57 (BST)** on **Sunday 2 April** to **09:15 (BST)** on **Monday 3 April 2017**
- ELEXON Portal – there will be planned downtime between **09:00 (BST)** on **Saturday 1 April** to **09:15 (BST)** on **Monday 3 April 2017**.

Please note that the period of planned downtime for the ELEXON Portal will begin before the planned downtime for the BSC Central Systems applications.

How will I be affected?

During the period of planned downtime for the BSC Central Systems applications, you will be unable to submit contract notifications to the Energy Contract Volume Aggregation Agent (ECVAA) service or receive communications from the ECVAA. Parties may wish to arrange for their Agents to submit all contract notifications in advance of this planned downtime in order to reduce the risk of missing Gate Closure.

The BMRS website (www.bmreports.com) will be unavailable and will not display market data; however, it will be updated after the downtime following the processing of any backlog of files. In addition, Parties will not receive TIBCO or Data Push messages, however, these messages will be sent after the downtime. During this planned downtime, no data will be sent to ENTSO-E Transparency Platform from BMRS.

The ELEXON Portal will also be unavailable for a period of planned downtime, which begins before the planned downtime for the BSC Central Systems applications, so any REMIT data, which is submitted through the ELEXON Portal, will not be published by the BMRS website (www.bmreports.com) until after the downtime.

IMPORTANT: Pre-requisite checks

There are some important pre-requisite checks that BSC Parties **must do** before the outage to make sure they continue to have access to BSC Services. You should ensure all access to the following services is, where possible, by use of Domain Name Service (DNS) and not by direct internet IP addresses (as these will change during cutover).

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Domains affected during the migration are:

- ftp.bmreports.com
- www.elexonportal.co.uk
- www.ecvaa.com

For those BSC Parties that do not use DNS to access the Services, opting for direct internet IP address access, must ensure that **following the outage** the new IP addresses listed below are used, and outbound firewall access from your networks is set-up to the new internet IP addresses:

DNS service	New resolving IP address post outage
ftp.bmreports.com	163.164.233.162
www.elexonportal.co.uk	163.164.233.163
www.ecvaa.com	163.164.233.168

Note: Parties opting for direct internet IP address access that do not update their systems to the new IPs will not be able to access the services detailed above from 3 April 2017.

Contingency Date

The testing of the migration process and the ability to run BSC Services from the new datacentre location has progressed well, however, we feel it is prudent to have a backup date and have agreed a contingency outage for **Sunday 23 April 20:57 (GMT) to 09:15 Monday 24 April 2017**. We will formally advise BSC Parties via ELEXON Circulars should we need to use this contingency outage.

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