

Minutes	
Meeting name	Electricity Balancing System Group
Meeting number	17
Date of meeting	03 October 2013
Time	10:00 - 14:00
Location	Energy UK offices, London

Attendees		
Name	Initials	Company
Alex Haffner	AH	National Grid (Chair)
Christopher Proudfoot	CP	Centrica
Dan Webb	DW	Seabank
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF Energy
John Norbury	JN	RWE
Lisa Waters	LW	Waters Wye
Nick Sargent	NS	National Grid (Technical Secretary)
Robert Paterson	RP	National Grid
Sally Lewis	SL	National Grid
Simon Peter Reid	SR	Scottish Power

Apologies		
Name	Initials	Company
Campbell McDonald	CMD	SSE
Guy Phillips	GP	E.ON
Joe Warren	JW	Open Energi
John Lucas	JL	Elexon

## Introduction

AH welcomed the attendees and introduced the agenda. No additional items were requested.

## 1 Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

No comments received. Minutes approved.

## 2 Review of Actions

### *11/05: Review of Project Plan*

Ongoing action to be discussed further under agenda item 6.

**Open.**

## *11/11: Max Generation data*

To be arranged when other EBS issues have been cleared off.

**Open, low priority.**

## *13/12: Options for declaring Frequency Response Unavailability*

The computing solution will be progressed with the focus at the moment on the functionality required for go-live.

**Open**

## *13/26: New Industry Interfaces Plan*

Market Participant Existing Interfaces Testing & Transition Plan uploaded to the EBS IT subgroup page on 20 September.

*New Interfaces Testing and Transition Plan* uploaded to the EBS IT subgroup page on 13 August.

**Closed**

## *13/31: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

Revised DVC&D rules circulated by RP on 02 October and discussed under agenda item 4.

**Closed**

## *13/32: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

Discussed under agenda item 3. Work in progress.

**Open**

## *13/33: General Meeting Admin*

Standing item. Review of this meeting location will be undertaken for future suitability.

**Open**

## *13/34: Key Milestones from the IT Subgroup*

Standing item. Essentially the same action as 11/05. Type testing now complete. RP emailed an update to the EBSG distribution list on 02 October.

This action has been combined into a revised action 11/05 covering the same standing subject.

**Closed**

## *13/35: Communication*

Standing agenda item. See agenda item 7.

**Open**

## *13/36: Industry Newsletter*

A project update has been circulated to attendees of this meeting and will eventually be given as part of the newsletter which will be distributed following the Dynamic Parameters consultation.

**Open**

## *13/37: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

Attendee views of the proposed inclusion of suitable information were taken as part of agenda item 3.

## Closed

### *13/38: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

Email correspondence was undertaken between GP and RP. There are references within the CUSC which have been identified. As such an update to the CUSC may be required to mention the new technology interfaces of EDL\*/EDT\*, or to remove references to technology, referring the reader to the Grid Code for those aspects.

## Closed

### **ACTION from 13/38**

Investigate the CUSC modification process to be followed if a consequential mod is required following Ofgem's approval of the Dynamic Parameters consultation.

### *13/39: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

BC1.4.2 wording reviewed as part of agenda item 3 by SL.

SL and JN had conversed and agreed that wording would not be included in this consultation but could be raised at the GCRP.

JN suggested this area is currently unclear and needs clarifying. However, this workgroup was not tasked to review balancing codes (RP).

The Grid Code raises the expectation that there's a separate database for day ahead data (JN) and RP had advised at the last meeting that this wasn't the case.

Post-meeting note: RP and JN subsequently discussed this matter and agreed that any defect in the Grid Code was not significant enough to require progression as part of this change proposal.

Clarification that Day Ahead Dynamic Parameter data is not needed was welcomed (JN).

## Closed

### *13/40: Dynamic Parameters Consultation*

Absolute tap (tap number) instructions have been removed from BC2.

## Closed

## 3 Dynamic Parameters Consultation

SL presented further revised wording in the consultation with cross reference to legal text as required.

LW said the consultation was far too long and unwieldy. Maybe legal text should be presented as a separate document.

Comments on the approach to presenting a consultation of this size in a user-friendly fashion were considered by all.

SL presented the changes for discussion.

JN asked for additional text to be inserted in 1.1 for the date that EBS goes live.

JN/LW – 2.4 could be made clearer.

LW considers the executive summary is also too detailed.

None of the data changes appear in the executive summary Reasons for change should just be a few lines and more relevant items should be highlighted to alert the reader (JN).

Further valid discussion was undertaken to identify changes and clarify understanding.

13:00 GB gave apologies and left this meeting for another appointment.

Suggestion is to publish the consultation to the GCRP and the EBSG at the same time for comment, prior to publication to industry (RP). The attendees agreed with this suggestion.

## 4 DVD&C Rules

RP presented the DVC&D rules consultation, highlighting changes made. Further changes would be made following comments from the attendees.

## 5 TSL Update

RP advised that an email was sent to Operational Forum Distribution List on Friday 09 August advising of Ofgem's decision on the F/12 consultation and detailing the implementation date of 19 August.

## 6 Project Plans

The one page project update concentrated too much on IT issues and should be made more relevant to the business side. The purpose of the newsletter is to give parties such as budget holders and decision makers a high level authoritative view of headline events and where money needs to be spent for example. It could include bullet points on what's going on now and what's coming up (JN).

Explanations should also be given to address questions that may arise in the future (LW).

This version of the newsletter is more IT focussed and could include more relevant information (SR).

RP stated that it was his intention to revise the project update in line with comments received and to issue it once the consultation had been published.

## 7 Communications Update

In addition to the updates given already on recent email communications, NS/AH discussed the plan to review and streamline minutes and actions. Both will include Standing and Specific items as appropriate.

## 8 Next Meeting Date

Wednesday 27 November 2013

Energy UK offices

5-11 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR

## 9 AOB

LW raised the concern that EBS is being delivered at the same time as the Capacity Mechanism. People need to be aware of any conflicts that could arise.

ACTION: RP to consider issues arising.

## 10 Actions and Next Steps

ACTION from 13/38:

Investigate the CUSC modification process to be followed if a consequential mod is required following Ofgem's approval of the Dynamic Parameters consultation.

ACTION: RP to consider issues arising from the delivery of EBS at the same time as the Capacity Mechanism.