

Update for Market Participants

Wider Access to the GB Balancing Mechanism

22 November 2019

Go-live dates

As previously announced, we expect the Go-live of various NGENSO and ELEXON system and process changes for enabling Wider Access (WA) to the GB Balancing Mechanism (BM) to take place in December 2019. The BM will be ready to receive market participants from **11 December**.

There will be an additional phase of Go-live which will allow us to meet our reporting requirements under the Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBGL) from **18 December**.

However, as with all of our IT projects which involve updates to our Control Room systems, these changes are dependent on favourable conditions on the system at the time, to allow them to go into the live production environment. There are contingencies in place in case this is not possible on the intended dates.

Market participants

We have not yet received any completed applications from market participants for Pre-Qualification and Registration. This means that no Secondary BM Units (SBMUs) are ready to participate from the industry Go-live date. However, twelve parties have started the application process.

Meanwhile, as part of implementation preparations, NGENSO has successfully completed a course of testing with an initial group of market participants, who will create their own web-based Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to provide Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) and Electronic Despatch and Logging (EDL) to NGENSO.

Ofgem

We await a decision from Ofgem on CUSC Modification Proposal 295: Contractual Arrangements for Virtual Lead Parties (Project TERRE). This will allow us to implement this change into the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) and enable market participants to accede to the industry codes as Virtual Lead Parties (VLPs). VLPs will then have a fuller picture of their commitments and obligations in signing the CUSC. Once a decision is received from Ofgem, NGENSO is prepared to implement this into the CUSC as quickly as possible.

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