

Category	Question	Response
Control Points	When is an EDL configuration required?	An EDL configuration is for any new Control Points that have been added into SORT, any units changing Control Points and any updates to Control Points.
Non BMU	Hi, can you please clarify the process for registering a Non-Balancing Mechanism Unit or provide links to any documentation?	The registration process for a NON-BMU is a lot simpler than a unit going into the Balancing Mechanism. There are two ways to register a NON-BMU depending on the services you would like to register for. For Balancing Services such as Dynamic Containment, Quick Reserve etc, you will go through the Single Market Platform (SMP). The Market Participant will enter the registration information, submit the data and then we will provide the NON-BMU and approve the registration. This information will then follow into downstream systems and the various services ready for you to participant. For FFR and STOR, which are not available in SMP, you will need to e-mail the registration inbox. We will provide the NON-BMU ID and registration form, which is a lot simpler than the BMU form as we need less information. A NON-BMU registration does not need Elexon or to go through a SORT Static. We will ask a date the unit would like to go live and make sure the unit is in SPICE for that date. NON-BMUs do not need Control Points or Trading Agents either.
Registration	Can the BMU ID be included in SF approval emails? Providers registering multiple units don't know which have been approved in the current SF emails? Thanks.	The link in the approval emails should take you to the case within Salesforce which should show your ESO BMU ID. The emails are an automated notification process. We can take this away and ask the salesforce team if it is possible to include more relevant information on these notification emails.
Registration	Is EIC required for SBMUs?	Yes, any unit which can be BOA'd and appear in settlements will need an EIC code. Only non BMUs or IC BMUs will not need an EIC code.
Registration	What is the time frame for registering a unit?	The time frame can vary from unit to unit. The registration team ask for a minimum of a 5 month lead time to complete the process with NGESO and Elexon.
Registration	How long can EDT/EDL testing last?	Our QES Team (EDT/EDL Testing team) require a 3 week lead time. This can increase during busy periods. The QES team will schedule a testing day with the customer. They can pass on this date, but if there are issues then this can increase the time.
Registration	Does my unit need to go into SORT?	If the unit uses a Control Point (EDL) then it will need to go into SORT.
Registration	Can assets still be registered as a non BMU ? What is the MW limit for such registrations?	There is a process for Non BMU Registration yes. BMUs are registered in Whole MW integers due to SPICE. Non-BMUs are still registered in BM as there are certain services that haven't been made available in SMP yet.
Registration	Is there a process post P415 process for VTP SBMUs becoming VLP SBMUs and what does this look like from ESO side? Timeframes, process, etc.	VTP's do not require registration with ESO, A VLP can also be a VTP – please speak to Elexon around P415 as they will be able to provide more information on the interaction between VLP and VTP. If an existing VLP wishes to become a VTP – the ESO processes will already have been completed as a VLP.
Registration	When a unit allocated in the ABMU has increased their registered capacity, can the registered capacity of the BMU be amended? Do they require ops metering test?	Any type of BMU can increase or decrease their MWs. The process is started by emailing the Registration inbox where we can provide an Increase/Decrease MW form. Please fill out the form and send it back to us with the new MWs. We will ask for a date when the change takes place so we can make sure we have our systems updated in time. We ask that we have at least 3 days' notice to be able to update our systems. No operational metering is required for increasing or decreasing a unit's capacity.
SMP	Are there plans to bring BMU registration into SMP? So the process is a bit more automated	We are working with the SMP Team to establish if BMU Registration is viable in SMP. There are many links to CNI systems which need to be taken into consideration. As we develop system functionality, we will keep external parties updated.
SMP	Is there any scope to integrate the BCSP process into the SMP? The submission of word documents via email feels a bit arduous and unconfirming as a participant.	This has been raised with our SMP team, and it will be discussed with Elexon. As progress is made, we will keep external parties updated.
SMP	Could the BCSP documents be downloadable from the SMP?	This has been raised with our SMP team, and it will be discussed with Elexon. As progress is made, we will keep external parties updated.
SORT	On the go-live date, at what time are the Balancing Mechanism Units uploaded/ready to participate in the Balancing Mechanism?	The units are normally uploaded a few days before the go-live date, ready for when the date comes. The unit goes live on that date at midnight.
SORT	We are having a lot of issues with static SORT because it depends on the DSS by the TO. Is the ESO looking at alternatives for transmission connected projects?	The DSSs are driven by the suppliers who facilitate them, via the TO. The agreements state the metering must come via TO for these types of connections.
SORT	What is a SORT Static?	SORT is the system via which the Control Room dispatches and instructs a unit via the Control Point. A SORT Static is a bi-monthly planned upload where new units are put into our system called SORT.
SORT	What is the difference between Cut-Off date, Upload Date and Back-Up Date?	The Cut-Off date is a date 3 weeks before the Upload Date in which the customer needs to meet all the criteria to be included into the Upload. The Upload Date is the date the SORT Static will take place. The Back-Up Date is a date that the Control Room & CNI team will use if the SORT Static can't take place on the Upload Date.
SORT	What do I need to do by the cut-off date?	There is criteria that needs to be met to be included into the SORT Static. By the cut-off date we will need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NGESO Registration Form filled out, signed and returned to us. BSCP15 4.1 form from Elexon Operational Metering tested and working If unit is using new EDT/EDL this will need to be tested and passed BPITS. If the unit is using existing units this step can be ignored. The unit must be registered for its European Identification Code (EIC).
SORT	Are there any options or technical changes that could reduce the 2 monthly upload to monthly or even quicker?	This has been explored extensively and, currently, the frequency of these updates cannot be improved. The updates require a system outage for our control room and, as such, are scheduled well in advance to minimise the impacts of this disruption.
Sub-Assets	Maybe not for this session, but can you provide the steps for updating sub assets in an existing BMU? Does this need to redo SORT/Ops metering?	The ENCC and CNI Systems currently operate at BMU level, however we recognise the requirement for more transparency. A change of capacity form can be submitted to increase/decrease capacity at the BMU, however currently, CNI systems will only be updated when the change is in whole MWs. The Balancing Programme are looking at how we capture sub asset data. Ops.Metering is tested at BMU Level, sub-assets will be beyond our visibility - we will need new testing only if the Lead Party changed the fuel type of the BMU and new Metering Signals are required. E.G. from fuel type "Other" moving to "Battery", the BMU will need to provide "State of Charge" signal - these signals would be described in the new contract with the Lead Party.
Trading Agents	Can I amend EDT details once the BMU has been through the SORT upload? and would the BMU need to go into SORT again if the EDT and EDL details are amended?	EDT details can be amended after the Trading Agent is in SPICE. We ask you to fill in a change of details form with the registration team and ask yourself for a date for the change. Trading Agent information can be changed whenever it's needed. SORT is the only system that would need a planned date to change anything. Units will not need to go through a SORT again as the changes can happen.