

Minutes

Meeting name	Electricity Balancing System (EBS) IT Subgroup
Meeting number	18
Date of meeting	19 July 2016
Time	10:00am to 12:30pm
Location	Holiday Inn, Winnersh Triangle

Please note: The slide deck for this meeting was sent out to attendees on Friday, 15 July and is located on the internet.

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Antonio del Castillo	AdC	Chair, National Grid
Sarvesh Kumar	SK	National Grid
Pete Smith	PS	National Grid
Ann Morgan	AM	National Grid
Afe Ogun	AO	National Grid
Phil Johnson	PJ	National Grid
Steve Roberts	SR	National Grid
Paul Hardy	PH	Siemens
Simon Reid	SR	Scottish Power
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF (Online)
Mark Hutton	MH	EDF
Graham Wilcox	GW	EndCo
Clive Harper	CH	Calon
Nick Rubin	NR	Elexon (Online)
Trevor Bray	TB	RWE
John Norbury	JN	RWE
Tim Johnson	TJ	Eon
Adrian Bullock	AD	Contigo
Karen Sanders	KS	Contigo
Eddie Burnell	EB	Drax
Andrew Leagas	AL	Marchwood Power
Mike McDermott	MMcD	Siemens
Dave Stewart	DS	Quorum (Online)
Scott Keen	SK	Uniper Global Commodities (Online)

There were a number participants who joined by phone (We intend to provide the list by the next meeting.)

1. Minutes and Actions

The Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

The actions were reviewed and the action list updated. A copy of the action list has been attached in the email sent out with these minutes.

2. Replacement of the Balancing Mechanism

Phil Johnson (PJ) provided an overview of the Go-Live transition plan for the staged transfer of operation from the Balancing Mechanism to the EBS.

Questions following the presentation:

Q1: What would happen if National Grid wanted to issue more than one BOA simultaneously to a single BMU?

A: Moving away from a single BOA simultaneously to single BMU would be subject to consultation with all parties including Elexon before any change would be considered.

Q2: Is there a plan to allow access to EBS so that Market Participants can conduct their own tests?

A: To date we have been conducting informal tests with market participants. The AV tests planned for August will comprise the formal tests. Additional tests can be arranged if required.

Q3: Once the EBS system has gone live will test systems be made available to participants for them to test any changes that they may be making to their own systems in future?

A: Post Go-Live National Grid will ensure test systems are made available when required.

3 Programme update

PJ discussed the programme update based on the outline plan included in the slide deck.

4 Role Play – First Exercise – 7 July

PJ provided an update on the role play exercise which took place on 7 July.

Questions following the presentation:

Q1: Will there be opportunities for Elexon to undertake cash out comparison analysis using EBS data?

A: Meetings have taken place with Elexon to investigate how for future role plays, the resultant EBS data can be sent to the Elexon test system for Elexon to undertake any necessary testing of their own systems. National Grid will work with Elexon to understand if any cash out comparative analysis can be produced.

Q2: Can EBS cope with variable notice to accept an instruction by use of variable NTO / NTB?

A: The algorithm system used by EBS cannot accept variable notice to accept times and use of variable NTO / NTB cannot be used to circumvent this situation without a fundamental modification to the algorithm principles. Any such change would require further investigation.

5 Testing and transition update and plan

Pete Smith (PS) provided the testing and transition update.

Questions following the presentation:

Q1: During the validation process, is a blank file the only type of file that can be sent through to confirm end to end functionality?

A; Any file can be submitted during the process. It does not have to be a blank file to prove end to end functionality.

Q2: A trading point may manage several trading agents, how will this be managed?

A: We will need to confirm access for every trading point and will be developing the test to include all trading agents.

Q3: We have EDT established links with both Warwick and Wokingham; do you need to test both?

A; Each and every EDT /EDL link has been tested as part of the network communication tests. This has included both Warwick and Wokingham.

Q4: What data base are you using as contacts for EBS information, there seems to be project information going to individuals who have left the company or BMUs which have been decommissioned?

A: We are currently auditing the names to ensure that we are sending the details to correct person in an organisation and appreciate any assistance to identify individuals who need to be contacted.

We will be sending out a template to known contacts within each company to confirm names of individuals and BMU that we need to contact for BSC parties, trading agents, control points and software suppliers.

Q5: Please clarify when EDT *and EDL* may be used?

A: EDT* and EDL* should become available to participants six months after Go-Live.

Q6: Do you need internet access for EBS?

A: EBS will be accessible through the traditional private lease line as well via the internet.

6 Type Test Progress

Sarvesh Kumar (SK) provided an update on type test progress

7 Access Validation

PS discussed Access Validation which is due to take place from 1 to 12 August.

Q1: If we are not able to make a designated slot due to our own business development priorities will others be made available?

A: We are now scheduling Access Validation slots and we are working to ensure that the slots are at a time most suitable for the market participant. If the agreed slot is not suitable, alternates will be offered.

8 Closure (Any Other Business, Date of Next Meeting)

There was no other business and the meeting was closed.
The next meeting will be held at National Grid Wokingham on 14 September, 2016.