

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	Electricity Balancing System (EBS) IT Subgroup
<b>Meeting number</b>	15
<b>Date of meeting</b>	8th December 2015
<b>Time</b>	10:00 – 11:30
<b>Location</b>	National Grid, Wokingham - Teleconference

## Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Antonio del Castillo	AdC	Chair, National Grid
Sally Cox	SC	Technical Secretary, National Grid
Sarvesh Kumar	SK	National Grid
Ben Carter	BC	National Grid
Ann Morgan	AM	National Grid
Afe Ogun	AO	National Grid - Teleconference
Paul Hardy	PH	Siemens
Allan Viney	AV	ScottishPower
Simon Reid	SR	ScottishPower
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF
Paul Webber	PW	RWE
Dave Holt	DH	Dunstan Thomas
Eddie Burnell	EB	Drax Power
Alan Souch	AS	RWE
Michael Joyce	MJ	EON
Mahesh Chauhan	MC	EON
Steve Taylor	ST	Quorum
Richard Bird	RB	Marchwood Power
Stuart Saint	SS	Marchwood Power
Raghu Vijayabhasker Trichinapoly	RVT	CGI
Richard James	RJ	CGI
Daniel Webb	DW	Seabank
Nicola Hayes	NH	Seabank
John Burgess	JB	Centrica
Peter Knight	PK	Centrica

### 1 Introductions

All participants introduced themselves.

### 2 Previous Meeting (Minutes and Review of Actions)

No comments were received regarding the minutes from the last meeting. These were, therefore, agreed. The actions were reviewed and the action list updated.

### 3 EBS Programme Update

Antonio del Castillo (AdC) gave an update of the programme which now shows more detail. There are no changes to the dates published a year ago. The Go-Live date is

still scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 with a 4 month transition phase starting at the end of March / early April.

During Transition we will have 3 periods to allow the Market Participants to validate their EDL / EDT access from their production systems to the production-to-be EBS. Access Validation period 1 (2 weeks) being late-March / early April, Access Validation period 2 (1 week) early May and Access Validation period 3 (2 days) late May.

AdC advised the system integration testing (SIT) is nearly complete.

The latest version of EBS is 1.3 should be received from the supplier in mid-January, ready for NG to use it once installed on the production-to-be EBS. At this time testing will commence with the Interconnectors. This should be completed before transition which is approximately four months before Go-Live.

#### 4 Industry Testing Update

Sarvesh Kumar (SK) gave a brief testing update. He advised that the plan has not changed and the main activities remain the same.

With regard to market participants EDT connectivity tests 90% are now complete with the remaining 10% requested to confirm a completion date for their firewall changes. Formal EDL connectivity tests with Market Participants are complete. The majority were successful with only a few observations noted.

Multiple instructions tests are complete with the majority of the suppliers. The two remaining are scheduled to be tested shortly.

Defect re-tests are now in progress with the Suppliers whose tests have been completed.

Formal Type Tests are scheduled to be carried out in Q1 2016. Internal resilience tests are also in progress.

The next steps are to continue informal type-testing as required using version 1.3. The scope for ad-hoc testing has been expanded. The results from all tests will be completed by mid-March and collated.

Testing with Elexon / CGI will continue in Feb 2016. SK advised that National Grid successfully connected EBS feeds to BMRA and in test submitted various reports and outage scenarios.

Steve Taylor (Quorum) asked how the time slots for testing were going to be arranged. SK advised that there is a 7-week window during which time all market participants will have a specific time slot and he will give the market participants as much notice as possible.

#### 5 Transition Plan

Ben Carter (BC) gave a re-cap on transition and re-iterated the stages of the transition plan. He advised that discussions had taken place with regard to how many trial runs will take place.

EDT Validation – Pete Smith (NG) raised a point about the password that the Market Participants currently use to gain access to the production EDT application. During

the Access Validation periods the Market Participants are expected to connect their EDT application to EBS using the new EBS password (this will be provided in due course). Therefore they will have to logout from current BM system and login into EBS. Once validated their will revert back to BM systems using the current BM password. Market Participants should confirm internally they are able to do this. If not, they should request a new BM password to National Grid following the normal process.

This raised a question from Graham Bunt (EDF): "Can a test environment be used to avoid any password changes?" (BC) stated that the test environment does not use the correct path for Production and by using Production this would prove the connection. However, it is up to the Market Participant as to how they make the FTP connection.

With regard to EDL validation, this is under the control of National Grid. There will be 3 designated validation periods and National Grid will publish details of when this is to take place.

## **6 BSC Contact Details**

AdC advised that an audit of all contact details is underway. As there is a need to send out new passwords relating to EBS, National Grid are asking all Market Participants to confirm their contact details, this will be done via e-mail.

There are no changes to the Communication Strategy.

## **7 Closure (Any Other Business, Date of Next Meeting)**

The date of the next meeting has yet to be decided although it is thought mid February 2016 would be a good time. Suggestions have been requested as to whether this should be either face-to-face or a teleconference.