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MEETING NAME BMRS User Group Meeting 4

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ATTENDEES

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Nick Haines	Good Energy
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APOLOGIES

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1. Introduction

1.1 The meeting was focussed on the following main areas:

- Recap on Meeting 3

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- BMRS Phase 2 – solution update
- Update on ENTSO-e curve types
- Transparency Regulation Screen
- REMIT Implementation guide
- Participant Testing
- Practicalities of Solution

2. Recap from Meeting 3

2.1 A summary of the previous meeting was presented and update on the outstanding actions:

Action: User group members to comment on whether they will use RSS or API. Those who replied believed the API will most likely be used. We believe API exceeds RSS to provide users with REMIT data and also sought clarification with ACER. It was highlighted that due to the nature of REMIT messages, users may invoke the API frequently and in breach of API policy. ELEXON confirmed that until the push data service is live, parties will not necessarily be blocked; however there will be engagement with parties to ensure the service is not abused.

2.2 Suggestion: To publish all versions of API on BMRS - Update: The guidance will capture all the new version and will be published to users. This can be included in the front end (not for phase 1).

2.3 Suggestion: in relation to the sample API URL , users should be able to omit the Settlement Period parameter in order to receive all data for that Settlement Date, rather than inserting an asterisk as a wildcard. Update: This has not been incorporated into Phase 1 design and will be reviewed for inclusion into Phase 3.

2.4 Action: ELEXON and Ofgem will discuss the issue and advise ENTSO-E on the notice/lead time required to implement a change in GB market. Update: Also raised at ENTSO-E workshop and mentioned that ENTSO-e are looking at ways around with the possibility of supporting multiple versions of the XSD.

2.5 Action: ELEXON will update the API policy to make it clear that misusing the API could result in the API key being revoked and an inability to post REMIT messages- Update Document Updated, presented to ISG and published

2.6 Suggestion: Include the API user guide on the BMRS site alongside the help text. Update: This will be referenced in current BMRS and included in new BMRS

2.7 Suggestion was to include two more statuses for event status: Superseded and Future. Update: XSD has been updated and issued.

3. Phase 2 solution update

3.1 The requirements from Phase 2 were discussed during the previous meeting on the 29 July and ELEXON have been looking at the most appropriate solutions for the Push Data Service. An update was given to the user group. While the specific of the solution is not chosen and the pros and cons needs to aligned with users requirements. ELEXON will have made a decision on the solution by the next user group meeting, where it will be shared with members.

4. Update on ENTSO-e curve types

4.1 An update was given on the issue relating to BMRS support of current curve types. It was highlighted that this will be introduced as soon as feasible after go live December 2014.

5. Transparency Meeting

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- 5.1 The transparency regulation UI was shared with the users. One user asked how would outages be linked and it was confirmed that the timeseries ID will help with those. It was suggested that it will be helpful to include a search function; for example search by BM unit. ELEXON also mentioned the transparency pages were also shared during meeting 2 and meeting 3 and gave feedback only on REMIT screen which have been actioned.
- 5.2 **Action:** ELEXON will follow up with National Grid to ensure guidance given to participants are aligned.
- 5.3 **Action:** ELEXON to follow up with users during testing and post go live for possible improvement to the Web UI.

6. Participant Testing

- 6.1 It was confirmed participant testing is scheduled for 20th, 21st and 24th November 2014. Members stated that they would prefer longer test period.
Action: CGI/ELEXON will review this in line with the proposal and communicate with users if this is possible
Suggestion: To provide an extra day e.g. 19th November to allow parties to establish connectivity

7. Practicalities of Solution

- 7.1 EDF walked through some concerns with inconsistency between submissions and suggested a guidance be produced for the use of 30 minutes resolution. This was discussed by members and ELEXON confirmed for some items are constrained to 30 minutes and however for outages participants need more flexibility. One member suggested the use of mixed resolution within A01 and can be consistently aligned with MEL submissions.
- 7.2 It was agreed that a common way of submission will benefit industry and as such a best practice document should be produced.
- 7.3 It was also suggested that REMIT inside information data and transparency data can be duplicated, therefore submitting once may be more efficient. While no consensus was reached whether this was the right approach, it was advised that this can be discussed at the next user group.
Action: EDF will prepare some use cases to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. AOB

- 8.1 TIBCO Compression: It was highlighted that with P291/295 will increase the payload with XML and may contribute to disconnections. There is an option for TIBCO Routers that allows it to compress and decompress transparently and this will reduce traffic on the network. Participants can easily configure from their end. Users viewed this as a viable option.
- 8.2 P291/295 BSC Documentations for review: ELEXON have not received any comments and requested participants to get in touch if they want to comment
- 8.3 Next Meeting: Suggested dates for 5th or 6th November