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EBS Programme Update - March 2017

Late last week, the Dispatch team delivered the EBS Dispatch Investigation paper outlining the options to move forward with a Dispatch solution. The options outlined in the paper are currently being considered by National Grid leadership pending a decision in the coming weeks. Once a decision has been reached on the option selected, further details will be communicated to you and an EBSIT scheduled for May to understand the details and timeframes for the delivery of Dispatch.

In the meantime, the Programme Team has been busy progressing with a number of activities to support the Business to prepare to Go Live with Scheduling functionality. The Scheduling parallel run has been ongoing in the Control Room since November with output being analysed operationally and commercially on a daily basis as EBS needs to be kept up to date in line with production data. All EBS Scheduling processes are carried out daily alongside BM activities as part of our sustainable learning strategy to gradually embed new ways of working into the Control Room and Electricity Commercial Teams post the formal completion of training. It also provides us with a further opportunity to test our solution and new processes to refine the way we will work in the

future.

Our Control Room people are currently being certified on how they use the new Scheduling tools and processes, with 80% of the team having already completed and passed their assessment. The remaining 20% are planned to complete their assessment by the end of March.

Scheduling trials will commence on Monday (13th March) until Thursday 24th March. The purpose of these trials is to conduct an end to end dress rehearsal of our scheduling processes using the live environment. This represents a considerable milestone for National Grid in its effort to prepare for a Business Go Live of EBS Scheduling. The trials will have no impact to BSC parties on instructions or interfaces as EBS output for synch and desynch events is entered manually into BM Systems 4 hours ahead of real time (just as it is done so now). Dispatching will continue to be managed via the BM system, in addition to reporting and auditing until EBS goes live in full.

Please get in touch with [us](#) if you have any further questions about our update. We will be in touch before the end of the month with further news about our Scheduling Go Live date and the option for the Dispatch solution.



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