

## 5 – Project Timescales

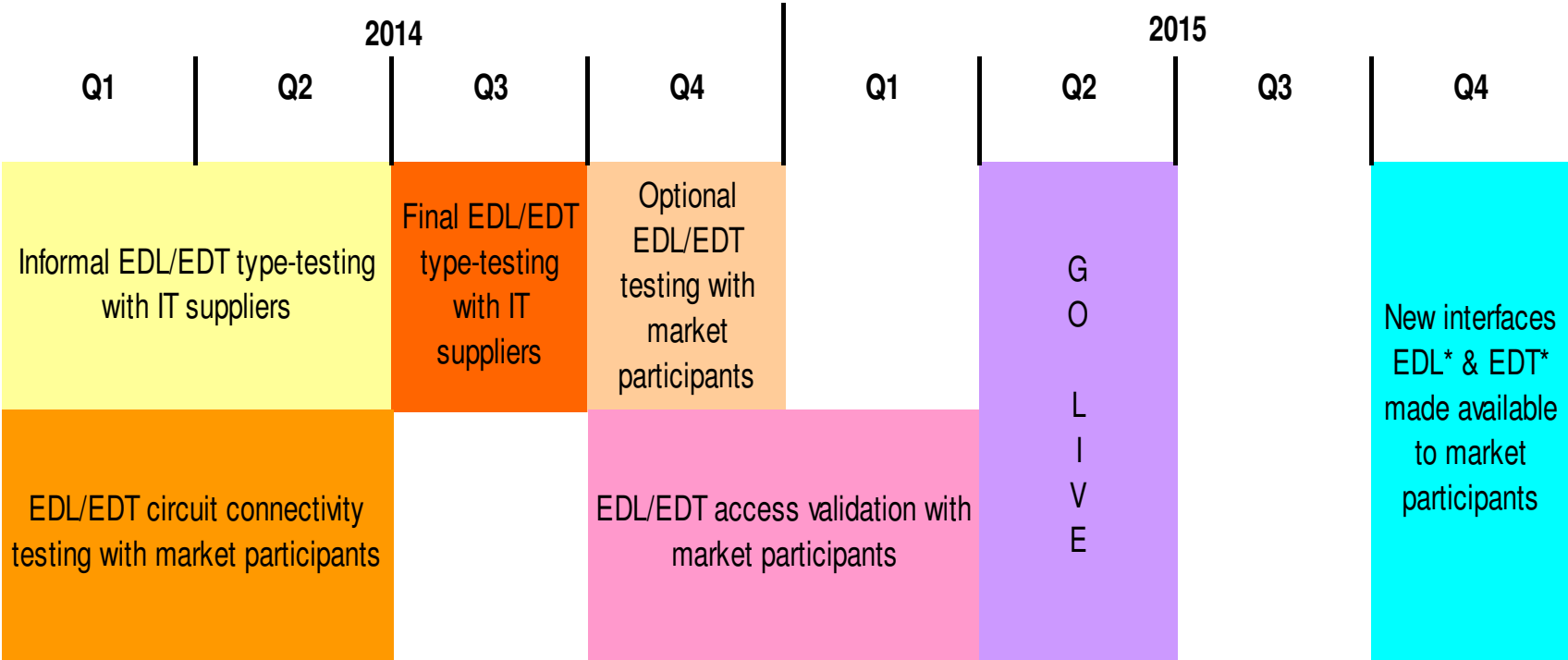
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# Timescales

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- The high-level timescales are unchanged since the last meeting

# High-Level Timescales



## 6 - Testing Update

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## Existing Interfaces Plan

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- Updated following the changes to the high-level timescales at the last meeting
- There have been no subsequent changes

## Type Testing

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- Initial EDT and EDL type tests with a non-resilient EBS environment are complete
- There are resolutions for all the VMS-specific issues that have arisen
- We've tested all the resolutions that are available
- And these tests have all been successful

# Circuit Connectivity Testing

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- Formal circuit connectivity tests with market participants are in progress
- We've tested the EDL circuits to 20 stations
- With both a to-be-production EBS environment and a test environment
- Using both main and back-up communications
- 19 were completely successful
- 1 had an issue when going from main to back-up comms, but was otherwise successful
- EDT circuit connectivity tests are more complex and involve more parties e.g. market participant network support, business etc.
- We see the need to go through a more detailed planning process
- We'll be in touch to discuss and agree plans

## 7 – EDL\* & EDT\*

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## Supplier connectivity to EBS test system

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- We've had a number of suppliers express an interest in a VPN connection to the EBS EDL\* & EDT\* test services.
- Following this meeting we'll be circulating technical questionnaires for the VPN connections to those who have expressed an interest.

## 8 – Progress of Industry Code changes

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## Grid Code GC0068

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- This was approved by OFGEM on 4<sup>th</sup> March
- At the industry's request, it will be implemented in two parts :
  - Changes to the Reactive Power (BC2 Appendix 3) and Frequency Response (BC2 Appendix 4) fax forms with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014
- All the other changes are to be implemented at EBS go-live, the main IT-related changes being:
  - Formalisation of new and existing interfaces and associated time-limits
  - Revised data definitions for the new EDT\* interface
  - Data Validation, Consistency & Defaulting Rule changes mainly to add rules for data submitted by EDT\*
- For more details, see: <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/Grid-code/Modifications/GC0068/>

## BSC P297 Modification

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- Raised to publish the new and revised data supported by EDT\* on the BMRS
- Targeted for implementation in the November 2015 Elexon release
- In February the BSC Panel “provisionally unanimously recommended that P297 should be approved”
- Today P297 returns to the BSC Panel for final recommendation
- If successful, then passed to OFGEM for a decision
- For more information, see:  
<http://www.elexon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p297/>

# 10 – Communications Standards

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## Communications Standards

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- Renamed it from “Interface Standards” as new title seemed more applicable
- Main addition relates to MPLS comms
- Also general update including removal of no longer applicable aspects
- Any comments?
- Once we’ve incorporated any comments
- Then seek the approval to add revised document to list of Grid Code Electrical Standards

## 11 – Date of next meeting

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## Next meeting

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- We propose that the next meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 10am
- Antonio Del Castillo Zas will be taking over the chair of the EBS IT meeting as of that meeting
- As previously, we intend deciding whether the meeting is physical or virtual about a month prior to the meeting



## 12 – Any Other Business

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