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Minutes

Meeting name	Electricity Balancing System (EBS) IT Subgroup
Meeting number	8
Date of meeting	24th September 2013
Time	10:00 – 13:00
Location	Live Meeting

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Robert Paterson	RP	Chair, National Grid
Pete Smith	PS	National Grid
Steve Roberts	SC	National Grid
Afe Ogun	AO	National Grid
Rob Apperley	RA	National Grid
Sarvesh Kumar	SK	National Grid
Ian Mort	IM	Quorum
Nick Martin	NM	Dunstan Thomas
Paul Hardy	PH	Siemens
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF
Nishal Shah	NS	BAML
Alex Marsh	AM	SSE
Zaahir Ghanty	ZG	Elexon
Paul Coates	PC	RWE
Alan Souch	AS	RWE
Mark Bucknell	MB	Drax
Morris Lyness	ML	SEMO
Richard Bird	RB	Marchwood
Mark Norris	MN	Fawley North
Jorgen Jorgensen	JJ	DONG Energy

1	**Safety**

2	**Introductions**

All participants introduced themselves.

3	**Minutes of Last Meeting**

No comments were received regarding the minutes from the last meeting. These were, therefore, agreed.

4	**Review of Actions**

The actions were reviewed and the action list updated.

5	**Update on Timescales**

Robert presented some slides on timescales. He said there had been no changes to the high-level timescales presented at the June meeting. Since the June meeting, the lower-level existing and new interface plans have been updated and would be discussed later in the meeting. These lower-level plans are available on the EBS IT web-page.

6	**Market Participant Connectivity Progress**

Afe reported that the design for market participant and supplier access via the internet was complete. He said he was quite pleased with the design, which used public/private ip addresses for the VPNs, rather than National Grid internal ip addresses. Afe said he would confirm the implementation timescales for this work and once he had received this confirmation, then he would inform attendees. Action 013 has been updated accordingly. PH asked when suppliers with private circuit connections to National Grid would be able to access the test versions of EDL*/EDT* - Afe said he would find out.

Action AO - Ascertain when suppliers will be able to access the test versions of EDL*/EDT* via their private communications.

He went on to detail progress on installing the proxy server at the second National Grid site. He said it was being installed as he spoke and following internal National Grid testing would be available for EDT circuit connectivity testing. GB asked that the industry and supplier attendees be informed when the second proxy server was available for use.

Action RP – e-mail all invitees when the proxy at the second National Grid site is available for use.

7	**EDT FTP DIR / LS Command Issue**

Afe said that this issue, that affects the interaction of some EDT clients with EBS, was a result of the change in operating system as part of the move from the BM System to EBS. After various attempts at resolving this issue, National Grid now have a fix from our supplier that we expect will work. National Grid will first test the fix themselves and then, in the next week or so, seek to test it with the affected suppliers. If this fix is successful, it will form part of the EBS code that is used for the final type-testing with all EDT client suppliers.

8   Testing update

Steve provided the meeting with an update on testing and started by talking through the various sections of the Market Participant Existing Interfaces Testing & Transition Plan which is available on the EBS IT web-page. He said he expected EDL and EDT final type-testing to start by November and to run through to the first quarter of 2014. With the proxy at the second National Grid site expected to be available shortly, then full EDT circuit connectivity testing would then be able to commence. The NATing has been completed on all the EDL circuits out of both of the National Grid sites and consequently National Grid are now in a position to undertake the full EDL circuit connectivity tests. As circuit connectivity is on-going, he requested that those market participants who haven't yet programmed their firewalls and ACLs, do so by the end of October. GB remarked that it can take some time to re-mobilise their providers, and therefore the work may extend beyond the end of October. Steve said he understood this and that the circuit connectivity activity was scheduled to continue for a number of months after October.

Steve then provided an update on EDL and EDT type-testing. The initial EDT type testing is nearly complete, the only outstanding issue to date is the FTP DIR / LS command issue discussed earlier in the meeting. Initial EDL type-testing is complete and we have fixes for all of the issues that arose, a few of which still need to be re-tested with the suppliers affected.

9   Project Plan

Robert talked through the latest version of the new industry interfaces testing and transition plan which is available on the EBS IT web-page. PC asked whether there would be new version of the Data Validation, Consistency & Defaulting Rules and interface specifications for the new interfaces. Robert said that a new version of the Data Validation, Consistency & Defaulting Rules had been drafted and the intention was that an informal consultation on the changes would accompany the formal Grid Code consultation. There are spaces in the revised draft of the Grid Code to insert references to the new interface specifications when they have been written – most probably these will evolve from the EDT* and EDL* toolkits.

10   Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th December 2013
A decision will be taken a month in advance of this meeting as whether the agenda merits this being a physical meeting or a teleconference/Live Meeting only.

11   AOB

None.