

DIP Participants, prospective DIP Users and other interested parties

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Consultation on guidance relating to appeals of DIP Change and Advisory Board determinations

Introduction

We are consulting on draft procedural guidance relating to appeals that may be made to Ofgem about determinations made by the Data Integration Platform (DIP) Change and Advisory Board (DCAB). The draft guidance and draft DCAB Determination Appeal Form are published alongside this document.

We welcome responses from DIP Participants - that is, the DIP Manager, the DIP Service Provider and DIP Users - and prospective DIP Users since they are the parties most likely to be affected by DCAB determinations. We also welcome views from other stakeholders and the public. Responses must be sent to half-hourlysettlement@ofgem.gov.uk by 5pm on 2 September 2025.

Background

In April 2021, Ofgem decided to introduce half-hourly settlement across the electricity retail market. A key feature of the new settlement arrangements is the Data Integration Platform (DIP). The DIP is an industry-wide real-time message exchange. Market participants will use the DIP to share data, including half-hourly consumption data, with each other.

In April 2022, Ofgem directed Elexon (formally, the Balancing and Settlement Code Company, or BSCCo) to develop proposals under the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) for the ongoing operation, funding and governance of the DIP. After extensive consultation with industry, Ofgem decided to approve the proposals - known collectively as the 'DIP Rules' - on 11 September 2024. The DIP Rules, which include the 'DIP Supplement' and a range of DIP Subsidiary Documents, came into effect on 1 October 2024.

¹ The DIP Rules are available here <u>Data Integration Platform - Elexon Digital BSC</u>.

The DIP Supplement states that the DIP Manager shall make determinations on whether to:

- (a) permit DIP On-Boarding;
- (b) carry-out DIP Off-Boarding;
- (c) raise a DIP CR and, for each Tier 2 DIP CR, whether to approve it; and
- (d) permit DIP Manager Data publication and/or sharing.

The DIP Supplement further states that the DIP Change and Advisory Board (DCAB) shall determine whether to approve or reject 'material' Tier 1 DIP CRs.

DIP Manager determinations may be appealed to the DCAB and DCAB determinations may be appealed to the Authority. The DIP Subsidiary Document on 'Governance' (known as 'DSD001') states that "Persons wishing to appeal a DCAB determination (including a determination by the DCAB in their capacity as appeal adjudicator) may appeal to the Authority, in which case the Authority shall be the appeal adjudicator". The DIP Supplement states that the Authority may determine any appeals "in such manner and using such procedures as it considers fit".

What are we consulting on

In the interests of transparency, we are consulting on how we propose to manage any appeals made to us about DCAB determinations. We particularly seek views on whether the draft guidance and draft DCAB Determination Appeal Form are clear about:

- who can appeal DCAB determinations and on what grounds;
- the information that needs to be submitted as part of an appeal and to whom it must be submitted;
- the process that Ofgem will follow on receipt of appeal documentation from the DCAB Secretary;
- the basis on which Ofgem will make its decisions; and
- the potential outcomes of an appeal.

We look forward to receiving your comments. As noted above, please send them to half-bourlysettlement@ofgem.gov.uk by 5pm on 2 September 2025.

Next steps

Once the consultation is closed, we will consider all responses. We will publish any non-confidential responses on our website at www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultations. If you want your response - in whole or in part - to be considered confidential, tell us in your response

and explain why. Clearly mark the parts of your response that you consider confidential and, if possible, put the confidential material in separate appendices to your response.

We will amend the draft guidance as appropriate in the light of consultation responses and publish the finalised version on our website with the DCAB Determination Appeal Form. We will also ensure that the guidance and form are published on the DCAB Secretariat website.

We intend to ensure that the finalised version of this guidance is in place for MHHS Go-Live.

Yours sincerely

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose