



## SVG144 Minutes

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<b>Meeting Name</b>	Supplier Volume Allocation Group	
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	5 February 2013	
<b>Meeting Number</b>	144	
<b>Venue</b>	ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	
<b>Attendees</b>	Kathryn Coffin Simon Fox Martin Brandt Christopher Pooley Tim Roberts Harish Mistry James Evans Tom Rix Kevin Woollard Phillip Russell Vasu Mistry Edd Hunter Colette Baldwin Paul Hart Andy Knowles Beth Chubbock Talia Addy John Lucas Jon Spence Nick Groves Kevin Spencer Keith Campion Beth Connew	SVG Chairman Technical Secretary Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Alternate for Eric Graham Alternate for John Stewart Alternate for Rachael Burn Distribution System Operator Member Gemserv Gemserv ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting) ELEXON (Part-meeting)
<b>Apologies</b>	Eric Graham John Stewart	Industry Member Industry Member

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### Committee Recommendations to the Panel

1. There were no recommendations to the Panel.

## Committee Decisions under Delegated Responsibility

### 2. **CP1384 'Clarification on Disconnection and Associated Processes' and CP1385 'Notification of NHH Energisation Status Change by LDSO' – SVG144/01**

- 2.1 ELEXON provided the SVG with the background, solution, impacts and industry views for these Change Proposals (CPs). ELEXON invited the SVG to approve both CPs for implementation in the November 2013 Release.
- 2.2 Two SVG Members, although supportive of CP1384, felt that further clarification should be provided in BSC Procedure (BSCP) 515 to emphasise that there would be instances where it would not be practical for the Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) to take the final Meter reading and remove the Metering Equipment, such as at a block of flats. The SVG agreed, that to address this, footnote 17 should be further amended to state '...where safe and practical to do so.' In addition, one of the two members that requested further clarification also felt that BSCP515 section 3.7 should be further clarified, but the rest of the SVG disagreed.
- 2.3 An SVG Member noted a typographical error in the existing wording of BSCP514, which had not been picked up in the redlined changes. The 'When' column of BSCP514 section 5.3.3.2 states: 'If request rejected and within 2 WD of 5.2.3.1', where the reference should be '...5.3.3.1'. ELEXON agreed to correct this as part of the CP redlining.
- 2.4 Some SVG Members agreed with one of the Impact Assessment responses that Master Registration Agreement (MRA) Working Practice 30 recommends not using the D0139 to provide Meter readings. However the SVG recognised that this document is for guidance and for the LDSO to use the D0010 to provide a Meter reading to the Meter Operator Agent (MOA) would require a change to the Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC). As such, the SVG agreed that this was outside the scope of CP1384 and CP1385.
- 2.5 An SVG Member had sympathy for the suggestion that there should be timescales for the submission of the D0125, but the SVG agreed that this was also outside the scope of the CPs.
- 2.6 ELEXON advised that there were a number of suggested changes identified in the Participant Impact Assessment that were outside the scope of the CPs. It intends to communicate these to Gemserv, who is co-ordinating a review of the disconnection process under the MRA's Issue Resolution Expert Group (IREG). Should these not be picked up by that review, then ELEXON will assess whether to bring these to the SVG. Either way, BSC Parties may raise these as CPs independently.
- 2.7 The SVG agreed with ELEXON that it was more efficient to implement both CPs in the same Release, rather than a few months apart.
- 2.8 An SVG Member noted that one Party name had been recorded incorrectly in the paper's summary of responses (with SSE's response attributed to Scottish Power).

## 2.9 The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** CP1384 and CP1385 for implementation on 7 November 2013, as part of the November 2013 Release; and
- b) **AGREED** the proposed amendments to BSCPs 514 and 515 as contained in Attachments D and E of SVG144/01, including ELEXON's proposed amendments following the Participant Impact Assessment and two additional minor changes to address comments raised in the meeting.

## 3. PEG Recommendations: TPDs, AFYCs and Default EACs – SVG144/02

3.1 ELEXON provided the SVG with an overview of its analysis and checks undertaken on the new Technical Product Deliverables (TPDs), and the recalculated Average Fraction of Yearly Consumption (AFYC) and Default Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) data. ELEXON presented the Profiling Expert Group's (PEG's) recommendation that this data should be used in Settlement from 1 April 2013.

3.2 ELEXON highlighted that some of the figures in the paper were out by an order of ten: the 82 GSP Group Daily Profile Class Average EACs should be 802, and the 80 sets of AFYCs should be 800.

## 3.3 The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the new set of TPDs to be used in Settlement from 1 April 2013;
- b) **AGREED** that 112 GSP Group Profile Class Default EACs, 802 GSP Group Daily Profile Class Average EACs and 800 sets of AFYCs should be updated with effect from 1 April 2013;
- c) **NOTED** that ELEXON will raise the necessary Change Requests to update all of these data items in Market Domain Data (MDD); and
- d) **NOTED** that ELEXON will also provide the TPDs to the Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) for loading into its systems.

## 4. Unmetered Supplies Load Research Results – SVG144/03

4.1 ELEXON presented the final results of Phase 2 of the Unmetered Supplies (UMS) Load Research Programme, and the UMS User Group's (UMSUG's) recommended approach to implementing the researched values for Half Hourly (HH) and Non Half Hourly (NHH) supplies.

4.2 An SVG Member thanked ELEXON for all the work it had undertaken in regards to the load research, recognising the effort it had put in over the years.

## 4.3 The SVG:

- a) **AGREED** that the Charge Code Circuit Watts should be updated to the Phase 2 research values with an effective from date of 1 April 2013:

- b) **AGREED** that the Circuit Watts for the 150W CDM-T Low Loss ballast should also apply to the 150W CDM-T Standard ballast;
- c) **AGREED** that, from the 1 April 2013 effective from date, the changes will be applied to all HH customers and those NHH customers with annual consumption >500MWh;
- d) **AGREED** that the changes will be applied to other NHH customers when their EACs are recalculated following the re-submission of their UMS inventories; and
- e) **NOTED** that ELEXON will raise the necessary Change Requests to update MDD.

## 5. UMSUG Recommendations – SVG144/04

- 5.1 ELEXON updated the SVG on the UMSUG's 16 January meeting and presented a variety of UMSUG recommendations for SVG decision.
- 5.2 An SVG Member asked whether SVG needs to approve the next UMSUG meeting yet. ELEXON advised that the group is looking to meet in the summer, so ELEXON will seek the SVG's approval closer to the time when it can confirm the business of any meeting.

### 5.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the UMSUG's discussions at its meeting on 16 January 2013, as summarised in SVG144/04;
- b) **AGREED** that the new single step dimming Switch Regimes proposed by the UMS review group should not be implemented;
- c) **AGREED** that, in principle, key items within the Change Code spreadsheet should in future be subject to separate MDD Change Requests while other more minor changes should be amalgamated into a housekeeping Fast Track MDD Change Request;
- d) **NOTED** that ELEXON intends to bring a definition of the key and minor Change Code items to the next UMSUG meeting for discussion;
- e) **AGREED** that an UMSUG sub-group should examine the issues associated with duplicate Charge Codes;
- f) **AGREED** that the UMS Review is complete and can be closed; and
- g) **AGREED** that ELEXON should raise a CP to remove the BSCP520 requirement for a light meter on a Photo Electric Control Unit (PECU) Array, leaving it as an option for any Meter Administrator to include if it is required for non-Settlement purposes.

## 6. Dynamic Switching – Way Forward – SVG144/05

- 6.1 The Profiling and Settlement Review Group (PSRG) has discussed what changes to BSC arrangements would be needed to support dynamic switching, once smart Meters with load switching capabilities have been rolled out and the current Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) infrastructure is no longer available. ELEXON presented the PSRG's conclusions and recommendations for SVG decision.
- 6.2 An SVG Member asked how many Metering Systems had dynamic switching. ELEXON advised that, based on the Standard Settlement Configuration, there are approximately 700,000. However, it pointed out that this is not necessarily reflective of the site still having storage heating.
- 6.3 The SVG noted that the PSRG will continue to keep a watching brief in this area and that it will report back as and when there are any significant developments.

### 6.4 The SVG:

- a) **AGREED** that the contingency options for RTS failure set out in Attachment A of SVG144/05 are appropriate;
- b) **AGREED** that no changes to the BSC processes for notifying dynamic switching to the SVAA should be initiated until a stronger business case can be made; and
- c) **AGREED** that the PSRG should review the position now that the second version of Smart Metering Technical Specifications (SMETS 2) has been published and when more information is available on Meter variants with dynamic switching capabilities.

## 7. Non Half Hourly Interoperability – SVG144/06

- 7.1 ELEXON presented the current (and proposed) mechanisms for delivering technical interoperability, discharging SVG Action 129/01. ELEXON sought the SVG's view on whether the protocol approval process for HH Metering should be extended to advanced Meters in Profile Classes 5 to 8. Either way, ELEXON recommended raising a CP to clarify the rules for Outstation protocol approvals in BSCP601 and Code of Practice (CoP) 10 where HH Metering Equipment is used for a NHH Metering System.
- 7.2 An SVG Member noted that implemented Modification P230 'Enabling Interoperability through the use of CoP10 and CoP5 Metering' sets a precedent of addressing interoperability issues and asked if a Modification was needed to resolve these issues. ELEXON noted that its proposed solution of extending the protocol approval process could be progressed through a CP. An SVG Member noted that there have been issues since the proliferation of different communication types for Automatic Meter Reading (AMR), and that the MOA may not necessarily have the appropriate software to interrogate the Meter. An SVG Member noted that the implementation of pending Modification P272 'Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8' would resolve these issues.

7.3 Another SVG Member noted that the uptake of smart Metering, with the Data & Communications Company (DCC) as sole Data Collector, would go some way to resolving these issues. However, the SVG agreed that it was unknown how the new non-BSC Smart Metering System Operators (SMSO) role would impact this, as Suppliers may opt out of using the DCC for Metering Systems in Profile Class 3-4 and use the SMSOs.

7.4 Although the SVG agreed there were technical interoperability issues, it was not convinced that extending BSCP601 to NHH AMR Meters was necessarily the best solution. The SVG agreed that an issue group should look at all relevant aspects of NHH technical interoperability (including the role of SMSOs).

#### 7.5 **The SVG:**

- a) **REVIEWED** the current (and proposed) mechanisms for delivering technical interoperability in the HH and NHH market sectors;
- b) **AGREED** that technical interoperability is an issue which needs to be addressed;
- c) **CONSIDERED** whether the protocol approval process for HH Metering should be extended to advanced Meters in Profile Classes 5 to 8, but was undecided on whether this was the most appropriate solution;
- d) **AGREED** that ELEXON should initiate an issue group to discuss all relevant aspects of technical interoperability (including the new role of Smart Meter System Operator) and to consider potential solutions; and
- e) **NOTED** that any CP to clarify the BSCP601 and CoP10 requirements will be dependent on the outcome of the issue group's discussions.

#### 8. **MDD Change Requests for Implementation in Version 200 - SVG144/07**

8.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve that month's General Change Requests, and note that month's Fast Track Change Request. It also invited the SVG to approve some new Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs) for LDSOs.

8.2 An SVG Member noted that some of the Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs) were replacing ones recently approved and questioned the point of the initial submissions.

8.3 Another SVG Member asked if ELEXON could provide industry with the LDSO contacts for MDD Change Requests, as certain Change Requests need the LDSO's approval and it is difficult to know who to contact. ELEXON advised that, following earlier discussions with the SVG Member, it is already progressing this.

8.4 An SVG Member asked when MDD will be published on the ELEXON Portal, which ELEXON advised will be five Working Days before the go-live date.

8.5 An SVG Member highlighted some potential errors in the UMS Charge Codes, and the SVG agreed that ELEXON should amend these before publishing the Charge Code spreadsheet.

## 8.6 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that ELEXON had successfully completed the validation process for all of the MDD Change Requests;
- b) **APPROVED** the 40 General Change Requests with minor amendments to the Charge Codes, for implementation in MDD 200 with a go-live date of 20 February 2013;
- c) **NOTED** one Fast Track Change Request, for implementation in MDD 200 with a go-live date of 20 February 2013; and
- d) **APPROVED** the proposed LLFCs for one LDSO for use in Settlement from 20 February 2013, and the proposed LLFCs for a further seven LDSOs from 1 April 2013.

## Information Item

### 9. Registration of New Suppliers (Actions 142/01, 142/02 & 142/03) – SVG144/08

- 9.1 On 4 December 2012, the SVG considered paper [SVG142/01](#) ('Registering new participants in MDD') and asked ELEXON to investigate further a number of points. Paper 144/08 presented ELEXON's advice on these points, discharging SVG Actions 142/01, 142/02 and 142/03.
- 9.2 Members repeated their concerns over the existing MDD registration criteria, as previously expressed at the December meeting. ELEXON noted that, with the exception of two minor areas which it intended to address through a CP, it had now provided two sets of advice that the BSC and BSCP rules are clear and are consistent with each other. It noted that, while it was not advocating a change to the existing rules, the paper set out a variety of options which could be progressed as a Modification or a CP if any BSC Party believed there is an issue.
- 9.3 An SVG Member asked for clarification that any new Supplier would be fast-tracked in MDD without a Participant Impact Assessment. ELEXON confirmed that this would be the case, in accordance with the process set out in BSCP509. The SVG Member felt that the gas market Supply Point Administration Agreement's MDD process is better, where all changes are subject to impact assessment. ELEXON noted that it is open to any BSC Party to raise a CP to change the BSCP509 process if it believes there is an issue. However, it considered that it was not obvious what the basis for assessment would be given the MDD registration criteria set out in the BSCP.



9.4 Another SVG Member noted that the BSC's definition of a Supplier refers to holding a Supply Licence, but that there can also be licence-exempt Suppliers. ELEXON advised that these do not sign up to the BSC as Suppliers, and are therefore not covered by the definition or entered into MDD.

## 9.5 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that ELEXON has reviewed the BSC and BSCPs for registration of new Suppliers, and believes them to be consistent with the exception of two minor issues identified in SVG144/08;
- b) **NOTED** that ELEXON intends to raise a CP to clarify these minor issues;
- c) **NOTED** ELEXON's advice that neither the BSC nor BSCPs prevent a Supplier registration becoming effective in Central Registration Agent (CRA) systems and MDD before the Supplier has been granted its Supply Licence, or before the Performance Assurance Board has approved the Supplier's Qualification;
- d) **NOTED** that (while the lack of these processes does not appear to have caused any issues in the past) there are a number of potential options for introducing such processes as set out in SVG144/08, and it is open to any BSC Party to progress these options through a Modification Proposal or CP; and
- e) **NOTED** that any Supplier who registered Metering Systems before its Qualification would be in breach of BSC Section J2.1.3, and that ELEXON and the Panel would manage this in accordance with the provisions of BSC Section H3.

## 10. CP1360 'Inclusion of Audit Records for Gross Volume Correction and Dummy Meter Exchange' – SVG144/09

- 10.1 ELEXON updated the SVG on the progress of this CP, which has been on hold pending the outcome of Modification Proposal P274 'Cessation of Compensatory Adjustments' (now rejected). Due to the length of time which has passed, ELEXON noted its intention to issue CP1360 for a second Participant Impact Assessment with a revised Implementation Date. ELEXON invited the SVG to note this approach, and to give any views on the CP and its proposed implementation before the second industry assessment.
- 10.2 An SVG Member noted that Ofgem appeared to have given a strong steer in favour of the CP in its P274 decision letter. The Member noted their support for the aim of the CP, but believed that there are still many questions that need answering regarding the solution (specifically the definitions of the error and compensatory volumes). While they did not want to delay the CP, they suggested that an issue group might be preferable. ELEXON thanked the Member for providing detailed comments before the meeting; it advised that it believed the concerns could be addressed through changes to the redlining. ELEXON agreed to speak to both the Member and the Proposer further outside the meeting.
- 10.3 An SVG Member considered that it is easier to identify where Gross Volume Correction (GVC) has been performed to correct over-statements of energy than under-statements, and that there would be benefit in participants assessing the solution again.



10.4 An SVG Member noted that CP1360 was originally raised after heavy use of GVC during 2009-10 had unintentional but financially significant consequences in relation to the Distribution Losses Incentive Mechanism. Ofgem has since allowed LDSOs to restate their losses under Distribution Price Control Review 4 (DPCR4) and has decided not to activate DPCR5. Another SVG Member pointed out that this peak in GVC usage was due to a large extent to an impending change to the rules about when GVC can be applied.

#### 10.5 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that ELEXON intends to take CP1360 off hold and issue it for a second Participant Impact Assessment;
- b) **NOTED** the proposed amendments to BSCP504;
- c) **NOTED** the revised proposed Implementation Date of 7 November 2013, as part of the November 2013 Release; and
- d) **PROVIDED** comments and suggested changes to CP1360.

#### 11. CP1361 'Removal of Extreme EACs' – SVG144/10

11.1 ELEXON updated the SVG on the progress of this CP, which has also been on hold pending the outcome of P274. ELEXON noted its intention to issue CP1361 for a second Participant Impact Assessment with a revised Implementation Date. ELEXON invited the SVG to note this approach, and to give any views on the CP and its proposed implementation before the second industry assessment.

11.2 An SVG Member noted that there were 241 instances in the sample from the Erroneously Large EAC/AA monitoring data. The Member believed that this is a rather small number and therefore that there is low-merit in taking this CP forward. The member noted that the solution proposed by CP1360 would help identify the materiality of the issue, but at present the materiality is not certain – it would be better to reject CP1361 now and revisit it if required after the implementation of CP1360. The SVG agreed and felt that there was no benefit in sending the CP out for a second Participant Impact Assessment as participants' views would not have changed. The SVG questioned whether it could therefore reject CP1361 at the meeting. The Chairman noted that the paper had been provided for information only, but suggested that it could bring the CP back to the next meeting as a decision item. The SVG agreed. The Chairman noted that this would give the Proposer an opportunity to provide its views to the SVG as part of the decision paper.

11.3 An SVG Member suggested that the second impact assessment for CP1360 could seek views on whether the implementation of CP1360 would aid a future assessment of CP1361.

#### 11.4 The SVG:

- a) **PROVIDED** its view that a second Participant Impact Assessment would be an inefficient use of industry resource, since participants' views on the merits of the CP would be unchanged;

- b) **NOTED** that it was minded to reject CP1361; and
- c) **REQUESTED** that CP1361 should not be reissued for industry assessment and should be presented for decision at the SVG's next meeting on 5 March 2013.

## 12. Compliance Testing – Landis + Gyr E650 ZxD Meter – SVG144/11

12.1 ELEXON informed the SVG that the Landis + Gyr E650 ZxD Meter type has undergone successful compliance testing against CoPs 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10.

### 12.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that ELEXON has issued compliance certificates to the manufacturer, updated the CoP compliance and protocol approvals list on the BSC Website and informed industry via Newscast; and
- b) **NOTED** that ELEXON will present a similar paper to the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) in respect of CoPs 1, 2 and 3.

## Verbal Updates

## 13. Operational Update to Meter Approval List

13.1 ELEXON advised the SVG that it had received a request to add a code to an Outstation type so that the requester could use the Outstation in the HH D0313 flow. ELEXON has issued the code, republished the list on the BSC Website and notified the industry through Newscast. ELEXON advised that the Outstation is awaiting CoP10 protocol testing, after which this workaround will no longer be needed.

### 13.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

## 14. Radio Teleswitch Service

14.1 ELEXON provided a verbal update on the Radio Teleswitch Service. It advised that the Electricity Network Association (ENA) met with the BBC on 12 December 2012 to get an update on the future of Long Wave and the current state of the procurement process for radio services.

14.2 The main points to come out of the meeting were as follows:

- The procurement process is now 70% complete with a projected date for contract signing in June 2013;
- Negotiations between the BBC and ENA can begin around April/May 2013, to start setting out contract terms to expedite contract completion between the BBC and ENA once the main contract is signed;



- The contract which the BBC is procuring for analogue radio services covers the period until March 2020;
- The BBC's expectation is that there is no obvious reason why, with appropriate maintenance and care, Radio 4 Long Wave at Droitwich should not continue until at least January 2018, and bidders are being asked to agree to this as part of any contract;
- Nevertheless, to manage the risk around potential failure, the BBC and the service provider will hold reviews every six months during the contract term, to assess the state of the assets and any issues for future operation;
- If necessary, investment may be required past 2018 to maintain services; and
- Half power operation is only intended for maintenance or fault rectification – this may last longer than currently due to fewer committed resources, but will only be a temporary state of operation.

14.3 ELEXON continues to hold monthly meetings with the ENA, and will provide updates to the SVG as and when there are any significant developments.

#### 14.4 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

## Tabled Items

### 15. Number of MSIDs Using Generic Metering Dispensation D/380 (zero as at 25/01/13)

#### 15.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

### 16. Headline Reports from Panel Meetings 207, 208 and 209

16.1 ELEXON provided the SVG with the headlines of the December and January Panel meetings.

#### 16.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

### 17. Trading Operations Report – 208/02

17.1 This report provided an overview of the operations of the BSC for **December 2012**.

## 17.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

## 18. Change Report – 208/03

18.1 This report provided an overview of the BSC Change Process during **December 2012**.

## 18.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

## 19. Smart Update

19.1 ELEXON noted there was nothing to report this month, and that it will provide a detailed update at the 5 March SVG meeting.

## 19.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

## 20. Gemserv: Overview of the Green Deal

### 20.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

## Any Other Business

### 21. Actions

21.1 **Action 129/01** – Closed. This action was discharged by SVG paper 144/06.

21.2 **Action 134/04** – On-going.

21.3 **Action 137/01** – On-going.

21.4 **Action 137/02** – On hold. This action remains open pending the raising of a CP by a Party. No further progress to report since ELEXON's January verbal update.

21.5 **Action 139/02** – On-going. ELEXON will bring a paper to the 5 March SVG meeting.

21.6 **Action 142/01** – Closed. Discharged by SVG paper 144/08.

21.7 **Action 142/02** – Closed. Discharged by SVG paper 144/08.

21.8 **Action 142/03** – Closed. Discharged by SVG paper 144/08.

21.9 **Action 142/04** – On hold. ELEXON to notify the SVG once the underlying data issue is resolved.

## 22. Minutes from Previous Meeting

22.1 The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed following one minor change requested by a Member.

## 23. Matters Arising

### Sending of D001s under BSCP515 3.12

23.1 An SVG Member highlighted that not all LDSOs appear to be following their requirement in BSCP515 section 3.12 to tell the Supplier, by sending a D001, of the existence of any Small Scale Third Party Generating Plant.

23.2 The DSO Member noted that, in some cases, the LDSOs are themselves not being informed by customers through a G83 notice. They queried whether the Supplier would know about the generation under the Feed-In Tariff arrangements. However, the SVG noted that an Import Supplier may acquire a customer after generation has been installed and the customer also has the option to source a different Supplier for its Export. Some SVG Members offered anecdotal evidence that not all LDSOs are informing Suppliers even when they are told by the customer, and that not all Suppliers may be following up with an on-site Meter check.

23.3 The SVG noted that the risk of some older domestic Meters running backwards following installation of micro generation is currently a topic of interest to Ofgem and the press. ELEXON noted that the sending of D001s (as opposed to auctioning once sent) is not currently covered by the BSC Audit, although the Performance Assurance Board could consider monitoring it through future BSC Audit scopes or other Performance Assurance Techniques.

23.4 ELEXON agreed to remind LDSOs of their BSCP obligation through Newscast in the first instance. Gemserv agreed to consider whether its contacts with installers and their certification bodies, under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS), could be used to remind installers of their G83 obligations. ELEXON also noted that the Association of Meter Operators (AMO) is independently working on a list of possible affected Meter types, although this is likely to be heavily caveated as it depends on the actual configuration of the Meter.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Post-meeting note: ELEXON published an article in [Newscast](#) on 11 February 2013. Gemserv has confirmed that it will remind installers of their obligations through its MCS newsletter and a separate notification shortly. Gemserv has advised that, although its MCS team cannot influence or audit installers for sending G83 flows (this is done by the certification bodies – accredited by REAL), it is working closely with certification bodies to increase the level of audit on G83 flows sent and expects the hit rate of G83 flows sent to LDSOs to increase in time.



- 23.5 An SVG Member asked if ELEXON's Import/Export guidance covered this issue. ELEXON confirmed that the guidance mentions the possibility of older domestic Meters running backwards, Suppliers' obligation under the Electricity Act to ensure that Meters remain fit for purpose, and LDSOs' BSCP515 obligation to inform Suppliers where it is aware of Small Scale Third Party Generating Equipment.

#### Electricity Market Reform

- 23.6 An SVG Member noted that, under the proposed EMR Contracts for Difference arrangements, there may be a requirement to register a large number of additional BM Units. While the Member considered that this may be an unavoidable element of the solution, they noted that this would further increase the size of data files such as the SAA-I014. The Chairman agreed to feed this back to her colleagues who were providing support to the EMR discussions.

#### Committee paper quality

- 23.7 The Chairman noted that ELEXON has made efforts recently to improve the quality of its Committee papers and welcomed any feedback from Members, either at or outside the meeting. The Chairman noted that she would continue to seek any feedback on an informal monthly basis under AOB.

#### **24. Next Meeting**

- 24.1 The next SVG meeting will be held at the offices of ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW on Tuesday 5 March 2013.