
P437 Workgroup Meeting 1 Summary

Summary

1. Meeting Objectives

The Chair welcomed attendees and presented the meeting objectives:

- Consider the background of [P437 'Allowing non-BSC Parties to request Metering Dispensations'](#)¹
- Consider the P437 Work Group (WG) Terms of Reference
- Consider any potential solution(s) which may require further development for discussion at future meetings
- Confirm the next steps

2. Background and Issue

- 2.1 Elxon presented that the current process in [Balancing and Settlement Code \(BSC\) Section L 'Metering'](#)², requiring only the Registrant to apply for a Metering Dispensation does not incentivise participants to apply for a Metering Dispensation during the design phase of the applicable site, therefore, the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) often are unable to suggest alternative arrangements without impacting commercial go-live of the relevant site.
- 2.2 Elxon explained the current Metering Dispensation process, highlighting key touch points and areas that could be improved as an outcome of P437. Three members provided the following comments:
- 2.2.1 Could the Codes of Practice (CoPs), that currently sets the standards for Installing new Metering Systems, be updated to include some of the Generic Metering Dispensation concepts;
- 2.2.2 The solution from the P437 Modification should incentivise parties to engage with Elxon as early as possible in the site development process; and
- 2.2.3 If the requirement in Section L applies to both Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) and Central Volume Allocation (CVA) Meter Operator Agents (MOAs).
- 2.3 Elxon confirmed that the requirement applies to both SVA and CVA MOAs, and explained that one of the aspects of Issue 93 seeks to include Generic Metering Dispensation concepts in the CoPs.

3. Assessing the solution options

- 3.1 Elxon presented four solution options, which were:
- 3.1.1 **Option 1:** Update Section L 3.4 to allow a non-Registrant to request a Metering Dispensation and to include the permitted role(s) of who can submit an Application e.g. the relevant MOA (SVA and/or CVA);
- 3.1.2 **Option 2:** Update Section L 3.4 to allow a non-Registrant to request a Metering Dispensation and include a reference to BSCP32, which will contain a list of permitted roles that can submit an Application e.g. a MOA;
- 3.1.3 **Option 3:** Update Section L 3.4 to allow a non-Registrant and a non-BSC Party to request a Metering Dispensation and a Generic Metering Dispensation respectively. Further, list the permitted roles who can submit an Application in Section L; and
- 3.1.4 **Option 4:** Update Section L 3.4 to allow a non-Registrant and a non-BSC Party to request a Metering Dispensation and a Generic Metering Dispensation respectively. Further, list the permitted roles who can submit an Application in BSCP32.

¹ <https://www.elxon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p437/>

² <https://www.elxon.co.uk/the-bsc/bsc-section-l-metering/>

- 3.2 WG members asked if another option can be considered, which will include the solution from option 4 and in addition, make Elexon the central point of contact for all Applicants planning to request a Metering Dispensation.
- 3.3 The WG unanimously agreed to progress the new solution option (**option 5**), which will be discussed at the second P437 Workgroup meeting, with redlining produced by Elexon.

4. P437 Workgroup Terms of Reference

- 4.1 In relation to the WG Terms of Reference (ToR), considering whether the solution should be extended to allow non-BSC Parties to request Generic Metering Dispensations, the WG noted that it should.

Actions

No.	Action	Owner
1.	Create redline text in BSC Section L and BSCP32 to reflect the WG's feedback relating to solution option 5	Elexon