

Minutes

ISG

Meeting number **239**

Venue **Elexon/Teams**

Date of meeting **2 March 2021, 14.00**

Classification **Public**

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair
Angus Fairbairn	AF	ISG Technical Secretary
Sedef Kiris	SF	Elexon, presenter
Mike Smith	MS	Elexon, presenter
Nicholas Brocklesby	NB	Elexon, presenter
Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member
Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member
Dennis Timmins	DT	ISG Member
Robert Johnston	RJ	ISG Member
Olaf Islei	OI	ISG Member

Apologies

Lisa Waters	LW	BSC Panel Sponsor
Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member
Oliver Zhe Xing	OZX	ISG Member
Jamie Webb	JW	ISG Member
Grahame Neale	GN	ISG Member

1. **LLF Audit Results (ISG239/01)**

- 1.1 This paper reports the results of Elexon's annual audit of Line Loss Factor (LLF) values for the 2021/22 BSC Year, performed in accordance with BSCP128. We invite the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) to approve the Central Volume Allocation (CVA) LLF values for all of the Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs). Elexon will present the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) LLF values to the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) for approval on 2 March 2021.

The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** that all CVA non-compliances have been resolved;
- b) **APPROVED** the CVA LLFs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022; and
- c) **NOTED** that we will seek the SVG's approval of the SVA LLFs at its meeting on 2 March 2021.

2. **Metering Dispensation D/517 - New Cross TBM Supplies Dispensation (ISG239/02)**

- 2.1 Engie Power Ltd has applied for a temporary Metering Dispensation (D/517), against Code of Practice (CoP) 4. This is for the Metering Equipment that will measure the supplies for the New Cross Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM). CoP4 requires the Calibration Certificates for the current transformers (CTs) and voltage transformers (VTs), produced after 6 November 2008, to have statements of measurement uncertainty on them. The Calibration Certificates for the CTs and VT for the TBM supplies do not have statements of measurement uncertainty on them. We invite the ISG to approve D/517 on a temporary basis until 31 December 2025.
- 2.2 An ISG Member was concerned that the metering compliance issue came from the National Electricity Transmission System Operator's (NETSO) supply chain not specifying the compliance with CoP4. Elexon stated NETSO had assumed the metering equipment was compliant as it was sourced from a UK manufacturer who would have realised the CTs and VTs would need to comply with CoP4 as well as CoP3.
- 2.3 An ISG Member questioned why the length of the Metering Dispensation, four years and 10 months, was very specific. Elexon stated the TBM would not be used after this period and the supply will be disconnected. Elexon stated that they would remind the applicant six months before the expiry date of the Metering Dispensation that it will expire and if they need it to continue beyond the 31 December 2025 they will need to apply to update the Metering Dispensation prior to that date.
- 2.4 Revised recommendations were presented to the ISG.

The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/517, on a temporary basis until 31 December 2025, for the VT Calibration Certificate for the New Cross Tunnel Boring Machine supplies not having measurement uncertainty evaluations related to the accuracy test results;
- b) **NOTED** we presented a similar decision paper to the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) at its meeting on 2 March 2021 and recommended the same revised recommendation above; and
- c) **NOTED** the SVG approved Metering Dispensation D/517, on a temporary basis until 31 December 2025, for the VT Calibration Certificate for the New Cross Tunnel Boring Machine supplies not having measurement uncertainty evaluations related to the accuracy test results.

3. **Metering Dispensation D/515 - Ffestiniog Power Station (ISG239/03)**

- 3.1 First Hydro Company has applied for a lifetime Metering Dispensation (D/515), against Code of Practice (CoP) 1, with some temporary aspects, for the Metering Equipment associated with Ffestiniog (Pumped Storage) Power Station. We invite the ISG to approve D/515 on a temporary basis until 31 December 2025.

The ISG:

- a) **APPROVED** Metering Dispensation D/515, for Ffestiniog (Pumped Storage) Power Station, on a temporary basis until 31 December 2025.

4. CP1540 'Strengthening the Qualification - Change of Ownership Process' (ISG239/04)

- 4.1 This document provides information on new Change Proposal (CP) CP1540 and outlines our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch.
- 4.2 An ISG Member asked when the Change of Ownership Process was triggered. Elexon stated, when the majority of shares of a company is sold, but the setup of the company remains the same or similar.
- 4.3 An ISG Member asked how this impacted the qualified status of a Supplier. Another ISG Member clarified that this CP only relates to Supplier Agents and not Suppliers.

The ISG:

- a) **NOTED** that CP1540 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1540; and
 - c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.
 - d) **NOTED** that CP1540 will be presented to:
 - the PAB on 25 Feb 2021; and
 - the SVG on 2 Mar 2021.
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Tabled Items

5. BSC Operations Headline Report

- 5.1 The BSC Operations Headline Report provides an overview of the operations of the BSC for December 2020 and January 2021.
- 5.2 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

6. Change Report

- 6.1 This report presents a comprehensive monthly overview of the changes in the BSC Change Process.
- 6.2 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

7. System Price Analysis Report

- 7.1 The System Prices Analysis Report (SPAR) provides a monthly update on price calculations. It is published by the Elexon Market Analysis Team on the Elexon Website ahead of the monthly ISG meeting.
- 7.2 The ISG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.
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Other Business

8. Panel Update

- 8.1 The ISG Chair updated the committee that BSC Modification [P379 'Multiple Suppliers through Meter Splitting'](#) was withdrawn following a cost-benefit analysis.
- 8.2 The ISG Chair stated that an update from the Panel Sponsor had been received and this would be circulated to ISG Members post meeting.

9. Actions

9.1 The ISG noted the update on the Actions.

10. Minutes from previous meeting

10.1 The ISG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

11. Areas of Other Business

11.1 The ISG Chair provided an update on [Issue 93 'Review of the BSC metering Codes of Practice'](#).
