

## Minutes

### ISG (Imbalance Settlement Group)

Meeting number **273**

Venue **Teams**

Date of meeting **Tuesday 9 January 2024, 13.00**

Classification **Confidential**

#### Attendees and apologies

##### Attendees

Iain Nicoll	IN	ISG Chair
Aaron Seamer	AS	ISG Member
Anshu Choudhary	AC	Elexon Presenter
Ayo Bammeke	AB	Elexon Presenter
Frank Kasibante	FK	ISG Member
Jacob Snowden	JS	Elexon Presenter
Jenny McGowan	JM	ISG Technical Secretary
Mark Oxby	MO	ISG Panel Sponsor
Mike Smith	MS	Elexon Presenter
Samraj Gill	SG	ISG Technical Secretary
Phil Hewitt	PH	ISG Member

##### Apologies

Emma Burns	EB	ISG Member
Wuxing Liang	WL	ISG Member

1. ISG was not quorate with only three members in attendance. The Chair proposed for the papers to be presented for the members present to discuss any concerns. The ISG Members agreed with this approach and all decisions in the meeting were subject to a fourth member making a decision ex-committee. The meeting was effectively cancelled as a decision making mechanism and all decisions would be ex-committee. The minutes of the meeting would be used as a record of the decisions of the members present.
2. **CP1586 'Defining the Requirements for Minimum Burden and CT ratios' (ISG273/03)**
  - 2.1 Elexon presented the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1586. The Committees considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1586.
  - 2.2 In some cases, the Current Transformer (CT) ratios for the maximum current of the circuit is not appropriately selected. There are cases where Metering Systems function outside the specified error limits or stray from the 25%-100% rated burden range, introducing potential inaccuracies into the system, which could also lead to inaccurate billing. This CP looks to address these issues.
  - 2.3 An ISG Member noted that there were no consultation responses from any generators, they also commented that there is a chance that the generator imports less than a MW causing it to fall under the 1% threshold. Elexon had noted that this was in the updated redlining as it was not reasonably practical that generators would be in the 1% to 120% at all times where the Metering System was designed for the export, Elexon also noted there was a minimal impact to Settlement in this scenario. The ISG Member also commented about the wording of reasonably practicable which Elexon responded saying it was the best wording from a legal standpoint as using a percentage value would be impossible to validate, also if a generator is producing more than 120% then it would fall under the 'Reasonably Practicable'. ISG noted that it is acceptable as long as it doesn't cause any issues with the metering audits, Elexon confirmed it wouldn't cause an issue as the wording of the CoPs would allow for these scenarios and would not be deemed a non-compliance.
  - 2.4 The ISG member also commented that the implementation date isn't far away and would Metering Dispensations arise from this change, Elexon responded saying that the change is more guidance to the requirements for overall accuracy and they haven't changed in terms of the limits of error, so the assessment of overall accuracy should take that into account already.
  - 2.5 The ISG:
    - a) **AGREED** the proposed changes to the redlining for Codes of Practice (CoPs) 1, 2, and 3;
    - b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to Codes of Practice (CoPs) 1, 2, and 3 for CP1586;
    - c) **APPROVED** CP1586 for implementation on 29 February 2024 as part of the standard February 2024 Release; and
    - d) **NOTED** that CP1586 will also be presented for decision to the SVG on 9 January 2024
3. **CP1588 'Mandating Calibration Checks for Check and Main Meters' (ISG273/05)**
  - 3.1 Elexon presented the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1588. The Committees will considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1588.
  - 3.2 There is a lack of industry reporting to confirm whether Meter calibration checks are being carried out on the relevant Metering Equipment which poses a risk to Settlement where a lack of data being reported does not allow any analysis to highlight concerns about Meter accuracy to be carried out. There is also no process for Elexon to follow in BSCP601 to take action should it be identified that there is an issue with the long term accuracy of a particular Meter Type or, as required, notify the Office of Product Safety and Standards in the Department for Business and Trade where the Meter Type is on Schedule 4. This CP looks to address these issues.
  - 3.3 The ISG had no comments.
  - 3.4 The ISG:
    - a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to Code of Practice (CoP) 4 and BSCP601 for CP1588;

- b) **APPROVED** CP1588 for implementation on 29 February 2024 as part of the standard February 2024 Release; and
- c) **NOTED** that CP1588 will also be presented for decision to the SVG on 9 January 2024

#### 4. CP1587 'Obsolete Metering Equipment' (ISG273/06)

- 4.1 Elxon presented the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1587. The Committees will consider the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1587.
- 4.2 The BSC does not currently set out which Meter/Outstation Types are currently manufactured and whether supported or not. There is also no process in BSCP601 for Elxon to check with Meter/Outstation manufacturers whether an approved Meter/Outstation Type is manufactured and supported, and where not manufactured or supported take any action to prevent continued installation of the relevant Meter/Outstation Type. Similar issues apply to Data Collectors where they can no longer support a protocol for a particular Meter/Outstation Type or wish to withdraw from the market. The BSC does not currently set out which Data Collectors currently can support a particular Meter/Outstation Type. Elxon still has an obligation under BSCP601 to notify the Panel of certificates issued and updates to the Compliance Approval and Protocol Approval list, there is an administrative burden placed on Elxon in producing a paper for the relevant BSC Panel Committee. This CP looks to address these issues.
- 4.3 An ISG Member commented that if BSCP601 is being amended to show if metering equipment is obsolete or unsupported does it mean that it is not allowed to be used or just information to participants? Elxon answered saying there will be active steps to make sure that these are taken out by a certain period of time in the process and will be decided on a case by case basis..
- 4.4 The ISG:
  - a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP601 for CP1587;
  - b) **APPROVED** CP1587 for implementation on 29 February 2024 as part of the standard February 2024 release; and
  - c) **NOTED** that CP1587 will also be presented for decision to the SVG on 9 January 2024

#### 5. Compliance Approval – Honeywell/Elster A1700/i (ISG273/04)

- 5.1 The ISG was invited to note that we have issued Honeywell/Elster Metering Limited (Honeywell/Elster) with updated Certificates of Compliance for the A1700/i integral Outstation Meter types (PB2 and PB3), against the new Issues of Codes of Practice (CoPs) 2 and 3, following the implementation of CP1527. We will present a similar paper to the Supplier Volume Allocation Group about issuing Honeywell/Elster with updated Certificates of Compliance for the A1700/i integral Outstation Meter types (PB2 and PB3), in relation to the new Issues of CoPs 3 and 5.
- 5.2 An ISG member questioned the metering update about Elster meters making them obsolete, Elxon replied saying that Honeywell have said they will continue to support the meters, Elxon will circulate the email confirming this from Honeywell. An ISG Member asked if all metering compliance approvals need to go through a formal paper process. Elxon commented that once CP1587 gets approved then it'll allow Elxon to only provide an update via Newscast rather than through the means of ISG/SVG via an information paper as well.
- 5.3 The ISG:
  - a) **NOTED** that Elxon has issued Honeywell/Elster Metering Limited (Honeywell/Elster), a Meter manufacturer, with updated Certificates of Compliance for its A1700/i integral Outstation Meter types (PB2 and PB3), against the new Issues of Codes of Practice (CoPs) 2 and 3;
  - b) **NOTED** that Elxon has updated the 'CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval' list, and issued a Newscast article, about the compliance approvals; and
  - c) **NOTED** that Elxon will present a similar paper to the Supplier Volume Allocation Group about issuing Certificates of Compliance to Honeywell/Elster for the A1700/i integral Outstation Meter types (PB2 and PB3), in relation to CoPs 3 and 5.

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## OPEN SESSION - Tabled Items

### 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.

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## Other Business

### 7. Actions

- 7.1 The ISG noted the update on the Actions.

### 8. Panel Update

- 8.1 [P451 'Updating BSC Black Start provisions and compensation arrangements' - DMR \(345/03\)](#)
- 8.2 [P465 'Correction to P415 legal text to amend Credit Cover requirements for Virtual Trading Parties' \(345/05\)](#)
- 8.3 [P442 'Reporting to EMRS of chargeable volumes for SVA Metering Systems that record both exempt and licensed supply' – AR \(345/06\)](#)
- 8.4 [P454 'Removal of BSC obligations to provide BMRS Data via TIBCO and the High Grade Service' – DMR \(345/07\)](#)
- 8.5 [P462 'The removal of subsidies from Bid Prices in the Balancing Mechanism' - Updated Terms of Reference \(345/08\)](#)
- 8.6 [Issue 106 'Review of BSC Credit Cover Arrangements' \(345/09\)](#)

### 9. Minutes from previous meeting

- 9.1 The ISG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

### 10. Areas of Other Business

- 10.1 The ISG had no comments.