

## Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group (TAMEG) Summary – July 2021

### Performance Assurance Board

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Summary **This paper presents a summary of discussions at the July 2021 meeting of the TAMEG.**

### 1. Background

- 1.1 At the June 2021 meeting of the Performance Assurance Board (PAB), Elexon agreed to provide the PAB with a regular update from meetings of the Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group (TAMEG). Accordingly, this paper presents a summary of discussions at [TAMEG 46](#) held on 14 July 2021.
- 1.2 The main focus of the meeting was the Technical Assurance Agent (TAA)'s Annual Report for the 2020-21 Audit Year, and Elexon's response to it. At the suggestion of a TAMEG Member, the group agreed to discuss each section of the report in order.

### 2. Incorrect Measurement Class Registration at Import and Export Sites

- 2.1 The TAMEG agreed with Elexon that instances of Export Metering Systems not being registered in the same Measurement Class as the associated Import Metering System did not heavily affect Settlement. Therefore, this check would be de-scoped from future Audits.

### 3. D0215 – Provision of Site Technical Details

- 3.1 A TAMEG member noted that they were raising a BSC Issue and would welcome feedback from other members when the Issue form was sent for external review.

### 4. Overall Accuracy

- 4.1 The TAMEG discussed whether the responsibility to perform the Overall Accuracy calculation for the Desktop Audit lay with the Meter Operator Agent (MOA) or the TAA. The consensus view was that the MOA should have the capability to perform the calculation, which the TAA should then check.
- 4.2 The TAA agreed to investigate the breakdown between cases in which a calculation could not be made because the necessary records were not available, and those in which there had been a failure to carry out the calculation despite records being available. A TAMEG Member argued that unavailability of the necessary paperwork to prove Overall Accuracy should not justify a failure.
- 4.3 The Chair noted that a BSC Party could raise a Change Proposal to remove the requirement to confirm Overall Accuracy if this was not appropriate. TAMEG noted that the [Issue 93](#)<sup>1</sup> Group had been considering this approach.

<sup>1</sup> Review of BSC metering Codes of Practice

## **5. Commissioning**

- 5.1 The TAMEG noted that the Audit checked whether evidence for Commissioning was available; given the known issues with evidence being lost, this did not necessarily equate to a check on whether Commissioning had taken place. Whilst acknowledging that missing information continued to be an issue for the industry, Elexon noted that the Audit had also found other errors such as invalid entries on Commissioning records.
- 5.2 At a TAMEG Member's suggestion, Elexon agreed to investigate ways of notifying Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs) as to how they had performed in comparison to their peers, so that Parties could proactively work on action plans to improve their Commissioning where necessary.

## **6. Settlement Data Mismatches**

- 6.1 Elexon agreed that the TAA should carry out any work necessary to convert data from Parties into the appropriate format, for example by converting it from MWh to kWh.

## **7. Known Faults with the Metering System**

- 7.1 Elexon agreed to provide further granularity on the types of faults that had occurred and, where possible, confirm any impact on Settlement.

## **8. Desktop Audits Recommended for Site Inspection Visit**

- 8.1 The TAA confirmed Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) on-site visits would resume from 16 August 2021, with a lead-time of at least a 20 working days. Where a Desktop Audit highlighted the possibility of an issue or issues affecting Settlement, the TAA would recommend to Elexon that an Inspection be arranged.

## **9. Central Volume Allocation (CVA) Targeted Visits**

- 9.1 A TAMEG member commented that CVA Registrants should be aware of any problems at sites for which they are responsible.

## **10. CVA Main Sample**

- 10.1 Elexon noted the large number of non-Compliances relating to Commissioning Records identified in this Sample.

## **11. Recommendations**

- 11.1 The PAB is invited to:
  - a) **NOTE** the TAMEG summary.

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