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MEETING NAME Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number 209

Date of meeting 3 July 2018

Venue ELEXON Ltd

Classification Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Kathryn Coffin	SVG Chairman
	Cal Lynn	Technical Secretary
	Chris Pooley	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Member (by teleconference)
	Phil Russell	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Richard Dakin	Industry Alternate, attendee (by teleconference)
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Terry Carr	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Simon Fox-Mella	MRASCo attendee (by teleconference)
	Clive Kelman	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Josh Kalsi	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Matt McKeon	ELEXON
	Sam Daoudi	ELEXON (part-meeting)
Shahid Ibrahim	ELEXON (part-meeting)	
Apologies	Andy Knowles	Panel Sponsor
	David Jackson	Industry Member
	Ian Hall	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	Mark Bygraves	Executive Sponsor

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PANEL

1. There were no recommendations to the Panel.

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

2. MDD Change Requests for Version 270 – SVG209/01

- 2.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve six General Change Requests, and note 14 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 270 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 18 July 2018.

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2.2 The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the six General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 270 with a go-live date of 18 July 2018;
- b) **NOTED** the 14 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 270 with a go-live date of 18 July 2018; and
- c) **APPROVED** the proposed Line Loss Factor Classes for three Licensed Distribution System Operators for use in Settlement from 18 July 2018.

3. Approval of the CityEV and Ubitricity measured Central Management Systems – SVG209/02

3.1 ELEXON has conducted witness testing of the CityEV and Ubitricity measured Central Management Systems (mCMS). The systems met all Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) requirements. ELEXON invited the SVG to approve the two mCMS for use in Settlement.

3.2 The Chairman reminded the SVG that the mCMS related to electric vehicle (EV) charge points in lamp posts, and that the SVG has previously approved other mCMS as part of its agreed approach to accommodating these charge points under the unmetered arrangements. She noted that the new applications were no different conceptually from those that the SVG had approved previously.

3.3 An SVG Member noted that earlier SVG papers on the subject had referred to obtaining legal advice from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and asked if this advice had been received. ELEXON advised that it had, and that BEIS had confirmed that an unmetered approach is permissible under relevant legislation.¹

3.4 The SVG Member noted that the SVG had previously approved Ubitricity's mCMS for use with another EV charging product, which has a meter in the charging cable. The Member asked if Ubitricity intended the product in the current application (which has a measuring device in the lamp post charge point) to replace the previous product. ELEXON clarified that Ubitricity intends to use both products, and is simply aiming to increase its offerings to its customers.

3.5 The SVG Member expressed concern over how many lamp post charge points might be rolled out, noting previous SVG discussion on the risk of stranded assets if the technology becomes obsolete. The Member commented that Ubitricity was already launching a second generation product just over a year after its first. ELEXON reiterated that Ubitricity's new product is not a second generation replacement, but an extension to its product range. Another SVG Member, while noting their previous concerns expressed at [SVG206](#), agreed that this was the case.

3.6 ELEXON advised that, from a Settlement perspective, its only concern was whether the two Ubitricity products were interoperable and what this might mean for recording consumption. Ubitricity has confirmed that, in the event that a motorist plugs its cable (containing a meter) into its socket (containing a measuring device), the cable takes precedence. There is therefore no risk of double-counting consumption for Settlement.

3.7 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that the CityEV and Ubitricity mCMS have passed ELEXON's witness testing against the requirements specified in [BSC Procedure \(BSCP\) 520 'Unmetered Supplies Registered in SMRS'](#);
- b) **APPROVED** the CityEV mCMS (Version 1.03) for use in Settlement;

¹ See Section 2.2 of SVG paper [206/04](#).

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- c) **APPROVED** the Ubitricity mCMS (Version 2.05) for use in Settlement; and
- d) **NOTED** that ELEXON will update the [CMS page](#) of the BSC Website to reflect these approvals.

OPEN SESSION – UPDATES

4. Update from Design Working Group

- 4.1 ELEXON provided an update from the Design Working Group (DWG) [meeting](#) held on 13 June 2018.
- 4.2 ELEXON advised that:
 - Stage 2 of the DWG's design work is well underway, with four workgroups established to support the DWG in developing solution requirements for the Target Operating Models (TOMs). The 'Aggregation and Volume Allocation Services and Registration Interaction' workgroup includes some SVG Members.
 - After an initial combined 'kick-off' meeting on 11 June 2018, the workgroups are now all meeting separately from late June until the end of 2018. Anyone wishing to track workgroup progress can find updates in the DWG headline reports. The first significant reporting milestone is to the DWG meeting on 18 September 2018.
 - The 19 [responses](#) to the DWG's consultation on the skeleton TOMs show that all five TOMs are viable and that there is no clear industry preference between them at this stage. Therefore the DWG is taking all the TOMs forward for detailed design in Stage 2. The only difference between the TOMs is how services are grouped.
 - The DWG agrees that the TOM design should facilitate (not hinder) future innovations, but should not include specific solutions for these services.
 - The next DWG meeting is on 17 July 2018 with at least three workgroup meetings scheduled between now and the next SVG meeting. ELEXON will give another update at the next SVG.
- 4.3 An SVG Member asked how the DWG will choose a single, final TOM from the current five. ELEXON noted that Ofgem's policy decisions on data access/privacy and centralisation will remove some of the TOMs. Ultimately, the DWG makes recommendations but Ofgem will decide on the final TOM.
- 4.4 The SVG:
 - a) **NOTED** the update.

5. Foundation Programme

- 5.1 ELEXON gave a [presentation](#) on its Foundation Programme.
- 5.2 The MRASCo attendee asked if ELEXON would be talking to Gemserv and Electralink, given the interactions with these organisations. They gave an example of the close interactions between ELEXON and Gemserv during the BSC and Master Registration Agreement (MRA) market entry processes. ELEXON confirmed that it would engage more widely as the programme moves forward.
- 5.3 An SVG Member commented that the programme's focus was as they would expect in terms of approach and technology, and they expected that ELEXON has undertaken a lot of work to ensure that this is fit for the BSC. ELEXON confirmed that this was the case, noting its proof-of-concept work. ELEXON stressed that this was not change for change's sake and that it was designing to enable the future, not just for today. ELEXON wants to ensure that it is not a barrier to change.

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- 5.4 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

6. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 279

- 6.1 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

7. BSC Operations Headline Report – Panel 279/02

- 7.1 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

8. Change Report – Panel 279/03

- 8.1 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

9. Actions

- 9.1 There were no open actions.

10. Minutes from previous meeting

- 10.1 The SVG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

11. Matters arising

- 11.1 The Chairman noted that the SVG had approved [Change Proposal \(CP\) 1505 'Allowing 'off site' Commissioning of current transformers preinstalled in cut outs or switchgear at manufacture for use in Low Voltage \(LV\) installations'](#) at [SVG208](#) on 29 May 2018. She advised that the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) had subsequently deferred its decision on the CP at its meeting on 19 June 2018. The ISG wishes to obtain further information from Parties on whether CP1505 could exacerbate an existing, separate Commissioning issue. The Chairman advised that ELEXON would issue a note to industry shortly and would bring a more detailed update to the next SVG meeting.

12. Next meeting

- 12.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at 10:00.