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MEETING NAME Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number 211

Date of meeting 4 September 2018

Venue ELEXON Ltd

Classification Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Kathryn Coffin	SVG Chairman
	Freya Gardner	Technical Secretary
	Chris Pooley	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Ian Hall	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	James Evans	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Paul Hart	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Terry Carr	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Elliott Harper	ELEXON (Part-meeting)
	Josh Kalsi	ELEXON (Part-meeting)
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON
	Matt McKeon	ELEXON
	Sarah Ross	ELEXON (Part-meeting)
	Sasha Townsend	ELEXON (Part-meeting)

Apologies	Mark Bygraves	Executive Sponsor
	David Jackson	Industry Member
	Jon Liddell	Industry Member
	Simon Fox-Mella	MRASCo attendee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PANEL

1. There were no recommendations to the Panel.

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OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

2. MDD Change Requests for Version 273 – 211/01

- 2.1 ELEXON invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve three General Change Requests, and note nine Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 273 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 19 September 2018. This includes Fast Track Change Request M3169 'MPID IRES for Party IRESA (Iresa Limited) to be transferred to Party Mercury (Octopus Energy Limited)'.
- 2.2 ELEXON noted the Market Participant who had reiterated their comments on Distributors' Profile Class (PC) 5-8 combinations and PC 4 combinations. ELEXON advised that it would contact the participant again with the response contained in the paper.
- 2.3 The SVG:
- APPROVED** the three General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 273 with a go-live date of 19 September 2018;
 - NOTED** the nine Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 273 with a go-live date of 19 September 2018; and
 - APPROVED** the proposed Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs) for two Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs) for use in Settlement from 19 September 2018.

3. LLF Methodology Audit Report – 211/02

- 3.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve the Line Loss Factor (LLF) Methodology Statements submitted by LDSOs, in accordance with [BSC Procedure \(BSCP\) 128 'Production, Submission, Audit and Approval of Line Loss Factors'](#). All methodologies accommodate the new 'Principle 17'.
- 3.2 ELEXON noted an error in the paper, advising that LDSO Northern Powergrid is operating in GSP Groups _F and _M.
- 3.3 The SVG:
- APPROVED** the six Host LDSOs' methodologies, noting the changes made to all six from last year;
 - NOTED** all Embedded LDSOs' intention to Mirror the Host LDSOs' LLFs; and
 - NOTED** that the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) approved the Host LDSO methodologies at its 21 August 2018 meeting.

OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

4. CP1508 'Updating references to the British and International Standards within the relevant Code Subsidiary Documents' – 211/03

- 4.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to discuss Change Proposal (CP) [1508](#) before it is issued for consultation.
- 4.2 The SVG:
- NOTED** that CP1508 has been raised;
 - NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1508;
 - NOTED** the ISG's initial comments on CP1508; and

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- d) **PROVIDED** no comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.

OPEN SESSION – UPDATES

5. Design Working Group (DWG)

- 5.1 ELEXON provided a verbal update from [DWG10](#), held on 22 August 2018. It noted that the meeting included:
- Recommendations on the proposed approach to the Load Shaping Service, for inclusion in the Target Operating Model (TOM) service requirements.
 - Unmetered Supplies (UMS) options evaluation for handling smaller UMS customers.
 - Updates on other areas of workgroup progress, noting that the four DWG workgroups will hold a combined gap analysis meeting on 12 September 2018 to ensure that all requirements interfaces are correctly captured.
 - An updated Risks, Assumptions, Issues & Dependencies (RAID) log.
 - Ofgem updates on its published [Outline Business Case](#) and its consultation on Data Access and Privacy.
 - Discussion of the updated DWG plan, including how the DWG will need to narrow down the TOM options to a single preferred TOM by January 2019.
- 5.2 ELEXON advised that it has [responded](#) to Ofgem's Data Access and Privacy consultation. It noted that the next DWG meeting on 18 September 2018 is a critical milestone, as it will include discussion on:
- The draft TOM service requirements;
 - The TOM Settlement timetable; and
 - Potential approaches to evaluating the TOMs.
- 5.3 An SVG member asked what will happen to domestic and microbusiness consumers with no Half Hourly (HH) metering data. ELEXON advised that the expectation is that the majority of customers will move to HH Settlement, but some customers might not allow access to their HH data. The load shapes would be used to settle these customers.
- 5.4 An SVG member asked about the approach to customers with switched load and forecasting. ELEXON noted that forecasters would be able to get aggregated data for customers on Economy 7 tariffs. For customers where load shaping occurs, no specific load shape would be provided for those customers and data will be modelled on the generic load shape. If customers want cost-reflective charging they would need to allow access to their HH data. An SVG member noted that this was helpful from a billing, behaviour and forecasting perspective.
- 5.5 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

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6. Software Technical Advisory Group (STAG)

6.1 ELEXON provided an update from the STAG meeting held on 19 July 2018. It noted the following points from the meeting;

- The STAG discussed the Oracle 12 upgrade and the production (post-upgrade) issues experienced by two participants. After investigation, the issue was rejection of D0041 files caused by trailing spaces in alphanumeric LLFCs. ELEXON noted that both participants were invited to the meeting to share their testing outputs, which were fed back to the Application Maintenance and Development (AMD) service provider.
- As a result, valuable insight was gained for AMD who developed an interim patch for the two affected parties within a couple of days.
- Following that, a permanent fix was developed and successfully tested by the participants; a replacement for the instruction processing module (executable file).
- ELEXON advised the STAG of its internal reorganisation to appoint a Distributed Service Manager (DSM) within BSC Operations. With this reorganisation, all service provider management now comes under one function, and brings together incident management, as well as continuous improvement and software delivery.
- ELEXON proposed that the DSM could now become a single point of contact for STAG issues.
- ELEXON proposed a provisional quarterly meeting schedule for next year's STAG meetings, to be agreed at the next meeting.

6.2 ELEXON noted that the next STAG meeting will be held on Thursday 20 September 2018.

6.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

7. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 281

7.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

8. BSC Operations Headline Report – 281/02

8.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

9. Change Report – 281/03

9.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

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OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

10. Actions

10.1 There were no open actions.

11. Minutes from previous meeting

11.1 The SVG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

12. Matters arising

12.1 ELEXON provided an update on [CP1505 'Allowing 'off site' Commissioning of current transformers preinstalled in cut outs or switchgear at manufacture for use in low voltage \(LV\) installations'](#). ELEXON noted that the SVG had approved the CP on 29 May 2018. However, at its meeting on 21 August 2018, the ISG was unable to reach a unanimous decision and voted by majority to reject the CP. ELEXON advised that CP1505 will go to the Panel on 13 September 2018 for a final decision. It noted that the BSC Panel has also sent a letter to the Competition in Connections Code of Practice (CiCCoP) Panel related to the ISG's concerns on CP1505.

12.2 ELEXON noted that it is inviting participants to join the Issue 69 working group for the Data Provision workstream. It is seeking participants who have expertise in Settlement Risks, data retrieval, data processing, auditing, and performance reporting, along with any other interested parties. The Data Provision workstream will explore alternative ways of provisioning data that provide better capacity for accurate risk appraisal, to better support assurance techniques, place less burden on participants to provide data, and are easier to change to meet future industry demands. ELEXON invited any interested SVG members to express their interest.

12.3 An SVG member noted that one of the suggested meeting dates of the Issue 69 working group is on the same day as an SVG meeting. ELEXON advised they would notify the meeting organisers.

12.4 ELEXON noted that the next UMSUG meeting is re-scheduled for 17 October 2018, as Victoria Moxham will be taking over as UMSUG Chairman.

12.5 ELEXON advised that the Panel has appointed a new SVG Industry Member, Jon Liddell.

13. Next meeting

13.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 10:00.