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MEETING NAME Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number 212

Date of meeting 2 October 2018

Venue By teleconference / webinar

Classification Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Kathryn Coffin	SVG Chairman
	Craig Murray	Technical Secretary
	Chris Pooley	Industry Member
	David Jackson	Industry Member
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member
	Ian Hall	Industry Member
	James Evans	Industry Member
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member
	Richard Dakin	Industry Alternate, attendee
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member
	Simon Yeo	Distribution System Operators Alternate
	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Adam Jessop	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Harry Collins	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Iain Nicholl	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON
	Matt McKeon	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Matthew Woolliscroft	ELEXON (part-meeting)

Apologies	Mark Bygraves	Executive Sponsor
	Paul Hart	Distribution Systems Operators 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 274 – SVG212/01

- 2.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve one General Change Request, and note 11 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 274 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 17 October 2018. This included a Fast Track Change Request, M3177 'Transfer of MPID 'BCFC' from Gen4U Limited (Party ID: GEN4U291) to Octopus Energy Limited (Party ID: MERCURY)'.
- 2.2 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the one General Change Request for implementation in MDD 274 with a go-live date of 17 October 2018; and
 - b) **NOTED** the 11 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 274 with a go-live date of 17 October 2018.

3. Annual AFYC recalculation and review – SVG212/02

- 3.1 ELEXON recommended that the Profiling Expert Group (PEG) acts as a review group for this year's Average Fraction of Yearly Consumption (AFYC) recalculation. It invited the SVG to agree this along with the proposed timetable and calculation period.
- 3.2 The SVG:
- a) **AGREED** that the PEG acts as the AFYC Review Group;
 - b) **AGREED** the proposed timetable; and
 - c) **AGREED** the calculation period of 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018.

4. Allocating East Claydon – Southern GSP to the SOUTHERN (_H) GSP Group – SVG212/03

- 4.1 The Transmission Company has registered a new Grid Supply Point (GSP) at East Claydon. ELEXON invited the SVG to allocate this GSP to the Southern _H GSP Group.
- 4.2 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the allocation of GSP ECLA_H to the Southern (_H) GSP Group.

OPEN SESSION – UPDATES

5. CP to allow the online management of registrations, Market Entry and Market Exit

- 5.1 ELEXON gave a [presentation on a new CP](#),¹ which will provide a 'self-service' online platform and digitised process for market entry and exit, BM Unit registration and Authorised Signatories.
- 5.2 ELEXON noted that the CP would come to the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) for decision on 20 November 2018 and to the SVG for decision on 4 December 2018. The CP is proposed for implementation in the February 2019 Release.

¹ Post-meeting note: ELEXON has since raised this as [CP1510 'Allow the online management of registrations, Market Entry and Market Exit'](#), and issued it for consultation in [Change Proposal Circular \(CPC\) 00790](#).

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- 5.3 An SVG Member commented that this seems like a sensible innovation. Some Members asked how log-in access to the new system will be controlled and ELEXON confirmed that there will be appropriate security restrictions. ELEXON noted that the purpose of the CP is only to recognise a 'Self Service Gateway' as a permitted communication medium within the Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs); implementation of the actual system is being undertaken outside of the CP.
- 5.4 An SVG Member asked if the existing email address for the Central Registration Agent (CRA) can still be used under the CP. Another Member asked if the current online forms on the ELEXON Portal will be retained. ELEXON confirmed that this is the case. It advised that use of the new system is optional; although ELEXON hopes that it will become the preferred choice over time, all existing communication mediums will still be permitted. In the longer term, depending on the scale of adoption, ELEXON may review the continuation of the other methods.
- 5.5 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

6. Design Working Group (DWG)

- 6.1 ELEXON provided a verbal update from [DWG meeting 11](#), held on 18 September 2018. It noted that the meeting included:
- An update from Ofgem on its [consultation on supplier agent functions under market-wide settlement reform](#). This includes Ofgem's 'minded-to' position that:
 - Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) should not centralise agent functions that will be required in the future;
 - Data collection and meter operation should not be centralised; and
 - There may be a case for data not being aggregated in future for submission into central Settlement systems.
 - An update on the progress of the four DWG workgroups, who are continuing to refine the service requirements for the November 2018 DWG meeting.
 - Recommendations on reducing the Settlement timetable, as discussed and proposed by Workgroup 4. ELEXON noted that the DWG is concerned by the proposed shortening of the Disputes Run cut-off and the lack of useful, quantitative data on which to base a revised timetable.
 - An ongoing debate about using the Settlement Registration Service as the 'single source of truth' for service appointments under the Target Operating Model (TOM). The DWG will revisit this once it has agreed its preferred TOM.
 - A discussion on how to evaluate the remaining TOMs and select a final TOM. Ofgem's policy steer on agent functions has removed TOM E 'Single central service covering Retrieval through to Volume Allocation' from consideration, along with any other fully-centralised variants of other TOMs. The remaining decisions in choosing a final TOM are whether to combine processing and retrieval, and whether aggregation should be performed by the Settlement system rather than as a separate service.
- 6.2 ELEXON advised that, having received Ofgem's policy steer on agent functions earlier than expected, the DWG will hold an extra meeting on 18 October 2018 to begin its evaluation of the remaining TOMs.
- 6.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

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7. Software Technical Advisory Group (STAG)

- 7.1 ELEXON provided an update from the STAG meeting held on 20 September 2018. It noted the following points from the meeting:
- The STAG discussed one of the three solutions identified by the Workgroup for [Modification P366 'Change to Supplier Charge SP08a for hard-to-read sites'](#). This involves a change to the Non Half Hourly Data Aggregation (NHHDA) software to allow separate reporting of the volume associated with these sites. The STAG provided suggestions on the practicability of this option and has suggested a fourth possible solution, which ELEXON will take back to the next Workgroup meeting. The STAG has also offered to review and comment on any NHHDA-specific solutions as they develop.
 - The STAG agreed that it will feed into the Data Provision workstream for Issue 69 'Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) Review'. The STAG believes it can provide valuable input to these kinds of work areas, with the benefit of independence of NHHDA users from individual BSC Parties and Party Agents.
 - The STAG discussed the progress of the Oracle 12c upgrade, with most participants expected to complete their upgrade in late 2018 or early 2019. The STAG has suggested areas in which more targeted NHHDA communications from ELEXON would be useful.
- 7.2 An SVG Member asked if the Oracle update is mandatory. ELEXON advised that there is not a specific date by which participants must upgrade. However, if a user chooses to opt out they cannot benefit from the full level of application support to which they are entitled. Future approved Modifications and CPs that impact NHHDA will also be implemented on the new version of Oracle.
- 7.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

8. SVG meeting dates 2019

- 8.1 The SVG Chairman advised the SVG of its meeting dates for 2019, noting that these will also be presented in a paper at the next meeting on 30 October 2018. She advised that the date of the January 2019 meeting has been pushed back to 8 January, to avoid being held on the first Working Day of the year in England and Wales (which is also a Scottish bank holiday).
- 8.2 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

9. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 282

- 9.1 The SVG Chairman informed Members that [CP1505 'Off-site Commissioning of Current Transformers'](#) was approved by the Panel for implementation in the November 2018 Release, after being approved by the SVG but rejected by the ISG.
- 9.2 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

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10. BSC Operations Headline Report

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

11. Change Report

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

OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

12. Actions

- 12.1 There were no open actions.

13. Minutes from previous meeting

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

14. Matters arising

- 14.1 The SVG Chairman:
- Welcomed any feedback from Members on the webinar and video-conferencing functionality used in this meeting.
 - Advised that the current Executive Sponsors for the SVG (Mark Bygraves) and ISG (Peter Stanley) will be swapping committees with effect from the SVG meeting on 30 October 2018.
 - Noted that the Panel will also allocate a new SVG Sponsor in due course, following the recent Panel Election.
 - Highlighted that [CP1509 'Amend BSCP503 to add new recipients of the D0355 data flow'](#) has been raised and issued for consultation via [CPC00789](#), and will come to the SVG for decision at its meeting on 30 October 2018. Due to time constraints, it has not been possible to bring the CP to the SVG before issuing the consultation.
 - Noted that ELEXON will be holding webinars on the latest outputs from the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) Review on 5 October and 15 October 2018, as advertised in [Newscast Issue 722](#).

15. Next meeting

- 15.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 October 2018 at 10:00.