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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
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Meeting number	214
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Date of meeting	4 December 2018
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Venue	ELEXON Ltd
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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Kathryn Coffin	SVG Chairman
	Thomas Demetriades	Technical Secretary
	David Jackson	Industry Member
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Member
	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Chris Pooley	Industry Member (by teleconference / webinar)
	James Evans	Industry Member (by teleconference / webinar)
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member (by teleconference / webinar)
	Richard Dakin	Industry Alternate, attendee (by teleconference / webinar)
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member (by teleconference / webinar)
	Sarah Ross	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Matthew Woolliscroft	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Danielle Pettitt	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Mike Smith	ELEXON (part-meeting)
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON
	Matthew McKeon	ELEXON

Apologies	Peter Stanley	Executive Sponsor
	Andy Bard	MRASCo, attendee
	Ian Hall	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member

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 276 – SVG214/01

- 2.1 ELEXON invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve five General Change Requests, and note 13 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 276 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 19 December 2018.
- 2.2 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the five General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 276 with a go-live date of 19 December 2018;
 - b) **NOTED** the 13 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 276 with a go-live date of 19 December 2018; and
 - c) **APPROVED** the proposed Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs) for three Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs) for use in Settlement from 19 December 2018.

3. CP1510 – ‘Allow the online management of registrations, Market Entry and Market Exit’ – SVG214/02

- 3.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve [Change Proposal \(CP\) 1510](#) for implementation in the February 2019 Release.
- 3.2 An SVG Member asked how many participants enter/exit the market each year, and therefore how much use the new Self-Service Gateway is likely to get. ELEXON advised that there were approximately 60 new entrants in the previous year (2017/18). It noted that this is expected to increase as new types of Party accede to the BSC under the European Balancing Project TERRE (Trans European Replacement Reserves Exchange) arrangements. ELEXON noted that the new Self-Service Gateway will also be used for BM Unit registrations, not just Market Entry/Exit.
- 3.3 An SVG Member asked whether there is an interaction between the Self-Service Gateway and the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) arrangements. ELEXON confirmed that there is not, since ELEXON rather than the Supplier manages the transfer of the relevant Market Participant ID in a SoLR event.
- 3.4 An SVG Member asked if the Self-Service Gateway will replace the current paper-based process. ELEXON confirmed that the paper forms will still remain available for use, with Parties able to choose their preferred method of managing their registrations.
- 3.5 An SVG Member noted Ofgem’s recently-launched [Supplier Licensing Review](#) and asked whether this will impact the Self-Service Gateway. ELEXON responded that it has not identified any impact at this point in time.
- 3.6 ELEXON confirmed that, although the new gateway is self-service, the same checks and approval process will apply as under the existing paper-based process.
- 3.7 An SVG Member asked whether Authorised Signatories can be managed through the Self-Service Gateway. ELEXON confirmed that they can, with the exception of Category A signatories for which a Director’s letter is required.
- 3.8 An SVG Member asked when ELEXON will make guidance available to Parties on how to use the Self-Service Gateway, and whether this guidance will form part of actual system or will be separate. ELEXON advised that the guidance is still being developed, will be available when the gateway goes live, and will be easily accessible and well-publicised.

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- 3.9 The SVG Chairman noted that this CP is just recognising a Self-Service Gateway as an available communication method within the Code Subsidiary Documents; the actual gateway solution is being developed separately.
- 3.10 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to Balancing and Settlement Code Procedure (BSCP) 15, BSCP38, BSCP65, BSCP70, and BSCP507;
 - b) **APPROVED** CP1510 for implementation on 28 February 2019 as part of the February 2019 Release; and
 - c) **NOTED** that the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) approved CP1510 at its meeting on 20 November 2018.

OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

4. CP1513 'Updates to BSCP601, CoP3 and CoP5' – SVG214/03

- 4.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to discuss [CP1513](#) before it is issued for consultation.
- 4.2 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** that CP1513 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1513;
 - c) **NOTED** that CP1513 was presented to the ISG on 20 November 2018; and
 - d) **PROVIDED** no further comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.

OPEN SESSION – UPDATES

5. Profiling Expert Group (PEG)

- 5.1 ELEXON provided a verbal update from the PEG meeting held on 12 November 2018. It advised that:
- The data sample for the Spring/Summer profiling deliverables has increased, implying greater accuracy. However, the PEG has highlighted a few days where the morning peak ramp-up appears earlier than in previous data. As this issue is not replicated in the evening peak, the PEG has been unable to identify whether it is a behavioural or sampling issue. However, it does not expect it to have a significant impact.
 - The switched load in Profile Classes 2 and 4 has reduced, making it difficult to estimate the split between switched and base load. The PEG has agreed to use the Profile Class 3 load shape to split the load in Profile Class 4 during the night period along with an uplift factor (if required), to provide a more realistic estimate of the split. ELEXON will bring the PEG's recommendations on the Technical Product Deliverables (TPDs) to the SVG on 5 February 2019.
 - The PEG is currently undertaking the yearly Annual Fraction of Yearly Consumption (AFYC) recalculation, the results of which will also be presented to the SVG in February.
 - Following the recent change in back-up weather station for the South Wales Grid Supply Point (GSP) Group ([SVG paper 213/02](#)), ELEXON has reminded the PEG of the need to reach quick recommendations in these situations to avoid any potential risks to Settlement.

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- The Design Working Group's (DWG's) proposed Target Operating Model (TOM) for Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) will replace the existing Non Half Hourly (NHH) profiling service with a new Half Hourly (HH) Load Shaping Service. The PEG will discuss this further in 2019.

5.2 An SVG Member commented that they believe there are too many sites in Profile Class 4. ELEXON noted that, to be registered in Profile Class 4, sites should be non-domestic and the respective Meters should have the capability to switch load.

5.3 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the update.

6. Design Working Group's (DWG) preferred TOM for MHHS

6.1 ELEXON [presented](#) the DWG's preferred TOM for MHHS. It reminded the SVG that the DWG makes recommendations to Ofgem, but that Ofgem will make the final decisions as part of its Significant Code Review (SCR) on Settlement Reform.

6.2 ELEXON explained that, on slide 5 (DWG's preferred TOM - variant of original TOM A), the dark blue boxes represent competitive services whilst the teal box represents the BSC Central Settlement Services. The Meter Data Retrieval service will be a SEC party with read-only access to data. The BSC Central Settlement Services will receive disaggregated Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN) level data directly, and will add this up as part of Settlement.

6.3 ELEXON advised that Ofgem has yet to make its policy decisions on [access to Half Hourly data for Settlement purposes](#) and [Supplier Agent functions under market-wide Settlement reform](#). However, Ofgem has provided a '[least-regrets](#)' steer to the DWG in these areas. This does not prejudice Ofgem's final policy decisions but allows the design work to progress with the intention of having the least impact on overall programme timescales, while minimising the risk of doing nugatory work. If the final policy decisions differ from the steer, then the DWG may have to revisit the design and timetable of work.

6.4 ELEXON clarified that the DWG is currently preparing its report to Ofgem on its preferred TOM. This will be published in late January 2019. The DWG will then consult industry on this in February/March 2019. Ofgem will also issue an RFI on participants' impacts and costs and a subsequent impact assessment, before making its Final Business Case decision in the second half of 2019.

6.5 ELEXON advised that the DWG's work in 2019 will focus on developing an approach to transitioning from the current Settlement arrangements to the TOM. The DWG will consult on this approach during the Summer, before submitting its final report to Ofgem in August 2019.

6.6 An SVG Member asked whether the Central Switching Service (CSS) will impact the preferred TOM. ELEXON confirmed that DWG has not identified any crossover points and does not believe that current CSS requirements will have an impact on the TOM design.

6.7 SVG Members had questions about the DWG's recommendations on shortening the Settlement timetable. ELEXON clarified that one of the Design Principles which Ofgem has set for the DWG is to deliver a reduced Settlement timetable; it also forms one of Ofgem's Strategic Objectives for the SCR. Some SVG Members expressed concern over whether the proposed Settlement timetable, and especially the proposed Dispute Run cut-off, is too short. ELEXON noted that participants will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed timings during 2019, as part of the DWG's and Ofgem's consultations. It advised that the DWG has [asked](#) the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) to help it identify the impacts of the TOM on the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF). This includes performance targets, exact Dispute Run timing and the materiality threshold for Trading Disputes. ELEXON clarified that Ofgem views smart Meters as a key enabler for quicker,

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more efficient Settlement and wants the Settlement timetable under the TOM to incentivise timely and quality data.

6.8 Due to the number of questions from SVG Members, and time constraints at the meeting, ELEXON volunteered to continue the discussion at the SVG's next meeting on 8 January 2019.

6.9 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the update.

7. Software Technical Advisory Group (STAG)

7.1 ELEXON advised that, in 2019, it is trialling a different format for STAG meetings as follows:

- It will hold a monthly operational teleconference, to which any users of the centrally-provided Party Agent software can dial in. The purposes of this will be to enable Party Agents to log and discuss incidents with ELEXON and its service provider.
- The quarterly STAG meetings will then focus on longer-term, more strategic, issues.
- ELEXON believes that this strikes a better balance between keeping all interested Parties informed of incidents while maintaining the STAG as a focused expert group with fixed membership.
- ELEXON will keep the SVG updated on the success of this approach. No immediate changes to the STAG's Terms of Reference are required.

7.2 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

8. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 284

8.1 The SVG Chairman presented the headlines of the BSC Panel [meeting 284](#) held on 8 November 2018.

8.2 The SVG Chairman noted ELEXON's paper on aligning BSC reporting with Electricity Market Reform (EMR) Regulations ([284/07](#)). The Panel has delegated to the SVG the power to agree that Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) Metering Systems (outside the BSC Sandbox process) should be treated as recording volumes of exempt supply. ELEXON will bring a paper to the SVG on 8 January 2019, to explain the background and ask the SVG to agree its approach to discharging this new responsibility.

8.3 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

9. BSC Operations Headline Report

9.1 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

10. Change Report

10.1 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

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OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

11. Actions

- 11.1 There were no open actions.

12. Minutes from previous meeting

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

13. Matters arising

- 13.1 The SVG Chairman informed the SVG that ELEXON has issued its annual customer survey and encouraged SVG Members to respond.
- 13.2 ELEXON highlighted that it has received requests for Standard Settlement Configurations (SSCs) for residential electric vehicle (EV) charging, which will come to the SVG for approval as part of MDD on 8 January 2018. ELEXON advised that it has concerns about the accuracy of these for Settlement. Due to time constraints at the meeting, ELEXON agreed to email SVG Members with further details and noted that it would welcome their views.

14. Request for feedback on committee process

- 14.1 The SVG Chairman noted that, due to time constraints and the unavailability of the Executive Sponsor, this will need to be re-arranged. SVG members agreed with the Chairman's suggestion to reschedule this item after the customer survey has concluded, so that it can include discussion of any relevant survey results.

15. Next meeting

- 15.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 10:00.