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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
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Meeting number	223
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Date of meeting	Tuesday 3 September 2019
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Venue	ELEXON Ltd / teleconference
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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Oliver Meggitt	Vice Chairman
	Thomas Demetriades	Technical Secretary
	Sedef Kiris	ELEXON, Presenter
	Dnieper Cruz	ELEXON, Presenter
	Faysal Mahad	ELEXON, Presenter
	Tom Darwen	ELEXON, Presenter
	Danielle Pettitt	ELEXON, Presenter
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON, Presenter
	Matthew Woolliscroft	ELEXON, Presenter
	Colin Berry	ELEXON, Observer
	Sophie Bentley	ELEXON, Observer
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Derek Weaving	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Ian Hall	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	James Evans	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Terry Carr	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member (by teleconference)
	Tom Edwards	Panel Sponsor (by teleconference)

Apoloiges	Victoria Moxham	Chairman
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PANEL

1. There were no recommendations to the Panel

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2. LLF Methodology Audit Report 2020/21 - SVG223/01

- 2.1 ELEXON reviewed the Line Loss Factor (LLF) Methodology Statements submitted by Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs), in accordance with [BSCP128](#). All methodologies are subject to approval by the

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Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG). ELEXON will publish the LLF methodologies submitted by the LDSOs on the ELEXON Portal following the committee approvals.

2.2 The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the six Host LDSOs' methodologies, noting the changes made to all six from last year;
- b) **NOTED** all Embedded LDSOs' intention to Mirror the Host LDSOs' LLFs; and
- c) **NOTED** that the ISG approved the Host LDSO methodologies at its 20 August 2019 meeting

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3. MDD Change Requests for Version 287 – SVG223/02

- 3.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve five General Change Requests, and note 13 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 287 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 18 September 2019.
- 3.2 The SVG discussed the impact of [DCP326](#) which looks to introduce Standard Settlement Configurations (SSCs) to constraining switching of load, in Load Managed Areas (LMAs), to specific times, when the Radio Teleswitch System (RTS) service is closed. An SVG Member suggested that the SSC could be raised with a future effective-from date in MDD. The SVG member argued that if it is 1 February 2020 then adding more SSCs to MDD would not make any difference. ELEXON explained that a starting date would not cause any issues but it thought this should be brought to SVG Members' attention. ELEXON also noted that the RTS closure has been pushed back for at least for a year. It was also identified that new Line Loss Factor Class Identifiers (LLFC Ids) would be linked/associated with the new SSCs. Another SVG Member asked whether, despite the contract extension with BBC, the use of new arrangements would come into play prior to RTS closing down. ELEXON informed that despite the extension, the replacement of the Teleswitch Meters with smart Meters is a priority.
- 3.3 An SVG Member asked whether ELEXON thinks that this would cause a significant increase in the number of LLFCs. ELEXON confirmed that this is possible but it would not cause any issues and that it will also raise LLFCs on behalf of different entities.
- 3.4 An SVG Member asked if it would be practicable to work out how we can match these new SSCs to the Teleswitch SSC they are replacing. ELEXON noted that WPD (and other distributors) could provide a mapping noting this as it is not something ELEXON could provide.
- 3.5 The SVG:
 - a) **APPROVED** the five General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 287 with a go-live date of 18 September 2019;
 - b) **NOTED** the 13 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 287 with a go-live date of 18 September 2019.
 - c) **COMMENTED AND AGREED NEXT STEPS** on the MDD Change Requests raised before DCP326 Authority decision and implementation.

4. CP1517: Changes to BSC Configurable Items for the TERRE Final Implementation Date – SVG223/03

- 4.1 The SVG has considered the proposed solution for this Change Proposal (CP) and the responses received to both CP Consultations, along with the ISG's decision, before making its decision on whether to approve [CP1517](#).

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- 4.2 An SVG Member asked if ELEXON had any discussions with the software provider (responder to the first consultation). ELEXON confirmed that it had engaged with them and that they are overall happy with the responses. In addition, ELEXON introduced a Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) tab within the Interface Definition and Design (IDD) Part 1 spreadsheet; this was introduced after the first and before the second consultation.
- 4.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the amendments following the first CP1517 Consultation to the proposed redlining for:
 - BSCP01;
 - SVA Data Catalogue volume 1; and
 - SVA Data Catalogue volume 2.
 - b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes Redlining for CP1517 to:
 - BSCP01;
 - SVA Data Catalogue volume 1;
 - SVA Data Catalogue volume 2; and
 - Reporting Catalogue.
 - c) **APPROVED** CP1517 for implementation on the P344 Final Implementation Date Notice as set out in [BSC Section H 'General'](#); and
 - d) **NOTED** that CP1517 was presented to the ISG for decision at its meeting on 20 August 2019.
- 5. Change Proposal CP1521 'BSCP70 amendments for Interconnector Administrator and Interconnector Error Administrator – SVG223/04**
- 5.1 This document provides information on [CP1521](#) and outlines our proposed progression timetable for this change, including noting that it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch on 9 September 2019.
- 5.2 An SVG Member asked whether ELEXON had any communication with ElecLink with regards to the implementation timescale. ELEXON confirmed it carried out the necessary discussions with ElecLink.
- 5.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** that CP1521 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1521;
 - c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and
 - d) **NOTED** that CP1521 will be presented to the ISG for information on 17 September 2019.
- 6. CP1520 'Clarification to the Change of Ownership process in BSCP537 – SVG223/05**
- 6.1 This document provides information on [CP1520](#) and outlines the proposed progression timetable for this change, including noting that it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable CPC batch on 9 September 2019.
- 6.2 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** that CP1520 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1520;
 - c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and

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- d) **NOTED** that CP1520 was presented to ISG on 20 August 2019 and PAB on 29 August 2019.

OPEN SESSION – UPDATES

7. Design Working Group (DWG)

7.1 ELEXON provided SVG Members with an update from the [Design Working Group \(DWG\)](#):

- DWG provided its final report with regards to its preferred Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHSS) Target Operating Model (TOM) and Transitional Approach to Ofgem on Friday 30 August 2019. The report is published on the DWG website and ELEXON will be sending out additional communication material in the near future. The report also fulfils Terms of Reference (ToR) for the DWG under the SCR. The DWG will be stood down but could be reconvened if Ofgem does not approve any aspects of the report.
- ELEXON informed the SVG that ELEXON is also working on the Request for Information (RfI) by Ofgem and that Ofgem will be holding a stakeholder group meeting on Monday 16 September 2019 at ELEXON offices.
- ELEXON has been asked to chair and provide technical support the Code and Change Development Group (CCDG) which is a successor industry group to the DWG and will be focusing on fleshing out the TOM design. This group will also be responsible in coordinating industry-wide Code changes and overseeing production of legal text by Code Administrators. ELEXON informed CCDG is likely to have its first meeting in the end of October 2019 and it is currently requesting for membership.
- Ofgem are also setting up an Architecture Working Group (AWG). Ofgem is drafting the ToRs for both groups and are still considering its scope, membership and deliverables.
- The SVG Chair noted that due to DWG coming to an end, future SVG meetings will include updates from the two new groups provided by ELEXON.

7.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

8. Unmetered Supplies User Group

8.1 ELEXON provided SVG Members with an update from the Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG) [meeting 126](#) held on 28 August 2019:

- UMSUG discussed and decided upon five decision papers. Two papers related to the Operational Information Document (OID). The others related to changes to [BSCP520 'Unmetered Supplies registered in SMRS'](#). Changes to clarify the unmetered Supply roles under BSCP520 requires implementing some changes associated with Related Meters and removal of reactive power requirements. A CP will be raised to progress the changes to BSCP520.
- UMSUG also discussed an approach to Charge Codes for battery chargers. It has agreed an approach to calculate the losses and the energy for the equipment.
- With regards to Dimming Devices being reconfigured using hand held devices, UMSUG agreed that it will soften any requirements within the OID. The UMSUG also agreed an approach to code miscellaneous device such as Wi-Fi equipment and routers that draw less than 1 Watt.
- Some potential new data flows for unmetered Supplies were also discussed.
- The DNO representative noted that there has to be a clear distinction between the different types of batteries and whether this would fall to DNOs to provide clarity. ELEXON noted that it has not provided

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any definition for battery charging but it assured that this UMSUG paper talks about the lower end scale of batteries.

8.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

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9. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 293

9.1 The SVG Panel Sponsor highlighted the below headlines from [BSC Panel Meeting 293](#):

- P383 AR 'Enhanced reporting of demand data to the NETSO to facilitate CUSC Modifications CMP280 and CMP281' – (293/07)
- Revision of Specified Charges 2019-2020 – (293/10)
 - An SVG Member asked when these new charges will be effective from. The Panel Sponsor confirmed that they are already in effect after the BSC Panel meeting was concluded and these charges were agreed upon.

9.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

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. Changes we are making to our CP documents to help streamline the process

- 12.1 ELEXON gave a verbal update on the changes it is making to the way it drafts and presents CP documents in order to streamline the change process.
- 12.2 ELEXON recognised that multiple documents are being presented to various Committees, which duplicates work required in progressing Change Proposals and essentially means multiple versions of the same document are published, which can be confusing for customers. It has been agreed that a single paper will be prepared for each step of the process, which would have Committee specific recommendations if all the impacted Configurable Items did not have the same ownership. Any comments made during the progression phase would be included in the respective consultation and would be presented to other committees verbally.
- 12.3 This method will eventually lead to a much better way of presenting on the ELEXON website and also make more efficient use of resources internally.

13. Actions

- 13.1 There were no outstanding actions.

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14. Minutes from previous meeting

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

15. Matters arising

- 15.1 The SVG Vice Chairman raised some housekeeping matters with regards to the timetabling of ISG and SVG committee meetings. It was proposed to move the monthly ISG meeting earlier in the calendar, holding it on the same day as the SVG. This would allow the SVG to meet in the morning, with the ISG meeting in the afternoon. This will potentially streamline the BSC Change process, allowing for any disagreements between the two committees to hopefully be resolved in a much shorter timescale. ELEXON was seeking comments and thoughts for moving into these new arrangements.
- 15.2 SVG Members reacted positively to this due to the light agendas SVG had to deal with over the last couple of months.
- 15.3 The SVG Vice Chairman assured the SVG Members that both him and SVG Chair will discuss this with other committees and return with more updates in upcoming SVG meetings.
- 15.4 ELEXON updated SVG Members on the recent demand disconnection event (power outage) that has occurred. In line with the BSC procedures, data needs to be recalculated for the period of the event. This is the first time this process has been carried out and ELEXON noted it was relatively costly. A paper has been taken to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to raise a BSC Change but in the meantime this process has been paused.
- 15.5 An SVG Member asked whether Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) and other parties were engaging with this process. ELEXON confirmed that all relevant parties (DNOs and Data Aggregators (DAs)) were being engaged throughout the whole process and had been informed the previous day of ELEXON's intent to pause the calculation process.

16. Next meeting

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