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MEETING NAME Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number 228

Date of meeting Tuesday 4 February 2020

Venue ELEXON Office / teleconference

Classification Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Oliver Meggitt	Chairman
	Sarah Ross	Vice Chairman
	Thomas Demetriades	Technical Secretary
	Ivar Macsween	ELEXON, presenter
	Fungai Madzivadondo	ELEXON, presenter
	Freya Gardner	ELEXON, presenter
	Andy Ferreira	ELEXON, presenter
	Craig Murray	ELEXON, presenter
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON, presenter
	Chris Day	ELEXON, observer
	Mike Smith	ELEXON, observer
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	James Evans	Industry Member
	Derek Weaving	Industry Member
	Ian Hall	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member

Apologies	Peter Stanley	Executive Sponsor
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member
	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member

OPEN SESSION- INFORMATION PAPERS

1. CP1528 'CoP4 clarification of BSC Party responsibility for Commissioning measurement transformers that the BSC Party adopts' - (SVG228/06)

- 1.1 This document provided information on [CP1528](#) and outlined our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch.

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- 1.2 An SVG Member asked whether Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) agreed with the outlined progression timetable for this change. ELEXON confirmed that they have endorsed the progression timetable and that upon adoption (on energisation), the responsibility for ensuring Commissioning requirements are met falls on the Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs).

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that CP1528 has been raised;
- b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1528;
- c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and
- d) **NOTED** that CP1528 will be presented to the ISG on 4 February 2020.

2. CP1527 'Increase the minimum data storage capacity for Settlement Outstations and mandate specific selectable integration periods for CoPs 3, 5, and 10' – (SVG228/03)

- 2.1 This document provided information on new Change Proposal (CP) [CP1527](#) and outlined our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch on 10 February 2020.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that CP1527 has been raised;
- b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1527; and
- c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.
- d) **NOTED** that CP1527 will be presented to the ISG on 4 February 2020.

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

3. MDD Change Requests for Version 293 – (SVG228/01)

- 3.1 This paper invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve one General Change Request, and note 17 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 293 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 19 February 2020.

- 3.2 An SVG Member commented on ELEXON's proposed approach as below in point (c), agreeing that while it was a necessary interim solution they were concerned that the MDD Change Process had not been automated already. ELEXON noted that the automation of MDD was being progressed. The SVG Member asked to be updated with the associated timescales and progression of the MDD automation.

ACTION: ELEXON to provide updates to the SVG on the progress of MDD automation

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** one General Change Request for implementation in MDD 293 with a go-live date of 19 February 2020;
- b) **NOTED** the 17 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 293 with a go-live date 19 February 2020; and
- c) **AGREED** ELEXON's proposed approach to consider MDD Change Requests earlier than at the scheduled SVG meeting by ex-committee, if the recommended changes exceed 10,000 lines in a given month.

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4. PEG RECOMMENDATIONS: TPDS, AFYCS, and DEFAULT EACS – (SVG228/02)

- 4.1 The Profiling Expert Group (PEG) has reviewed the profiling Technical Product Deliverables (TPDs), the Average Fraction of Yearly Consumption (AFYC) and Default Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) data. The PEG recommends that the TPDs are used in Settlement from 1 April 2020.
- 4.2 An SVG Member asked whether the remaining GSP Group Profile Class Default EAC values (GGPCDEAC) would be accepted in the calculation. ELEXON referred to the paper and noted that the new calculated EAC values are more reflective of changes in the data population hence the recommendation will be overwritten. The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the new TPDs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2020;
 - b) **APPROVED** that 112 GSP Group Profile Class Default EAC values (GGPCDEACs), 753 GSP Group Profile Class Average EAC values (GGPCAEACs) and their corresponding sets of AFYCs are updated with effect from 1 April 2020;
 - c) **APPROVED** the new set of HH Default EACs for Measurement Classes C and D;
 - d) **NOTED** that ELEXON will raise the necessary Change Requests to update all data items in MDD; and
 - e) **NOTED** that the SVAA systems will be updated with the new TPDs.

5. CP1523 'BSCP501 Amendments to Clarify D0312 Process – (SVG228/04)

- 5.1 This document is the CP Assessment Report for [CP1523](#). The Committee has considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1523.
- 5.2 An SVG Member expressed his regret regarding the precedent for raising this CP. ELEXON assured that this will be looked into further to find ways to prevent the need for raising a similar CP in the future.
- 5.3 Another SVG Member explained that the relative low number of consultation responses could have been due to the fact that discussions regarding the purpose/impacts of this CP might have already occurred during the Dara Transfer Catalogue (DTC) CP. ELEXON also noted that it will raise the concerns of one of the respondent regarding the post-implementation of DTC CP3554.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to [BSCP501](#) for CP1523; and
- b) **APPROVED** CP1523 for implementation on 25 June 2020 (as part of the June 2020 Release).

6. OVER 100KW UNMETERED SUPPLIES – (SVG228/05)

- 6.1 The Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG) has recommended to the SVG that Suppliers should identify and settle Unmetered Supplies (UMS) with a demand greater than 100kW on a Half Hourly (HH) basis by 1 April 2021.
- 6.2 ELEXON explained that these UMS cause a misallocation of quantities that go into overall settlement and this in turn causes greater inaccuracy.
- 6.3 The DNOs representative provided four key points as concluded by the premise that the Unmetered Supplies Operators (UMSOs) are not keen to this recommendation:
- It is observed that Unmetered Supplies are disparate loads potentially spanning an entire network and that there has never previously been any suggestion that they should be bound by the 100 kW rule. The DNOs representative questioned how this new assertion was arrived at noting that trading methods were discussed years ago and it was agreed then to be a matter of customer-choice; half-hourly trading is elective. He pointed out that ELEXON's own paper recognises this - Measurement Class can only switch

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once a year to prevent customers 'gaming'/from taking advantage of the settlement system. He also pointed out that ELEXON's MPAN-level analysis specified that the 4 x NHH profiles should be added together; this generally makes sense but not where profiles don't overlap (i.e. dusk-to-dawn / dawn-to-dusk). ELEXON noted that where NHH profiles do not overlap they will not have maximum demand. This summation process means that more than 130 inventories may be affected by this proposed change.

- It is believed that insufficient consideration had been given to this change. The UMSUG Paper was circulated over Christmas/New Year and whilst a special UMSUG was held most people were dialling in. Also, of those present in the room two of the three represented a Meter Administrator party. ELEXON noted that the UMSUG did not raise issues on whether this change should happen but solely whether April 2020 or April 2021 was the appropriate date for the change. The DNOs representative wanted to highlight that there had been no formal consultation, no CP process nor any red-lining of BSCP520; this was being 'hung off' a re-interpretation of the 100kW rule. ELEXON confirmed that during the UMSUG meeting none of the members raised any concerns or issues with the process, and that the only point of discussion was around the timescales of this change (either April 2020 or April 2021). At this point, the DNO representative mentioned that these points came from people in higher level positions than the ones that attended the UMSUG. The SVG Vice Chair highlighted that there had been no communication from the members post-meeting, either informally, verbally or through the circulated minutes to add further comments to the UMSUG recommendations outlined in the paper. The SVG Chair also noted that ELEXON always provides the opportunity for members of committees and groups to attend either in person, via an alternate, or on teleconference. Further to this, members are always able to provide comments or questions prior to the meeting via the Chair or Secretary.
- The DNOs representative conceded that for street-lighting inventories pseudo half-hourly trading offers marginally improved accuracy day-to-day by accommodating prevailing weather and an appreciably better apportionment of units with settlement. However, he argued that virtually all significant street-lighting inventories are already half-hourly traded. He only had analysis for three distribution networks but this revealed that only 20% of affected inventories concerned street-lighting and even then they were towns which just tripped the limit. For other inventory types he felt that there was likely to be significantly less benefits to settlement in terms of accuracy and apportionment. He pointed out that some equipment has complex loads and in practice doesn't fit neatly into Switch Regimes. The DNO representative also asked how within the grid we can settle NHH data in a HH future particularly with small customers. ELEXON informed that the Design Working Group (DWG) has been looking at this by potentially aggregating data however it is now better to provide inventory data. The DNO representative said that for an 'old flare' system you can turn any EAC profile into a pseudo settlement data rather than squishing data to PC1 and PC8. ELEXON responded to note that the existing MA systems can perform a similar calculation. The key thing is that in the future, it would be that Suppliers would contract with the Meter Administrator, rather than the customer. The SVG Chair asked for clarification whether UMSOs would currently be using UMS charge codes for their calculations. Both ELEXON and the DNOs representative agreed that they should be.
- The DNOs representative argued that it will be very unwelcome for many customers who must contract with a Meter Administrator and pay a hefty annual fee. He felt it was conceivable that they may refuse and it's not then clear how this would be viewed under the Performance Assurance Framework. He also had doubts that Suppliers would be successful in arranging and agreeing the change of trading method and questioned the burden on UMSOs and how responsibility would fall in the event of non-compliance by April 2021. ELEXON observed that the views of customers fall outside SVG's remit and were not relevant to the discussion. The SVG Chair confirmed that the scope of the BSC does not include the end customers/consumers. He further reminded the committee that the scope of the SVG is to deal with the operation of the SVA processes and systems, and that the committee should make a decision on the basis of Settlement accuracy as captured in the committee's Terms of Reference.

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- 6.4 An SVG Member expressed a view for DNOs to challenge the interpretation/definition if they feel this recommendation is not suitable and urged for a solution to be established. The SVG Chair asked whether having a further discussion with UMSUG members in March 2020 would be of benefit to both sides, but it was again highlighted that no UMSUG members had expressed any concerns and had voted for the recommendations. ELEXON suggested a compromise might be that DNO supplies would be exempted until a solution is found. The SVG Chair asked the DNO representative to seek views from the interested DNOs on this concession, and also to try to illicit views from them of other potential options that would make this requirement more palatable.

The SVG:

- a) **DEFERRED** this paper until the SVG meeting in March 2020.

OPEN SESSION: TABLED ITEMS

7. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 298

7.1 The SVG Chair highlighted two items:

- P399 'BSAD Identity Visibility' (298/04) – The BSC Panel agreed that P399 progresses to the Assessment Procedure along with its proposed timetable, proposed Workgroup membership and the associated Terms of Reference
- [Appointment of a new SVG Chair by the BSC Panel \(298/07\)](#)

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 298.

8. BSC Operations Headline Report

8.1 An SVG Member commented on the section with regards to the Supplier of Last Resort appointed in December. More specifically he asked whether the 27 Section H Defaults that occurred in 2019 are Level 1 defaults and why that number remained persistently high compared to 2018. ELEXON noted that it would take this away and come with an update in the next SVG meeting.

ACTION: ELEXON to provide an update on Section H Defaults

8.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

9. Change Report

9.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

OPEN SESSION: OTHER BUSINESS

10. Actions

10.1 There were no updates on the existing actions.

10.2 The SVG Chair confirmed the new actions raised in this meeting.

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- 11.1 ELEXON mentioned that it had a teleconference with the Data Communications Company (DCC). DCC will carry out some testing and will be looking at three Supplier MPIDs specifically pulling data from their meters as they are not settlement meters. A number of changes resulting from this will be reflected in the MDD.
- 11.2 An SVG Member asked why Party ID SNOWDROP is still listed as a Qualified BSC Party and Supplier, when the business in question is in liquidation. The SVG Chair noted this was something he was aware of and was looking into already.
- 11.3 Another SVG Member noted that the process of accessing Loss Line Factors (LLFs) from the ELEXON portal is quite difficult and some users are also required to convert that data into a format their systems can understand. The same member questioned whether this could be raised and discussed in the BMRS Change Board. ELEXON advised that it will take this feedback on board and raise at the upcoming LLF Audit Lessons Learnt meeting.

12. Minutes from previous meeting

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

13. Next meeting

- 13.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.