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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
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Meeting number	229
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Date of meeting	Tuesday 3 March 2020
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Venue	ELEXON Office / teleconference
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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Oliver Meggitt	Chairman
	Thomas Demetriades	Technical Secretary
	Roan Chavez	Technical Secretary
	Colin Berry	ELEXON, presenter
	Matthew Woolliscroft	ELEXON, presenter
	Sedef Kiris	ELEXON, presenter
	Freya Gardner	ELEXON, presenter
	Adam Jessop	ELEXON, presenter
	Katie Wilkinson	ELEXON, presenter
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON, presenter
	Christopher Day	ELEXON, observer
	Andrew Grace	ELEXON, observer
	Jon Spence	ELEXON, observer
	Tom Edwards	Panel Sponsor
	Simon Yeo	Distribution System Operators Member (alternate)
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	James Evans	Industry Member
	Derek Weaving	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member

Apologies	Sarah Ross	Vice Chairman
	Peter Stanley	Executive Sponsor
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

1. Approval of the BSC Configurable items amended for the April 2020 Standalone Release – (SVG229/07)

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- 1.1 Several SVA BSC Configurable Items (CIs) have been amended to give effect to two Approved Modifications in the April 2020 Standalone Release. The SVG was requested to approve the revised versions of the SVG-owned and jointly-owned SVA BSC Configurable Items.
- 1.2 Two approved Modifications, P354 and P388, are included in the April 2020 Change Release.
- 1.3 Following a question from an SVG Member, ELEXON confirmed that all BSC CIs are ready for approval.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that the changes to SVA BSC CIs have been issued for industry review;
- b) **NOTED** that we received no responses to the industry review;
- c) **APPROVED** the SVG-owned and jointly-owned SVA BSC CIs listed in Section 2.1;
- d) **NOTED** that BSCP01 must also be approved by the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) before it may be deemed to be approved;
- e) **NOTED** that BSCP01 will be presented to the ISG on 3 March 2020 for approval; and
- f) **NOTED** that, if so approved, all SVA BSC CIs listed in Section 2.1 will become effective on 1 April 2020.

2. CP1524 'Improving the communication methods in the fault rectification process' EACS – (SVG229/02)

- 2.1 ELEXON presented the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1524. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.
- 2.2 An SVG member noted uncertainty of MRA Change Releases next year due to the REC transition. They believed that issues may arise with regards to raising the DTC changes. ELEXON responded that it had made Ofgem aware of these changes, which had not expressed concerns. ELEXON noted Ofgem's statement that the transition to the REC should not act as a blocker to innovation, and so did not believe the SVG concerns would be realised. ELEXON commented that it would work with Ofgem to ensure a smooth implementation.
- 2.3 An SVG member asked if any cost-benefit analysis was performed. ELEXON responded that it did not have sufficient detailed data, so no such analysis was performed. ELEXON further noted that the Industry supports the CP; during the consultation, the majority of respondents had agreed that the solution would bring sufficient benefits compared to their costs.
- 2.4 ELEXON noted that some respondents had identified the potential confusion between the two processes but commented that sufficient guidance can be provided ahead of implementation to mitigate this, and that the new process could be used for both Half Hourly (HH) and Non Half Hourly (NHH) processes.
- 2.5 An SVG member noted that the new data flows are currently unavailable and asked if it is normal to not have them yet prior to approval. ELEXON responded that MRASCo were consulted on processes surrounding the creation of data flows, and that waiting until after the CP consultation would ensure that the new flows would be best suited to the CP1524 solution.
- 2.6 An SVG member asked if unintentional risks arising from CP1524 would be an issue. ELEXON responded that the majority of respondents did identify potential risks, and that it had addressed these in the paper.
- 2.7 An SVG member commented that they maintained their view that there was no need to implement a new process because an existing process is deemed to be failing. They believed that the existing process should be addressed and fixed, and commented that if market participants are failing to follow the process, then it is a compliance issue. Another SVG member agrees with this observation and noted that creating new processes introduces costs to participants.

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2.8 The SVG Chairman asked if fixing the current process was considered as a solution. ELEXON responded that this had been considered by the Issue 73 Workgroup, but that members' views had confirmed the Audit and TAPAP findings that the existing process was not enabling the most effective rectification of faults.

2.9 An SVG member noted the large cost and long implementation period of two years. Another SVG member suggested an alternative solution for MRA to include a fault category in data flows. ELEXON responded that this would require the MRA Change process, rather than the BSC Change process. The SVG's rejection of CP1524 would not affect the MRA change process.

The SVG:

- a) **DISAGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP502, BSCP514, BSCP537 Appendix 1 and BSCP537 Appendix 2 for CP1524 made following the CP Consultation;
- b) **REJECTED** the proposed changes to BSCP502, BSCP514, BSCP537 Appendix 1 and BSCP537 Appendix 2 for CP1524;
- c) **REJECTED** CP1524 for implementation on 24 June 2021 as part of the June 2021 BSC Release; and
- d) **NOTED** that CP1524 will be presented for decision to the
 - **ISG on 3 March 2020; and**
 - **PAB on 26 March 2020.**

3. CP1525 'Improving the involvement of the LDSO in the fault resolution process'– (SVG229/03)

3.1 ELEXON presented the CP Assessment Report for CP1525. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.

3.2 CP1525 seeks to clarify that, where a fault is found on Metering Equipment owned by the Licenced Distribution System Operator (LDSO), that LDSO will be responsible for rectifying the fault.

3.3 ELEXON noted that, in response to the SVG's initial views, it had attended the MOCOPA Review Panel in February 2020. The MOCOPA Panel agreed that CP1525 would not introduce conflict between the two Codes, and agreed to work with ELEXON to minimise any risk of confusion or duplication of effort by market participants.

3.4 An SVG member questioned the rationale of the MOCOPA Panel. ELEXON responded that MOCOPA agreed to create a joint guidance note, clarifying which Code's processes to use.

3.5 ELEXON confirmed that while the proposed process had synergies with other industry processes, members of the Issue 73 Workgroup wanted to create a formalised BSC process for better involving LDSOs in fault rectification. The Issue Group had noted that other Codes, such as MOCOPA take a safety approach to faults, whereas BSC processes seek to protect the integrity of Settlement.

3.6 An SVG member asked if CP1525 is adequate as an individual CP if CP1524 and CP1526 are rejected. ELEXON responded that CP1525 is adequate as an individual CP, and that it builds upon P283. An SVG member questioned whether the CP1525 solution could be implemented independently from CP1524. ELEXON noted the similarities between the CPs, but responded that the drafting of the CPs allowed them to be implemented separately from each other. The SVG noted that many consultation respondents had combined the costs and impacts in their responses and so ELEXON should seek greater clarity on the impacts of implementing CP1525 alone.

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- 3.7 An SVG member asked if error codes can be created within the D0135 flow. ELEXON responded that this would require the MRA Change process, instead of the BSC Change process. ELEXON advised that this route was previously considered by the Issue 73 Workgroup, who favoured a BSC approach.
- 3.8 An SVG member expressed concern that the CP1525 solution would not be robust enough to hold non-compliant LDSOs accountable. They noted that Section L of the BSC places the obligation to maintain Metering Equipment on the Registrant, rather than the LDSO. In the event of a discrepancy, the BSC takes precedence over BSCPs, and so the SVG member asked whether CP1525 would achieve its aims. ELEXON responded that legal advice will be sought regarding the wording of the BSC and its precedence over BSCPs.

ACTION 229/01: ELEXON to seek legal advice on Section L of the BSC and its precedence over BSCPs.

- 3.9 An SVG member asked if a cost-benefit analysis was performed. ELEXON responded that the issue has a high impact on Settlement because despite the low number of occurrences, the faults take a long time to resolve.
- 3.10 An SVG member noted issues with the red-lining of the BSCPs. ELEXON responded that any necessary corrections will be made in the red-lining if the CP is approved.
- 3.11 An SVG member believed this cross-code governance issue could be resolved by a joint review by ELEXON, MOCOPA and DCUSA.

The SVG:

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

4. CP1526 'Introduction of Service Level Agreements for rectifying Meter faults' (SVG229/04)

- 4.1 ELEXON presented the CP Assessment Report for CP1526. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.
- 4.2 ELEXON noted that as the SVG had voted to reject CP1524, and that the CP1526 solution builds on CP1524 and CP1525, then it would logically follow that CP1526 be rejected. ELEXON commented that if the SVG agreed with the elements of CP1526 relating to the CP1525 solution, then these could be included in the CP1525 solution when it was brought back for decision. ELEXON therefore invited the SVG to comment on the proposed timescales for LDSOs to resolve faults on Metering Equipment for which it was the owner.
- 4.3 ELEXON commented that the 40 Working Days (WD) Service Level for LDSOs would reflect the timescales prescribed by the DCUSA and MOCOPA. The SVG agreed that it was sensible to align timescales where possible, and that if LDSOs are given greater responsibility for resolving faults, they should have quantifiable service levels to ensure that faults are resolved in a timely manner.

The SVG:

- a) **DISAGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP502, BSCP514 and BSCP533 for CP1526 made following the CP Consultation;
- b) **REJECTED** the proposed changes to BSCP502, BSCP514, BSCP515 and BSCP533 for CP1526
- c) **REJECTED** CP1526 for implementation on 24 June 2021 as part of the June 2021 Release; and
- d) **NOTED** that CP1526 will also be presented for decision to the
- o PAB on 26 March 2020.

5. LLF Audit Results 2020/21 – (SVG229/09)

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- 5.1 This paper reported the results of ELEXON's annual audit of Line Loss Factor (LLF) values for the 2020/2021 BSC Year performed in accordance with BSCP128.
- 5.2 All site visit audits for Host LDSOs were completed and the final audit reports were issued by 10 December 2019. Following the methodology audit, ELEXON audited the SVA and CVA LLF values, and found no outstanding non-compliances.
- 5.3 Nine out of 15 Embedded LDSOs were initially found non-compliant and one Embedded LDSO's submission was received late. All of the non-compliances were resolved.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that all SVA non-compliances have been resolved;
- b) **APPROVED** the SVA LLFs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021; and
- c) **NOTED** that we will seek the ISG's approval of the CVA LLFs at its meeting on 03 March 2020.

6. MDD Change Requests for Version 294 – (SVG229/01)

- 6.1 This paper invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve 17 General Change Requests, and note 21 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 294 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 18 March 2020.
- 6.2 ELEXON addressed Action 228/01 by providing a verbal update on the progress of MDD automation. The initial analysis has been completed. Further work is now being carried out, including a cost-benefit analysis and liaising with a service provider to standardise the data format. The SVG noted the feedback, thereby closing the action. ELEXON will provide further updates to the SVG.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** 17 General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 294 with a go-live date of 18 March 2020; and
- b) **NOTED** the 21 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 294 with a go-live date of 18 March 2020.

7. Updates to UMSUG Terms of Reference – (SVG229/06)

- 7.1 ELEXON invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve updates to the Unmetered Supplies User Group's (UMSUG's) Terms of Reference.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the updates to the UMSUG's Terms of Reference.

8. Approval of Ki. Central Management System – (SVG229/05)

- 8.1 The Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG) recommends that the SVG approve the Ki. Central Management System (CMS) for use in Settlement.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the Ki. CMS version ki-master-694 for use in Settlement; and
- b) **NOTED** that we will update the CMS webpage with details of the approved CMS

9. Allocation of GSP TONG1 to a GSP Group - (229/08)

- 9.1 The National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) has registered a new Grid Supply Point (GSP) at Tongland. The SVG, under delegated authority from the BSC Panel, must allocate this new GSP to a GSP Group. ELEXON recommends that the SVG allocates this GSP to the South of Scotland _N GSP Group.

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- 9.2 The Consultation did not receive any responses. However, it is not a cause for concern as the NETSO and SPEN agreed to the GSP Group allocation prior to the consultation and the new GSP is connected to the SPEN South of Scotland Distribution System.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the allocation of GSP TONG1 to the South of Scotland (_N) GSP Group.

10. Over 100kW Un-Metered Supplies – (SVG228/05)

- 10.1 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 HH basis by 1 April 2021.
- 10.2 The SVG Chairman noted two communication points received:
- An UMSUG member commented that the distribution of Unmetered Supplies should not be treated differently from that of metered supplies with respect to 100kW Metering Systems.
 - Local authorities in Scotland noted the lack of communication with customers and the restriction of customer choice. However, the SVG Chair noted that SVG has to be concerned with the accuracy of Settlement, not customer representation.
- 10.3 An SVG member reiterated their previous comment 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 100kW rule.
- 10.4 ELEXON highlighted the BSC definition of 100kW Metering Systems noting that LDSOs were not disagreeing that these MSIDs are over 100kW. ELEXON commented that the UMSUG did not dispute the definition of '100kW Metering Systems' but were concerned about the timing, which is why ELEXON is proposing a backstop on April 2021.
- 10.5 An SVG member representing Distributors commented that the inventory of unmetered equipment of customers and LDSOs should be treated equally and did not support a temporary exclusion of LDSO own supplies. The SVG member did support the requirement to settle these MSIDs on a HH basis under Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS). The SVG member also commented that BSCP520 states that customers 'can' trade in HH, rather than 'must'.
- 10.6 ELEXON noted that a Modification would be required to change the BSC definition of '100kW Metering Systems'. An SVG member commented that this would allow more people to provide feedback.
- 10.7 The SVG discussed the timing of migration to MHHS. The MHHS is set to have a phased transition, with potential implementation in 2023. The settling of the larger UMS customers on a HH basis would be before smaller UMS customers. A decision from Ofgem is expected in Q3 of 2020.
- The SVG:
- a) Were unable to reach a unanimous decision, whereby six members approved and one member rejected. Therefore the SVG Chair referred this paper to the next BSC Panel meeting.

ACTION 229/02: ELEXON to provide the SVG and the UMSUG with the outcome of the BSC Panel meeting in March 2020.

OPEN SESSION: TABLED ITEMS

11. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 299

- 11.1 The Panel Sponsor confirmed that an extension for P279 was granted.

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- 11.2 Issue 85 would remove the obligation on NHHDCs to visit de-energised sites every 12 months.
- 11.3 The SVG Chair addressed ACTION 228/02 by confirming that the Market Operations team is exploring options for preventing occurrences of Section H Defaults. The SVG noted this feedback as sufficient, thereby closing the action.
- The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 299.

12. BSC Operations Headline Report

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

13. Change Report

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

OPEN SESSION: OTHER BUSINESS

14. Actions

- 14.1 ACTION 228/01: ELEXON provided a verbal response as part of SVG Agenda Item 229/01. The SVG noted the feedback as sufficient, thereby closing the action.
- 14.2 ACTION 228/02: ELEXON provided an update on Section H defaults. The SVG noted the feedback as sufficient, thereby closing the action.
- 14.3 The SVG Chair confirmed the new actions raised in this meeting.

15. AOB

- 15.1 ELEXON provided an update on Issue 86. During a previous Issue Group meeting, four CPs were identified ahead of the Energy Codes Review. Ofgem has been informed of these CPs. The Change process has been shortened for these CPs, with a proposed implementation date of November 2020. The SVG did not raise any issues. The CPs will be raised before the next SVG meeting. ELEXON asked the SVG for questions they wish to be included in the consultation. An SVG member asked whether the consultation will include Ofgem's response. ELEXON responded that Ofgem will include their response as part of the Impact Assessment process of the Significant Code Review. This is to avoid confusion and overlap in the red-lining of eight Codes.

16. Minutes from previous meeting

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

17. Next meeting

- 17.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 April 2020.