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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
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Meeting number	230
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Date of meeting	Tuesday 7 April 2020
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Venue	ELEXON Office / teleconference
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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Sarah Ross	Chairman
	Oliver Meggitt	Vice Chairman
	Roan Chavez	Technical Secretary
	Matthew Woolliscroft	ELEXON, presenter
	Andrew Grace	ELEXON, presenter
	Ivar Macsween	ELEXON, presenter
	Freya Gardner	ELEXON, presenter
	Colin Berry	ELEXON, presenter
	Mike Smith	ELEXON, observer
	Christopher Day	ELEXON, observer
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Representative
	Derek Weaving	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	James Evans	Industry Member
	Ian Hall	Industry Member

Apologies	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

- 1. CP1525 'Improving the involvement of the LDSO in the fault resolution process' – (SVG229/03)**
 - 1.1 ELEXON presented the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1525 in the SVG meeting in March 2020. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation. The SVG deferred this paper until the SVG meeting in April 2020.
 - 1.2 The proposed solution for CP1525 is to place responsibility on LDSOs for resolving faults on Metering Equipment they own by implementing a process for raising faults with the LDSO via the Supplier.
 - 1.3 ELEXON commented that it had considered the suggestion and agreed with the SVG that as CP1525 intended to provide clarity on responsibilities in the fault resolution process, this could be enhanced by creating an

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explicit obligation in Section L of the BSC. The inclusion of a clear obligation would also better enable ELEXON to take corrective action against any failure to meet requirements.

- 1.4 ELEXON noted that if the SVG rejected CP1525, it would seek to raise a BSC Modification to deliver an enhanced version of the solution proposed by CP1525. This was welcomed by the SVG.
- 1.5 ELEXON has liaised with MOCOPA to express the concerns of potential duplication of effort for the BSC and MOCOPA processes, which were raised by the SVG during the meeting in March. ELEXON and MOCOPA has agreed they will collaborate to create joint guidance to avoid any duplication of effort.

The SVG:

- a) **REJECTED** CP1525.

2. CP1527 'Increase the minimum data storage capacity for Settlement Outstations and mandate specific selectable integration periods for Metering Codes of Practice' – (SVG230/02)

- 2.1 ELEXON presented the CP Assessment Report for CP1527. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.
- 2.2 The proposed solution for CP1527 is to:
 - increase the minimum data storage capacity for Settlement Outstations to 250 days per channel, at 30 minutes integration periods, for CoPs 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10; and
 - mandate specific, selectable, integration periods for Metering CoPs and add a test for this requirement (and for CoPs 1 and 2) into BSCP601.
- 2.3 CP1527 is a document-only Change for ELEXON. The proposed implementation date has been delayed from June 2021 to June 2022 to provide Outstation manufacturers ample time to develop products that match the new specification and to ensure that existing Outstation stock can be installed in the intervening period.
- 2.4 An SVG Member commented that all Changes, including CP1527, should be reviewed in light of the COVID-19 developments.
- 2.5 An SVG Member noted a large number of Outstation stock would need to be replaced. The SVG Member also noted the lack of justification, including a cost-benefit analysis, of the proposed minimum storage capacity of 250 days. The SVG Member commented that a number of the Consultation respondents believe the majority of Outstations currently have a minimum storage capacity of 90 days.
- 2.6 An SVG Member agrees with the minimum data storage capacity of 250 days as it broadly aligns with Half Hourly (HH) Settlement and it would allow rectification for meters with previous faults or meters that have not been visited. The SVG Member also noted that a number of manufacturers offer 100+ days.
- 2.7 An SVG Member commented that the CP assumes that the industry will transition to Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) with 15 minute Settlement Periods. ELEXON responded that if the CP is approved now, fewer Outstations would need to be removed in future when MHHS is implemented.
- 2.8 ELEXON noted that only one manufacturer was involved in the CP Consultation. An SVG Member commented that ELEXON needs to further engage with manufacturers. ELEXON noted that all manufacturers were invited to partake in Issue 80 but participation was limited.
- 2.9 The SVG Chair noted that the SVG agrees with increasing the number of minimum data storage capacity days but requires justification, including cost benefit analysis, of the new requirement.
- 2.10 An SVG Member commented that the inevitability of MHHS should not be a reason for implementing the CP. Another SVG Member noted that MHHS may result in different COPs being utilised.

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ACTION 230/01: ELEXON to perform a cost-benefit analysis for a minimum storage capacity to define the most appropriate number of days, to review the implementation date in light of COVID-19 developments and to further engage with manufacturers.

ACTION 230/02: ELEXON to provide a response on an SVG Member's question on the approach if MHHS with 15 minute Settlement Periods was not being implemented.

The SVG:

- a) **DEFERRED** CP1527; and
- b) **NOTED** that CP1527 will be presented to:
 - The ISG on 7 April 2020.

3. CP1528 'CoP4 clarification of BSC Party responsibility for Commissioning of measurement transformers that the BSC Party adopts' – (SVG230/03)

- 3.1 ELEXON presented the CP Assessment Report for CP1528. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.
- 3.2 The proposed solution for CP1528 is to create greater clarity for BSC Parties and improve the efficiency of the Commissioning process by:
 - providing clear instruction that will reduce confusion among BSC Parties by providing clear indication of expected responsibilities and obligations under the BSC and reducing potential ambiguity within CoP4; and
 - improving industry confidence in the Commissioning process and reducing the risk of involuntary BSC non-compliance.
- 3.3 CP1528 will be a document-only Change with an implementation date of November 2020.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to Code of Practice 4 for CP1528;
- b) **APPROVED** CP1528 for implementation on 5 November 2020 as part of the November 2020 BSC Release; and
- c) **NOTED** that CP1528 will be presented to the ISG on 7 April 2020 for decision.

4. MDD Change Requests for Version 296 – (SVG230/04)

- 4.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve four General Change Requests, and note eight Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 296 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 22 April 2020.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** four General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 296 with a go-live date of 22 April 2020; and
- b) **NOTED** the eight Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 296 with a go-live date of 22 April 2020.

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OPEN SESSION: INFORMATION PAPERS

5. Relaxation of HHDA Obligations for the Introduction of P354 ("ABSVD") Arrangements – (SVG230/05)

- 5.1 This paper notified the SVG of the temporary relaxation of HHDA obligations for the introduction of P354 arrangements on 1 April 2020.
- 5.2 P354 will require SVAA to issue D0354 data flows to HHDA. The obligation on HHDA in BSCP503 is to respond via a D0355 or D0356 flow within 1 working day. BSCP503 also requires HHDA to send a D0385 flow for all VARs.
- 5.3 When ELEXON had informed HHDA that there may be a large number of MSIDs in the first D0354 issued, one HHDA expressed concerns that they would not be able to respond within the "D+1" timescale. ELEXON therefore decided that the best approach was to temporarily relax the obligations for the initial batch of MSIDs.
- 5.4 ELEXON stated that this approach would not pose a risk to Settlement as NETSO is not required to submit MSID Pair Delivered Volumes before "D+15" and so no P354 calculations will be performed for the II VAR.
- 5.5 ELEXON stated that it expected that the number of new MSIDs notified to HHDA would be significantly lower following the initial batch of MSIDs and that HHDA would be expected to comply with BSCP503.
- 5.6 A SVG member noted that it may be difficult for them to issue D0385s for the SF VAR for some Settlement Dates due to the timing of the initial D0354.
- 5.7 ELEXON said that this was not a problem, as NETSO won't submit any MSID Pair Delivered Volumes for Settlement Date 1 April 2020 until "D + 40", so the R1 VAR for 1 April 2020 would be the first time that the P354 calculations would be carried out.
- 5.8 A SVG member asked for more information on P354 and asked about the transparency of the adjustments to Suppliers' imbalances.
- 5.9 ELEXON provided more detail on the solution to P354 and said that Suppliers would receive information on the P354 adjustments through the P0287 data flow will be available after P354 implementation. ELEXON added that the visibility of the data would have been greater for P354 Alternative, as the data would have been published on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS website), but P354 Proposed did not include the BMRS changes, due to data confidentiality concerns.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that HHDA will have until 5 Working days to respond to the initial P354 D0354 from the SVAA;
- b) **NOTED** that HHDA will not be required to submit D0385 data for the II VAR at "SD + 3" for MSIDs specified in the initial P354 D0354; and
- c) **NOTED** that HHDA will be required to comply with BSCP503 and BSCP508 for all MSIDs notified to them after the initial P0354.

OPEN SESSION: TABLED ITEMS

6. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 300

- 6.1 Over 100kW Un-metered Supplies was referred to the Panel meeting in March 2020. The Panel approved the paper. Over 100kW UMS need to be migrated to HH Settlement by 1 April 2021. ELEXON, via OSMs, is now working on communicating with Suppliers and UMSOs regarding over 100kW UMS.

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- 6.2 An SVG Member noted that this would be impacted by the COVID-19 developments and that a coherent review of industry changes needs to take place.
- 6.3 An SVG Member noted that Ofgem has suspended Suppliers from the Faster Switching Programme for six months, allowing them to focus on front line operational services for their customers. The SVG Member suggested that ELEXON should reflect this. The SVG Vice Chair advised that ELEXON has been working with the PAB to determine the approach for the PAF techniques.
- 6.4 An SVG Member noted that market participants are likely to encounter difficulties in preparing for any Changes to be implemented this year.

ACTION 230/03: ELEXON to liaise with the Change and Project Delivery teams regarding the Changes scheduled for June and November Releases.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 300.

7. BSC Operations Headline Report

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

8. Change Report

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

OPEN SESSION: OTHER BUSINESS

9. Actions

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

10. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

11. Matters Arising

- 11.1 ELEXON promoted Profile Expert Group (PEG) Membership to the SVG. Phil Russell expressed interest.
- 11.2 An SVG Member asked for an update on P379. Another SVG Member responded that the Sponsor had changed and that the Panel approved an eight month extension to the P379 Assessment procedure, returning by the May 2020 Panel meeting with an update on the progression of the cost-benefit analysis.
- 11.3 An SVG Member questioned whether ELEXON has investigated the sharp drop of the Annual Demand Ratio (ADR) for the Eastern Socon GSP. The SVG Chair advised they will liaise with the Settlement Operations team.

ACTION 230/04: ELEXON to provide an SVG Member with an update on the sharp drop of the ADR for the Eastern GSP.

- 11.4 An SVG Member noted that Distributors would need to raise a large number of Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFC) changes in order to progress Ofgem's Targeted charging Review. This would result in a large number of D0172 flows will be issued to Suppliers. The SVG Chair responded that ELEXON is working with DNOs to stagger the LLFC changes and tie them in line with the annual LLF Audit.

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ACTION 230/05: ELEXON to provide an update on the LLFC changes as part of MDD report in the SVG meeting in May 2020.

- 11.5 An SVG Member noted that an action from a previous meeting had not been included in the actions log. This action is for ELEXON to investigate if a Change of Distributor process is needed and how this could be captured and managed.

ACTION 230/06: ELEXON to provide an update on the Change of Distributor process and include it in the actions log.

12. Next Meeting

- 12.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 May 2020.