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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
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Meeting number	231
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Date of meeting	Tuesday 5 May 2020
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Venue	Teleconference
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Classification	Public
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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Oliver Meggitt Sarah Ross Roan Chavez Kevin Spencer Freya Gardner	Chairman Vice Chairman Technical Secretary ELEXON, presenter ELEXON, presenter
	Tom Edwards Simon Yeo Derek Weaving Gareth Evans James Evans Ian Hall Richard Vernon Terry Carr Jonathan Priestley Phil Russell	Panel Sponsor Distribution System Operators Representative (alternate) Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member

Apologies	Peter Stanley Paul Hart Jono Liddell	Executive Sponsor Distribution System Operators Representative Industry Member
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OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

1. Profiling Deliverables and the Lockdown – (SVG231/02)

- 1.1 The SVG noted that the Profiling Expert Group (PEG) had met to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on the profiling deliverables for 2020. The Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) was invited to note the PEG approach and agree a recommendation not to adjust the Smoothing Parameter (SPAR).
- 1.2 It was highlighted that the PEG agreed that data collected during the lockdown period should not be used in the production of the TPDs for Winter 2020. ELEXON noted that only a small amount of data will be affected. Therefore it is reasonable to exclude data without significant impact on regression data for the relevant period.

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- 1.3 The PEG agreed that the approach to data being collected now does not need to be assessed until later in the year. Once the lockdown has been lifted the appropriate approach and duration of data impacted will be known. The calculation of the deliverables for Spring and Summer is not due to start until the Autumn.
- 1.4 The SVG were also informed that the PEG did not consider it appropriate to change the Smoothing Parameter (SPAR) as it would only make a difference once meters are read which would be after the lockdown was lifted.
- 1.5 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the TPDs for Winter 2020/2021 will have data from the lockdown period omitted;
 - b) **NOTED** the data for Spring and Summer will be considered later in the year;
 - c) **AGREED** that the SPAR is not revised from the current value of 2.

2. MDD Change Requests for Version 297 – (SVG231/01)

- 2.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve four General Change Requests, and note 12 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 297 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 20 May 2020.
- 2.2 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** four General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 297 with a go-live date of 20 May 2020; and
 - b) **NOTED** the 12 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 297 with a go-live date of 20 May 2020.

Update on Targeted Charging Review (TCR) MDD Changes

- 2.3 The TCR has determined that residual charges will be levied in the form of a single fixed charging band for domestic consumers and a range of fixed charging bands for non-domestic customers.
- 2.4 All DNOs will be required to set up new LLFCs and migrate their customers accordingly. ELEXON has asked for the estimated volume of MDD changes from all DNOs:
- Volume of new LLFCs
 - Number of new valid combinations
 - Number of end-dated LLFCs and valid combinations
- 2.5 ELEXON confirmed they had received estimates from 12 LDSO MPIDs and 8 IDNO MPIDs. The LDSOs estimated 300 new LLFCs and 18,000 new valid combinations, and the IDNOs estimated 6,000 new LLFCs and 85,000 new valid combinations. Once ELEXON receives estimated volumetric data from the remaining DNOs, ELEXON will create a schedule to stagger the MDD changes across different MDD versions.
- 2.6 Although the TCR implementation date is April 2022, most DNOs wish for MDD changes to be completed by April 2021 to allow sufficient time for migration.
- 2.7 An SVG Member queried whether a delay in the implementation date would impact ELEXON's MDD changes. ELEXON responded this would not be an issue as ELEXON only needs to complete the MDD and LLF changes.
- 2.8 An SVG Member queried the amount of time required for MDD changes. ELEXON responded that they still need to assess the estimated volumes but advised that the changes could take over six months to process. ELEXON noted that non-TCR MDD change requests will also have to be progressed simultaneously.
- 2.9 ELEXON noted that the MDD changes may also be impacted by load managed areas.

ACTION 231/01: ELEXON to request a breakdown of load-managed areas from DNOs.

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- 2.10 ELEXON intends to present further information on the estimated volume of MDD changes and the plan in the SVG meeting in June 2020 if sufficient data is received.

ACTION 231/02: ELEXON to provide an update on TCR MDD changes in the SVG meeting in June 2020.

OPEN SESSION: TABLED ITEMS

3. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 301

- 3.1 The BSC Panel raised Modification P406 'Temporary Disapplication of Supplier Charge Serials SP08 and SP04 due to COVID-19'.
- 3.2 ELEXON presented an update on the Foundation Programme.
- 3.3 An SVG Member queried whether the Panel has had discussions on the process implemented to reduce EACs. The Panel Sponsor responded that a derogation agreed by the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) has allowed Parties to change EACs for sites which they believe have reduced consumption. The Panel suggested retrospective actions could be taken on Suppliers who do not abide by the derogations. The SVG Chairman noted that ELEXON has created additional reports on the number of estimations and that ELEXON will liaise with Suppliers to discuss significant variances in the data. TAPAP checks can also be used to review performance retrospectively, and further checked on the estimations processes will be part of the BSC Audit scope for the 2020/2021 BSC year.
- 3.4 New guidance notes on the Long Term Vacant (LTV) process and site inspection visits was published. There are obligations in these processes which require site visits to occur. The new guidance confirms that failure to meet these obligations would not be considered as an audit issue or non-compliance.
- 3.5 The SVG Chairman noted that communication regarding the new EAC process will be sent to Suppliers in within a few days and that the Operational Support Managers (OSMs) have been engaging with Suppliers.
- 3.6 An SVG Member queried the Supplier uptake of the new EAC process. The SVG Chairman responded that most Suppliers have been applying the process to relevant sites. The P0276 flow sent to Suppliers contains data on GSP Group Consumption Totals Report.
- 3.7 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 301.

4. BSC Operations Headline Report

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

5. Change Report

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

OPEN SESSION: OTHER BUSINESS

6. Actions

- 6.1 The SVG Chairman confirmed the new actions raised in this meeting.

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7. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

8. Matters Arising

- 8.1 An SVG Member noted that as a result of the P354 implementation in April 2020, a number of Agents have encountered issues with receiving and responding to appointment data flows. The SVG Member encouraged ELEXON to assess their end-to-end testing process. The SVG Member also expressed interest in partaking in future end-to-end testing as a Data Collector (DC).
- 8.2 An SVG Member raised a query on the failure of Data Aggregators (DAs) to send files and therefore cause default data to be used for aggregation runs. The SVG Chairman responded that ELEXON is continuing to investigate and work with service providers. ELEXON noted that the increase in defaulting files could be an issue resulting from remote working.

9. Next Meeting

- 9.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 June 2020.