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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
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Meeting number	233
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Date of meeting	Tuesday 7 July 2020
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Venue	Teleconference
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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Oliver Meggitt	Chairman
	Sarah Ross	Vice Chairman
	Roan Chavez	Technical Secretary
	Nick Baker	ELEXON, presenter
	Freya Gardner	ELEXON, presenter
	Andrew Grace	ELEXON, presenter
	Paul Wheeler	ELEXON, presenter
	Faysal Mahad	ELEXON, presenter
	Mike Smith	ELEXON, observer
	Stephen Newsam	ELEXON, observer
	Peter Stanley	ELEXON, Executive Sponsor
	Phil Russell	Industry Member
	Derek Weaving	Industry Member
	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	Ian Hall	Industry Member
	James Evans	Industry Member
Apologies	Martin Brooks	Industry Member
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Representative
	Simon Yeo	Distribution System Operators Representative (alternate)
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

1. Grid Supply Point Metering Issue

1.1 ELEXON provided an update on the Metering issue within a Grid Supply Point.

1.2 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the contents of the paper.

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OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

2. MDD Change Requests for Version 299 – (SVG233/01)

- 2.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve one General Change Request, and note nine Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 299 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 22 July 2020.

Update on Targeted Charging Review (TCR) MDD Changes

- 2.1 ELEXON asked DNOs for the earliest and latest dates that they can provide the MDD Change Requests to ELEXON, in order to finalise a plan which will have them all live in MDD for the 1 April 2021 deadline. Due to the large volumes expected, the normal one week timescale for publishing MDD changes may not suffice. ELEXON's proposed approach is to take Change Requests to the SVG one month in advance so that they are approved one month before publication.
- 2.2 An SVG Member stated that in the SVG Meeting in May 2020 (SVG231/01), ELEXON were waiting for responses from seven DNOs. ELEXON responded that they are still awaiting estimated volumes from 2 IDNOs and preferred dates for Change Request submissions from other IDNOs, both of which are crucial to finalising plans for the TCR MDD Changes.
- 2.3 An SVG Member asked whether ELEXON can encourage DNOs to inform Suppliers about their migration plans for the TCR Changes, as this will impact Suppliers. The Chair responded that they will ask ELEXON's Operational Support Managers (OSMs) to encourage DNOs to share their plans with other Parties as soon as possible.

ACTION 233/02: SVG Chair to ask ELEXON's OSMs to encourage DNOs to share their plans for TCR MDD Changes with Parties, including Suppliers, as soon as possible.

- 2.4 The SVG:
- b) **APPROVED** one General Change Request for implementation in MDD 299 with a go-live date of 22 July 2020; and
 - c) **NOTED** the nine Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 299 with a go-live date of 22 July 2020.

3. CP1530 'Introduction of a formalised process for the validation of measurement transformer ratios by ELEXON' – (SVG233/05)

- 3.1 This paper provided information on new Change Proposal (CP) CP1530 and outlined the proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch.
- 3.2 CP1496 introduced the Current Transformers (CTs) and Voltage Transformers (VTs), both of which are transformer ratios. During the approval of the CP, the SVG and ISG noted the benefit of raising a CP that creates a process for validating the ratios. CP1530 has been raised to address this. The CP would provide market participants with the correct transformer ratios and introduce processes for validating ratios in BSCP515.
- 3.3 An SVG Member noted that the CP progression paper stated only LDSOs would be impacted but they believe that Suppliers and Party Agents (i.e. MOAs) would also be impacted. The SVG Member also stated that they are unsure about placing obligations to submit transformer ratio data on LDSOs as they are aware that they use subcontracted third parties. Competition in connections rules mean that any company can install CT/VT connections without being a BSC Party. The SVG Member therefore believes the CP needs to be reviewed further. ELEXON responded that the list of impacted participants is only an initial estimate and they would gain feedback from other participants during the CP Consultation. As for the obligation to submit transformer

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ratio data, this is an obligation under the MRA and the BSC only outlines the process. ELEXON added that following discussions during the IREG meeting on 11 June 2020 (IREG_20_0611_Special Meeting), the impacted participants have been updated to include Suppliers and MOAs. This update is reflected on the MRA Change sheet that ELEXON had submitted. During the IREG meeting, it was also discussed that placing obligations on MOAs should also be considered during the CP consultation. Primarily, it is the LDSO's obligation to maintain the ratio itself however, there will be instances where it is unknown such as when another Party installs the connection. The CP would create a ratio option of 'unknown'. As such, it would not prevent incorrect ratios from being inputted but would prevent invalid ratios from being inputted.

- 3.4 An SVG Member queried whether any consideration has been given to moving away from a free text field to a numerical field. ELEXON responded that the MRA will change the field to numerical characters and that this will not impact the MRA significantly.
- 3.5 An SVG Member asked if there were any existing invalid combinations in the market. ELEXON responded they have already published a list of valid sets of ratios to allow Parties to review and make any necessary changes. ELEXON added that an RFI was issued in April 2019 and ELEXON worked with LDSOs to determine the validity of ratios. Therefore any invalid ones have already been deleted.
- 3.6 The SVG:
 - a) **NOTED** that CP1530 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1530; and
 - c) **PROVIDED** comments and additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.

4. CP1527 'Increase the Minimum Data Storage Capacity for Settlement Outstations and Mandate Specific Selectable Integration Periods for Metering Codes of Practice' – (SVG233/02)

- 4.1 ELEXON presented the second CP Assessment Report for CP1527. ELEXON presented the first CP Assessment Report on 7 April 2020. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.
- 4.2 Following the deferral of the paper on 7 April 2020 (SVG230/02), ELEXON performed further analysis on:
 - Impact of COVID-19 on the implementation date;
 - Removal of consideration of Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement and 15 minute integration period from the solution; and
 - Additional levels of minimum storage capacities and advice of appropriate choice.
- 4.3 An SVG Member thanked ELEXON for conducting further investigations.
- 4.4 An SVG Member stated that the analysis and information provided was better than that initially provided. However, they raised concerns with setting requirements based on meter manufacturers' responses, rather than what ELEXON or the SVG's feedback. The Chair acknowledged the SVG Member's concern but stated that ELEXON needs to ensure that industry participants can adapt to and any changes being implemented.
- 4.5 The SVG:
 - a) **AGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP601, CoP3, CoP5 and CoP10 for CP1527 made following the CP Consultation;
 - b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP601, CoP3, CoP5 and CoP10 for CP1527;
 - c) **APPROVED** CP1527 for implementation on 30 June 2022 as part of the June 2022 BSC Release; and
 - d) **NOTED** that:

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- The Implementation Date has been extended from 24 June 2021 in response to consultation responses and COVID-19; and
- CP1527 will also be presented for decision to the ISG on 7 July 2020.

5. CP1529 'Earlier initiation of Supplier Agreed Meter Readings process' – (SVG233/03)

- 5.1 ELEXON presented the CP Assessment Report for CP1529 to the SVG. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation.
- 5.2 An SVG Member stated they do not have an issue with reducing the timescale for Suppliers to invoke the process to chasing missing Change of Supply Reads. However the rationale is unclear as the proposed solution of reducing the timescale would not address the issue. Suppliers can agree reads faster, however the reads will not be added into Settlement if MOA and DC do not exchange meter reads and meter technical details (MTDs) between themselves. ELEXON responded that the Working Group only looked into aligning timescales between the Faster Switching Programme and the BSC, hence the proposed solution. ELEXON added that the Issue Group is still open and they will raise this concern with them.

ACTION 233/03: ELEXON to liaise with the Issue 86 Work Group regarding the inclusion of transfer of meter reads and meter technical details between MOA and DC, as part of the proposed solution.

- 5.3 An SVG Member stated they attended the Issue 86 Work Group and that discussions were held regarding the timescales of the exchange of meter reads and MTDs, which do not align with the timescales for the Fast Switching Programme. They stated that Party Agent representatives were also present in the Work Group.
- 5.4 An SVG Member asked how the Performance Assurance Reporting and Monitoring System (PARMS) and the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) would monitor the exchange of meter information to ensure that they occur within the required timescale. The Chair responded this is ultimately for the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) to consider.

ACTION 233/04: ELEXON to ask the Issue 86 Work Group how the exchange of meter reads and MTDs between MOA and DC would be monitored to ensure that they occur within the required timescale.

- 5.5 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP504 for CP1529; and
 - b) **APPROVED** CP1529 for implementation on 5 November 2020 [as part of the November 2020 Release].

6. CP1531 'Additionally provide the TUoS Report to National Grid ESO at the II Settlement Run' – (SVG233/04)

- 6.1 This paper provided information on new Change Proposal (CP) CP1531 and outlined the proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch.
- 6.2 An SVG Member stated they have no issue with the CP. However, they queried that why £52,000 should be spent to produce II data on a gross basis if II data is already produced on a net basis. ELEXON responded that II data is split between net and gross. ELEXON added that the cost could be reduced if the testing for this CP was combined with that of P383 'Enhanced reporting of demand data to the NETSO to facilitate CUSC Modifications CMP280 and CMP281'. Other SVG Members agreed with the SVG Member's comment that the cost was not justified.
- 6.3 An SVG Member stated that National Grid has an obligation to implement the change on 1 April 2021. As further investigations are required, a shorter consultation timescale is inevitable. The Chair asked for confirmation from the SVG that a shorter timescale for the consultation would be acceptable to them, to which there were no objections raised. Presenting the paper to the SVG by October 2020 would still provide at least six months before the implementation date.

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ACTION 233/05: ELEXON to investigate justification of cost and reasons why II data is currently not available on a gross basis, and provide an update to the SVG in August 2020.

6.4 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that CP1531 has been raised;
- b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1531; and
- c) **DEFERRED** the CP Consultation until further discussions are held in the SVG meeting in August 2020.

OPEN SESSION: TABLED ITEMS

7. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 303

7.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 303.

8. BSC Operations Headline Report

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

11. Minutes from Previous Meeting

11.1 The SVG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting without comment.

12. Matters Arising

12.1 The Chair stated that ELEXON's CEO issued a letter to the industry, Panel and Committee members and BSC Parties regarding return to office. The Chair asked the SVG to complete the attached survey.

ACTION 233/06: ELEXON to share the return to office survey link to the SVG.

12.2 The Chair stated that an SVG Member asked for the analysis of the reduced EAC process, which resulted from a derogation approved by the PAB and Panel to allow a different approach to be taken when entering data into Settlement. The analysis and data will be presented to the PAB on 30 July 2020. The Chair will ask the Risk Manager to provide an update to the SVG in August 2020. The Chair also noted that ELEXON have liaised with DAs regarding their data on reduced EAC process. Following ELEXON's review of the data, the DAs will liaise with Suppliers regarding any outliers. An SVG Member noted that their business have seen a significant amount of volumes that have moved at RF. The SVG Member raised concerns that Parties may have deemed at RF and put a lower EAC in, and that this has a large impact on their business. The SVG Member added that if their business is impacted in this way, so would other Suppliers.

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ACTION233/07: SVG Chair to ask Risk Manager to provide an update on the analysis and data of the reduced EAC process.

- 12.3 An SVG Member suggested for SVG Members to share their contact details with each other, provided they give consent. The Chair responded that this was discussed as part of the lessons learnt exercise from the cyber-attack.

ACTION 233/08: SVG Chair to circulate contact details of SVG Members.

13. Next Meeting

- 13.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 August 2020.