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MEETING NAME	Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number	234
Date of meeting	Tuesday 4 August 2020
Venue	Teleconference
Classification	Public

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Oliver Meggitt	Chairman
	Sarah Ross	Vice Chairman
	Roan Chavez	Technical Secretary
	John Lucas	ELEXON, presenter
	Kat Higby	ELEXON, presenter
	Adam Jessop	ELEXON, presenter
	Faysal Mahad	ELEXON, presenter
	Nicholas Rubin	ELEXON, observer
	Kevin Spencer	ELEXON, observer
	Peter Stanley	ELEXON, Executive Sponsor
	Ian Hall	Industry Member
	Jono Liddell	Industry Member
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Representative
	Gareth Evans	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member
	James Evans	Industry Member
	Tom Edwards	Panel Sponsor
	Tim Collins	SIMEC Kinlochleven Power Ltd Representative

Apologies	Jamie Greening	Industry Member
	Kevin Woollard	Industry Member
	Derek Weaving	Industry Member
	Richard Vernon	Industry Member
	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	Simon Yeo	Distribution System Operators Representative (Alternate)

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

1. Application for SVA Metering Systems to be treated as exempt supply – (234/02)

1.1 In accordance with the process agreed in January 2019 (SVG215/02), the SVG was invited to approve the application for Imports recorded on five SVA Metering Systems to be treated as exempt supply.

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1.2 The SVG:

   a) **REFERRED** the application to the BSC Panel.

2. Clacton GSP Metering Issue Action Update

2.1 ELEXON provided the SVG with an update on the actions for a Metering Issue.

2.2 The SVG:

   a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

3. MDD Change Requests for Version 300 – (SVG234/01)

3.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve seven General Change Requests, and note 16 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 300 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 19 August 2020.

3.2 The SVG:

   a) **APPROVED** seven General Change Request for implementation in MDD 300 with a go-live date of 19 August 2020;

   b) **NOTED** 16 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 300 with a go-live date of 19 August 2020; and

   c) **APPROVED** the TPDs for use in Settlement for the remainder of the current BSC Year.

4. Updates to the UMS OID – (SVG234/03)

4.1 The SVG was invited to approve the changes to the Unmetered Supplies (UMS) Operational Information Document (OID).

4.2 The SVG:

   a) **APPROVED** the changes to the OID recommended by the UMSUG; and

   b) **NOTED** that, subject to approval, the updated OID will be published on the BSC Website in line with the MDD changes due to go live in August 2020.

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5. CP1536 'Use of DTC Data Flow D0379 for Submission of Data from Meter Administrators to Half Hourly Data Collectors' – (SVG234/04)

5.1 ELEXON presented the new Change Proposal (CP) CP1536 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.

5.2 An SVG Member questioned whether the full potential benefits of the CP might not be realised as the CP is only giving the option to use the DTN to send the data and is not obligating its use. The SVG Member also questioned whether this could cause problems for MAs opting to use email.

5.3 The SVG Member noted that there is a shift towards use of flows via the DTN. The SVG Member also noted that ELEXON are mandating the new file format, but not the delivery method.

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5.4 The SVG Chair clarified that no party is required to use the DTN, but that they are required to agree the delivery method between themselves.

5.5 ELEXON noted one of the main benefits of using the D0379 is greater granularity of data. D0379 allows for data to be recorded to three decimal places which means smaller UMS can be processed accurately. The existing data format only supports data to one decimal place so the energy values for some smaller customers would always be rounded to zero. ELEXON added this would only be an issue if an MA takes on a significant number of smaller customers.

5.6 An SVG Member voiced support for the Change as it is a cross code change it will allow MAs to send data across the DTN.

5.7 An SVG Member questioned whether just adding the MA to the DTN and using the D003 was considered. ELEXON responded, that this was considered however D0379 was chosen as it allows for a greater granularity of data so it will stop the energy volumes for smaller customer being rounded to zero; as is currently the case.

5.8 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** that CP1536 has been raised;

b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1536; and

c) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.

6. Targeted Charging Review and MDD Update

6.1 As a result of the Ofgem Targeted Charging Review (TCR), LDSOs (including IDNOs) need to add ~19,000 new LLFCs and ~300,000 valid set combinations to MDD by April 2021.

6.2 Currently, only manual processes are in place to manage these volumes. ELEXON aims to raise an urgent CP to introduce the digitalisation of particular MDD Entity forms. This would enable ELEXON to implement an automated solution, which would remove the need to manually input particular forms.

6.3 ELEXON will send out a Request for Information (RFI) to Industry in order to gauge the impacts of implementing large volumes changes to LLFCs and MDD necessary to support the TCR implementation.

6.4 An SVG Member stated that the RFI should ask market participants if they could meet the 5WD SLA to process the changes. The SVG Member added that it should also ask for impacts on market participants' non-Settlement and Settlement activities.

6.5 An SVG Member stated that MDD updates are manually loaded by their organisation. Another SVG Member commented that manually loading and processing each file separately would take a long time. Therefore, loading and sending files over the DTN should be considered. ELEXON responded that using the DTN would introduce implications with bulk D0265 flows and that this would need to be queried with Electralink. ELEXON added that from the LDSOs' feedback, there are limits to the number of MPAN updates LDSOs can carry out, which LDSOs believe are due to Party Agents' systems.

6.6 An SVG Member stated that scripts/APIs could be used to load data from the ELEXON Portal. ELEXON stated that use of DTN and scripts/APIs are alternatives that could be considered.

6.7 An SVG Member stated that Suppliers inputting new valid combinations to MPAS would be met with a limit of 20,000 MPAS system updates per night. The SVG Member added they have previously worked with this limit.

6.8 An SVG Member stated that NHH valid set combinations are very unlikely to change and that their understanding was that changes were only to be made for HH valid set combinations. ELEXON responded there will be some changes for NHH but the bulk of changes is for HH.

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6.9 The DSO Representative stated that DNOs have previously agreed to stagger the MDD changes. However, given the large number of changes for the TCR, market participants need to agree on timescales for MDD updates.

6.10 An SVG Member asked whether automation of the inputting process for the MDD changes would be feasible, given the timescales. The SVG Vice Chair responded that ELEXON is currently exploring this with their service providers.

6.11 An SVG Member asked whether it would be worth asking market participants to perform testing as part of the changes. ELEXON responded there may not be sufficient time. ELEXON added they will liaise with the PAB and MPAS to find out who is responsible for managing the TCR changes.

6.12 An SVG Member stated that it would be appropriate to ask market participants whether or not they have the capacity to process TCR changes in addition to other responsibilities. The SVG Member added there are currently four significant industry projects being progressed rapidly over the next 18 months. Two SVG Members agreed with including the question in the RFI. An SVG Member added that forcing market participants to carry out this project in the prescribed timeline could result in poor delivery.

6.13 The SVG Vice Chair thanked the SVG for their comments and confirmed they will be included in the RFI.

6.14 The SVG:

    a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION: TABLED ITEMS

7. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 304

7.1 An SVG Member stated that Effortless Energy Ltd had gone into Default under Section H3.1.1(g)(i). The SVG Member asked whether this meant that the Party admitted its inability to pay its debts. The Panel Sponsor confirmed this was correct.

7.2 The SVG:

    a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 304.

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.

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12. Matters Arising

12.1 The SVG Chair stated that Richard Vernon and Martin Brooks resigned from the SVG in July 2020 and thanked them for their contribution. The SVG Chair added that an application for SVG Membership has been received and will be presented to the Panel. The SVG Chair stated they will contact inactive SVG Members to ask if they wish to continue their SVG Membership.

12.2 The SVG Chair reminded the SVG to confirm their attendance prior to the meeting. An SVG Member asked whether a guidance on attendance expectations can be sent out or whether ELEXON could consider moving the SVG meeting dates. Another SVG Member stated that the SVG meeting dates depend on the Panel meeting dates. The SVG Chair stated they wish for the meeting to occur during a fixed time every month but would be open to moving the meeting dates to suit more SVG Members.

12.3 The DNO Representative stated that his alternate will need to attend the next SVG meeting in his place. However, their alternate does not have Microsoft Teams. The Executive Sponsor responded they can download the app. The SVG Chair stated the app can be tested prior to the meeting and if needed, the SVG meeting can use to Skype next month.

12.4 Pan SVG Member stated they are still keen for the SVG Members' contact details to be circulated, as requested in the SVG meeting in July 2020.

13. Next Meeting

13.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2020.

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