

CONVERSION OF EXISTING METERED OPENREACH CABINETS TO UNMETERED

Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

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Summary **This paper invites the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to reverse a previous SVG ruling that states existing Openreach metered cabinets must remain metered.**

1. Background

- 1.1 At the June 2020 Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG) meeting (UMSUG128), Elexon raised during the AOB session that a Supplier had queried whether existing metered Openreach cabinets can be converted to unmetered. The UMSUG noted that during the December 2014 Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) meeting (SVG166/03), the SVG approved 45 Charge Codes for Openreach cabinets, on the condition that existing metered cabinets will remain metered.
- 1.2 The UMSUG suggested that BT prepare a paper for the September 2020 UMSUG meeting, to provide their rationale for why the previous SVG ruling should be reversed.
- 1.3 At the September 2020 UMSUG meeting, BT presented a confidential paper which outlined their rationale for why the previous SVG decision should be reversed, as well as the benefits to Settlement in converting their metered cabinets to unmetered.
- 1.4 To summarise, some of the key points were:
 - BT believe that Settlement accuracy would improve due to currently metered cabinets being assigned to Profile Class 3, which has an inaccurate load profile;
 - The UMSUG recently approved a revised component-level Charge Code calculation approach, which means the UMSUG are satisfied with the accuracy of the energy calculations;
 - Openreach maintain an asset database that makes updates to inventories when changes to installations are made; and
 - Moving to unmetered would reduce industry wide administration associated with managing their MPANs.
- 1.5 Since the UMSUG meeting, BT have updated their original paper for the SVG meeting. The updated confidential paper can be found in Attachment A.

2. UMSUG discussion

- 2.1 During the meeting, the UMSUG discussed the implications of converting metered cabinets to unmetered.

- 2.2 A majority of the UMSUG were generally in favour of the conversion, and agreed by a majority of 12 out of 14 for Elexon to recommend to the SVG that existing metered Openreach cabinets can be converted to unmetered.
- 2.3 The confidential minutes from the meeting can be found in Attachment B.

Recommendations

- 3.1 We invite the SVG to:
- a) **APPROVE** the conversion of existing metered Openreach cabinets to unmetered

Attachments

Attachment A (Confidential) – BT Paper

Attachment B (Confidential) – UMSUG Minutes

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