

Minutes

Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number **SVG237**

Venue **Teleconference**

Date of meeting **3 November 2020**

Classification **Public**

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Oliver Meggitt	OL	Chairman
Sarah Ross	SR	Vice Chair
Roan Chavez	RC	Technical Secretary
Sedef Kiris	SK	Elexon, presenter
Nicholas Brocklesby	NB	Elexon, presenter
Freya Gardner	FG	Elexon, presenter
Tom Edwards	TE	Panel Sponsor
Paul Hart	PH	Distribution System Operators Representative
Vijay Chikoti	VC	Industry Member
James Evans	JE	Industry Member
Ian Hall	IH	Industry Member
Jono Liddell	JL	Industry Member
Phil Russell	PR	Industry Member
Jonathan Priestley	JP	Industry Member
Terry Carr	TC	Industry Member

Apologies

Simon Yeo	SY	Distribution System Operators Representative (alternate)
Kevin Woollard	KW	Industry Member
Derek Weaving	DW	Industry Member
Gareth Evans	GE	Industry Member
Jamie Greening	JG	Industry Member
Peter Stanley	PS	Executive Sponsor

1. IDNO Site Specific LLF Calculation Process – (SVG237/02)

- 1.1 Following a request from an Embedded LDSO who wished to calculate their own Site Specific LLFs this year, the timeline for the LLF Audit in BSCP128 will require a change to account for IDNOs work-flow processes. This is because the BSCP128 does not state a timeline specifically for the processes of newly connected sites which therefore creates confusion regarding which files IDNOs would be required to submit in line with the Host LDSOs' submission by 30th of September following the submission of their Methodology Statement.
- 1.2 An SVG Member understood that the IDNO would wait for the Host LDSO's generic LLF values in order to calculate and submit their own site-specific LLFs. However, they did not understand the delay in obtaining metered consumption data. Elexon responded that the IDNO will not have the required historical metered readings available due to new connections being introduced therefore they will not have the sufficient data which covers 12 months to calculate their own LLFs. The first part of the LLF Audit involves auditing the methodology statements while the second part audits the calculated LLFs.
- 1.3 The SVG Member asked if the LLF methodology was submitted in August 2020. Elexon responded this was the case, however, as it involved a new site, the IDNO did not yet have sufficient consumption data in order to submit the required information by the end of September as stated in BSCP128. The IDNO have stated within their methodology statement that they will apply Generic Loss Adjustment Factors (LAFs) temporarily for a new Customer whose site is metered at Extra High Voltage (EHV), until Site Specific LAFs are calculated. This means that the IDNO will continue to mirror Host LDSOs' LLFs until they have sufficient metered data to calculate the LLFs.
- 1.4 The SVG Member asked for clarification on what the issue was. Elexon responded the IDNO needed to wait for the Host LDSO's methodology in December 2020 and factor it in to their calculations. The SVG Member asked what was going to change from April 2020 to April 2021. Elexon responded the IDNO would still mirror the Host LDSO but they needed to inform Elexon of their calculation methodology. They were not able to submit the LLFs by September 2020 as required by BSCP128 as they need the Host LDSO's generic LLFs to calculate their site specific LLFs which would be effective from April 2021.
- 1.5 The SVG Member asked for further clarification on what the non-compliance was, as they understood that the IDNO would not have metered consumption data for a year. Another SVG Member expressed the same view. Elexon responded that the issue was that the IDNO would continue to mirror the Host LDSO's generic LLFs but that they will use their own calculated LLFs from April 2021. The SVG Member asked if Elexon could ask the IDNO to mirror the Host DNO for this year and then calculate their own for the next Audit year. Another SVG Member also queried what data they would be submitting in January 2021 if they would be mirroring for the year. Elexon responded they will use the site's consumption data in combination with their boundary equivalent profile data to calculate their own LLFs.

ACTION 237/01: Elexon to ask the IDNO for further information on their site specific LLFs: number of sites involved, Effective From Dates of the LLFs, when the new LLFs will be used, what they were doing differently until they obtain the required metered consumption data and when they will have that data.

- 1.6 The SVG:
a) **DEFERRED** the paper to a later SVG meeting until Elexon obtains further information.

2. CP1537 'Extending the Timescales for Agreeing Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) Findings Reports' – (SVG237/03)

- 2.1 Elexon presented the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1537. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1537.
- 2.2 The SVG:
a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP535 for CP1537; and
b) **APPROVED** CP1537 for implementation on 25 February 2021 as part of the February 2021 Release.

3. MDD Change Requests for Version 304 – (SVG237/01)

- 3.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve eight General Change Requests, and note 15 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 304 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 18 November 2020.

Update on the Targeted Charging Review changes

- 3.2 Elexon stated that the Host LDSO TCR changes will be presented to the SVG in December 2020 for approval, while IDNO TCR changes will be presented to the SVG once testing had been completed. This is a risk-based approach based on the low volume of changes required for the Host LDSOs and the 98.6% of MPAS transfers they represent. Elexon have also received their service provider's Impact Assessment on testing and are now working to progress the testing for the large volume of IDNO changes.
- 3.3 An SVG Member observed that IDNOs account for 89% of the total volume of TCR changes. They asked for clarification on the reason behind IDNOs requesting large volumes of changes. Elexon responded that some raise valid combinations for potential future requirements while others only raise combinations for current business needs. The SVG Vice Chair added that some IDNOs were using consultants and were therefore treating the TCR changes as a one off exercise.
- 3.4 The Distribution System Operator (DSO) Representative asked if all IDNOs were submitting large volumes. Elexon responded that the large volumes for some IDNOs were disproportionate to other IDNOs. The Vice Chair added that Elexon have been attending TCR Steering Group meetings, so they would reiterate the SVG's comments to them. The DSO Representative added that they are supportive of IDNOs having the LLFCs and combinations that they need, but would like to understand the differences.
- 3.5 The SVG Vice Chair asked for further feedback from the SVG for Elexon to communicate to the TCR Steering Group ahead of the December 2020 SVG meeting. An SVG Member responded that until Elexon completes testing with their service provider and identifies an issue, Elexon should continue to progress the TCR changes.
- 3.6 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** eight General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 304 with a go-live date of 18 November 2020; and
 - b) **NOTED** 15 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 304 with a go-live date of 18 November 2020.

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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.

7. Panel Update

- 7.1 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the headlines from BSC Panel Meeting 306.

8. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- 8.1 The SVG requested further changes before agreeing the minutes from the previous meeting.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 The SVG Chair stated that the SVG meetings will take place at 9:30am, starting from the December 2020 meeting.
- 9.2 An SVG Member asked for an update on the over 100 kW UMS moving to HH. The SVG Vice Chair responded Elxon will provide an update to the SVG, ISG and PAB in their meetings in December 2020.
- 9.3 An SVG Member observed that the SVG's terms of reference stated that decisions need to be made unanimously or otherwise referred to the Panel. They asked whether the terms of reference should be reviewed. The SVG Chair's view was that the SVG and ISG were required to make unanimous decisions as they were not defined the Code.

ACTION 237/02: SVG Chair to investigate whether the SVG's terms of reference could be amended to remove the requirement for unanimous decisions.

10. Next Meeting

- 10.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on 1 December 2020.