

Minutes

Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

Meeting number	240	Venue	Elexon/Teams
Date of meeting	2 February 2021 09:30	Classification	Public

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Oliver Meggitt	OLM	Chairman
Sarah Ross	SAR	Vice Chair
Roan Chavez	ROC	Technical Secretary
Paige Binet	PAB	Technical Secretary
Stephen Newsam	STN	Elexon, presenter
Adam Jessop	ADJ	Elexon, presenter
Nick Groves	NIG	Elexon, presenter
Freya Gardner	FRG	Elexon, presenter
Andy Ferreira	ANF	Elexon, presenter
John Lucas	JOL	Elexon, presenter
Christopher Day	CHD	Elexon, observer
Eden Ridgeway	EDR	Elexon, observer
Kevin Spencer	KES	Elexon, observer
Gavin Anderson	GAA	Elexon, observer
Terry Carr	TEC	SVG Member
Derek Weaving	DEW	SVG Member
Gareth Evans	GAE	SVG Member
Ian Hall	IAH	SVG Member
James Evans	JAE	SVG Member
John Jones	JOJ	SVG Member (alternate)
Phil Russell	PHR	SVG Member
Jonathan Priestley	JOP	SVG Member
Vijay Chikoti	VIC	SVG Member
Simon Yeo	SIY	Distribution System Operators Representative (alternate)
Tom Edwards	TOE	Panel Sponsor

Apologies

Peter Stanley	PES	Executive Sponsor
Jono Liddell	JOL	SVG Member
Jamie Greening	JAG	SVG Member (alternate)
Paul Hart	PAH	Distribution Systems Operators Representative
Kevin Woolard	KEW	SVG Member (alternate)

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

1. Metering Dispensation D/505 – Generic Metering Dispensation - (SVG240/02)

- 1.1 Elexon has proposed a lifetime Generic Metering Dispensation (D/505) from Code of Practice (CoP) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 for the use of measurement transformers of a different IEC standard from the one specified in the relevant CoP so long as the accuracy class and specified limits of error specified within the relevant IEC standard are unchanged. The SVG were invited to approve the Generic Metering Dispensation D/505 on a lifetime basis.
- 1.2 A Member was concerned with the way new stock will be checked, Elexon clarified that from a practical point of view it would be too expensive to test stock against the old standard when it has been changed to work in line with the new standard.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** Generic Metering Dispensation D/505 for the use of measurement transformers of a different IEC standard specified in the relevant CoP so long as the accuracy class and specified limits of error and limits of phase displacement specified within the IEC standard are unchanged on a lifetime basis; and
- b) **NOTED** that Generic Metering Dispensation D/505 will also be presented for decision to the ISG on 2 February 2021.

OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

2. Over 100kW Unmetered Supplies (UMS) Update - (SVG240/03)

- 2.1 A Member stated that the issues identified and the feedback received echoed those from P272 migration, and asked if any P272 lessons learnt could be applied to the over 100kW UMS migrations.
- 2.2 The SVG Chair agreed, noting that Elexon would consider the lessons learnt from P272. They also believed that those lessons should also be considered by the PAB when conducting the monitoring of over 100kW UMS.
- 2.3 A Member queried if there was a protocol in place that can distinguish between customers who do and do not meet the over 100kW criteria as this is what happened with P272. Elexon explained that the calculation rationale for identifying over 100kW UMS identified only the MSIDs with the largest EACs that definitely fall within the over 100kW criteria. Elexon highlighted that due to the nature of NHH UMS being estimated and the profile applied to UMS, it is difficult to determine the genuine maximum demand and is therefore not easy to identify all MSIDs that meet the over 100kW criteria.
- 2.4 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update on migration progress for over 100kW UMS;
- b) **COMMENTED** on the issues noted by UMSOs and Suppliers in the migration process; and
- c) **NOTED** that an additional update will be provided to the SVG at the May SVG meeting.

OPEN SESSION – VERBAL UPDATES

3. Conversion of Existing Metered Openreach Cabinets - (SVG240/Verbal)

- 3.1 Elexon provided a verbal update on the latest progress with Openreach's request to convert existing metered cabinets into unmetered cabinets.
- 3.2 Members pointed out that the update provided by Elexon's legal team was a helpful summary and agreed that the decision for any new UMS connections should sit with the DNO, not the SVG. The SVG Chair agreed, noting that the DNO should be able to make the agreement with Openreach themselves, based on the legal view of the situation provided by Elexon previously.
- 3.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

4. Update on GSP Group _A Annual Demand Ratio - (SVG240/Verbal)

- 4.1 Elexon provided an update on GSP Group _A Annual Demand Ratio.

- 4.2 Members questioned why it took so long for the investigation to begin when this issue was noted in 2019. Members noticed lots of controls had failed.
- 4.3 Elexon said they are investigating the causes of issues, which will be added to the lessons learnt exercise that will be taken to the PAB. It was asked if the algebra for calculating ADR was available. Elexon responded they will circulate a guidance note containing this.
- 4.4 The guidance note was then sent during the meeting by one of the presenters.
- 4.5 A Member believed Elexon need to expend resource on the investigation and it should be a priority. The Chair responded that Elexon's Metering and Disputes teams are also part of the investigation. There are also ongoing discussions with Parties across the industry. Elexon added that they have formed an ADR response group and that they will continue to treat the investigation as a priority.
- 4.6 A Member asked if Elexon could include steps of the process for identifying errors and how triggers work in the lessons learnt. Elexon responded they will investigate the issue itself, controls at site and monitoring process to prevent reoccurrences in future, but if such an issue were to reoccur, that it is picked up as soon as possible. Elexon added they will focus on identifying impacts on parties and that they will ensure that **the SVG chair provide an update to the SVG after the lessons learnt are presented to the PAB.**
- [ACTION 240/01]**
- 4.7 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

5. MDD Change Requests for Version 307 - (SVG240/01)

- 5.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve two General Change Requests, and note nine Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 307 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 17 February 2021.
- 5.2 A Member asked which party raised request M3735 and why the party wanted to create additional Supplier BM Units at this stage.
- 5.3 Elexon later came back with a response in AOB and advised that the party was not a new Supplier. The Member was satisfied with this response and therefore had no further concerns on the Change Request raised.
- The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** two General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 307 with a go-live date of 17 February 2021; and
- b) **NOTED** nine Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 307 with a go-live date of 17 February 2021.

6. Updates to SVG Terms of Reference - (SVG240/04)

- 6.1 Elexon has reviewed the Terms of Reference for the four BSC Panel sub-committees. This paper presented the proposed changes to the SVG ToR.
- 6.2 Members pointed out that there were grammar issues relating to gender neutral references that needed to be resolved. Members were happy for the SVG Chair to make these updates and present it to the Panel, without re-circulating to the SVG.
- The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the proposed changes to the SVG's Terms of Reference;
- b) **COMMENTED** on the proposed changes to the SVG's Terms of Reference;
- c) **ENDORSED** the updated Terms of Reference; and
- d) **NOTED** that the updated Terms of Reference will be presented to the BSC Panel in March 2021 for approval.

7. PEG Recommendations: TPDs, AFYCs, Default EACs (SVG240/06)

- 7.1 The Profiling Expert Group (PEG) has reviewed the profiling Technical Product Deliverables (TPDs), the Average Fraction of Yearly Consumption (AFYC) and Default Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) data.
- 7.2 The PEG recommended that the TPDs are used in Settlement from 1 April 2021, and that certain Default EACs are updated in Market Domain Data (MDD) for use in Settlement from 1 April 2021. The PEG also recommended that the new AFYC values are not approved.
- 7.3 In response to a question from a Member, Elexon stated that it was hard to forecast the impact of the revised values could impact industry, due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the new TPDs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2021;
- b) **APPROVED** the new set of HH Default EACs for Measurement Classes C and G;
- c) **APPROVED** that the new set of AFYC figures are not used;
- d) **NOTED** that ELEXON will raise the necessary Change Requests to update all data items in MDD; and
- e) **NOTED** that the SVAA systems will be updated with the new TPDs.

OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

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. Panel Update

- 11.1 The SVG noted the update.

12. Minutes from previous meeting

- 12.1 The SVG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting.

13. Any Other Business

- 13.1 The SVG chair requested that from next month the SVG meetings be recorded. This was agreed at the meeting and will be agreed again with a follow up email from the BSC Committee Support team. The SVG Chair also questioned if the committee was still in agreement with the 9.30 start time and there was no objection to this either.
- 13.2 A Member noted that the MRA Development Board (MDB) will end as of February 2021 and that all MDB decisions and Master Registration Agreement (MRA) changes will now be directed to the Retail Energy Code (REC).
- 13.3 A Member noted that last month, the SVG approved MDD changes for SSEN for load managed areas and there seems to be issues with three-MPAN solutions. The approved MDD changes were valid, however it may be the case that no metering solution can deliver the changes.

- 13.4 A Member queried the progress on valid combinations. Elexon responded they have liaised with the CCDG and will provide an update in the March 2020 SVG meeting.
- 13.5 A Member asked about the delay in Applicable Balancing Services Volume Data (ABSVD) data appearing in Settlement. The Chair responded they will raise this with the relevant team who will then contact them.

14. Next meeting

- 14.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 March 2021.