

## Minutes

### Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

Meeting number **242**

Venue **Elexon/Teams**

Date of meeting **6 April 2021 09:30**

Classification **Public**

#### Attendees and apologies

##### Attendees

|                     |     |  |
|---------------------|-----|--|
| Oliver Meggitt      | OLM | Chairman   |
| Sarah Ross          | SAR | Vice Chair   |
| Paige Binet         | PAB | Technical Secretary                                      |
| Elliott Harper      | ELH | Elexon, presenter  |
| Andrew Grace        | ANG | Elexon, presenter  |
| Nicholas Brocklesby | NIB | Elexon, presenter  |
| Freya Gardner       | FRG | Elexon, presenter  |
| Dnieper Cruz        | DNC | Elexon, presenter  |
| Mike Smith          | MIS | Elexon, presenter  |
| Gavin Anderson      | GAA | Elexon, presenter  |
| John Lucas          | JOL | Elexon, presenter  |
| Katie Wilkinson     | KAW | Elexon, presenter  |
| Iain Nicoll         | IAN | Elexon, presenter  |
| Nicholas Rubin      | NIR | Elexon, presenter  |
| 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   |
| 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

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| John Liddell   | JOL | SVG Member                                   |
| Kevin Woollard | KEW | SVG Member (alternate)                       |
| Jamie Greening | JAG | SVG Member                                   |
| Paul Hart      | PAH | Distribution System Operators Representative |

### OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

#### 1. Update to committee Change Proposal process (SVG242/Verbal)

1.1 Elexon presented a verbal update on the new change process.

1.2 SVG Members noted that they fully support the change given in the verbal update.

1.3 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the update.

## **2. New CP – ‘HHDC Use of D0051’ Progression Paper (SVG242/04)**

2.1 The document provided information on a new Change Proposal (CP) 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.

2.2 A SVG Member noted that they would like to see a reference in the Consultation paper about the MRA Golden Threads requirements.

2.3 Elexon noted that they will bring the paper back to the SVG on 1 June 2021 following the consultation period.

2.4 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP; and

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

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## **OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS**

### **3. CP1539 ‘Inclusion of LCCC as an Affected party in Metering Dispensation applications’ Assessment Report (SVG242/08)**

3.1 A SVG Member commented that they believed Secretary of State Approval would be required to make the changes proposed in the CP1539 solution. They further suggested that the BSC does not have the vires to account for EMR provisions and therefore it is not appropriate to include the LCCC in the Metering Dispensation application process.

3.2 A SVG Member highlighted that if Applicants do not inform the LCCC as an Affected party, the Metering Dispensation would be void. They felt this meant the CP would bring the LCCC into BSC governance.

3.3 A SVG Member highlighted that there is already a requirement under BSC Section V for Elexon to inform the LCCC of a Metering Dispensation application, so did not agree that passing the responsibility to the customer was justified.

3.4 A SVG Member questioned whether it would be more efficient to introduce a process outside of the BSC to achieve the same goal as this CP.

3.5 Elexon stated that the BSC provisions that require Secretary of State approval are defined items within BSC sections. They clarified that this CP does not amend those defined items, so this is not an issue for this CP.

3.6 Elexon explained that CP1539 is not providing the LCCC any influence over Metering Dispensation applications, rather is seeking to implement an ‘inform’ communication channel between the Applicant and the LCCC.

3.7 Elexon highlighted that legally it could be argued either way whether the LCCC should already be considered an Affected party. CP1539 will make this clear for the Applicant and to some extent this could be considered as reducing risk for the Applicant, as it could be considered the risk that the SVG highlighted already exists. Elexon also shared whilst there are BSC Section V provisions for Elexon to pass relevant information to the LCCC, it is not always able to do so due to requested confidentiality from the Applicant, which takes priority over the BSC Section V provisions. Encouraging the Applicant to have bilateral conversations with the LCCC as an Affected party will mitigate this.

3.8 Elexon suggested that they could informally ask the same questions to the Applicant at the time a Metering Dispensation is submitted, but don’t believe this would provide the same level of clarity and transparency that CP1539 will deliver to market participants.

3.9 The SVG:

- a) **REJECTED** the proposed changes to BSCP32 for CP1539;
- b) **REJECTED** CP1539 for implementation on 24 June 2021 as part of the scheduled June 2021 Release; and
- c) **NOTED** that CP1539 will also be presented for decision to the ISG on 6 April 2021.

#### 4. MDD Change Requests for Version 310 (SVG242/01)

- 4.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve six General Change Requests, and note 18 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 310 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 21 April 2021.
- 4.2 The SVG noted the paper.
- 4.3 The SVG:
  - a) **APPROVED** six General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 310 with a go-live date of 21 April 2021; and
  - b) **NOTED** 18 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 310 with a go-live date of 21 April 2021.

#### 5. Allocating New Grid Supply Points (GSPs) to a GSP Group – Barking Central (SVG242/02)

- 5.1 The National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) is registering two new Grid Supply Points (GSPs), and de-registering one existing GSP, at Barking Central. The SVG, under delegated authority from the BSC Panel, must allocate these new GSPs to a GSP Group, and approve the removal of an existing GSP from a GSP Group.
- 5.2 A SVG Member requested an effective from date as it can affect the aggregation rules. Elexon confirmed that the NETSO is looking to start operations in late 2022, but they are seeking approval now in advance of this date.
- 5.3 A SVG Member had a query on the reference mapping statement. Elexon confirmed that it is not possible to confirm this until the GSPs are live in Settlement.
- 5.4 A SVG Member shared the concern of the risk that would be posed by approving this now, and understanding that the aggregation rules wouldn't have changed by the time operations began in 2022.
- 5.5 Elexon confirmed that the work is ongoing now, so Approval is needed to carry on to the 2022 date. Elexon further confirmed that the data from meters from the feeder would not go in to Settlement until the correct time.
- 5.6 Elexon stated that they are asking the SVG only to approve the allocation of the GSPs to the relevant GSP Group. The GSP Aggregation Rules will be subject to the usual checks carried out by Elexon to ensure they are accurate prior to going live in Settlement. Elexon also confirmed that the registration and de-registration of the GSPs will take place simultaneously, in a 'big bang approach'.
- 5.7 The SVG:
  - a) **APPROVED** the allocation of GSP BARKR\_A to the Eastern (\_A) GSP Group;
  - b) **APPROVED** the allocation of GSP BARKR\_C to the London (\_C) GSP Group; and
  - c) **APPROVED** the removal of GSP BARKC1 from the London (\_C) GSP Group.

#### 6. Update on Central System and Industry Testing for Targeted Charging Review impact on MDD and LLFs (SVG242/07)

- 6.1 This paper provided an update to the SVG on the Central System and Industry Testing carried out for the significant increase in the volume of data needed to be published in Market Domain Data and Line Loss Factor data sets.
- 6.2 Elexon noted that Ofgem published a position on CMP343 via an industry circular, which proposes that Ofgem will delay the implementation of the TCR TNUOS Residual Charging changes from April 2022 to April

2023. Elexon clarified that the current understanding is that it only affects the CUSC/TNUOS changes and so the MDD and LLFCs work is still required to enable the DCUSA/DUOS changes. Ofgem already approved the DCUSA/DUOS changes, which have already been implemented and so DUOS charge changes will take effect in April 2022. A SVG Member questioned what the risk would be to Settlement if we need to make system code changes to the Central Systems and how that will be managed. They further queried what the cost would be.

- 6.3 Elexon stated that the risk to Settlement would be that it would not be able to perform the Settlement Runs in the Settlement Calendar dates if of the required system changes were not progressed.
- 6.4 Elexon confirmed that the anticipated costs of the required system changes would be £200k-240k and that the time scale would be over the next 17 weeks. A SVG Member questioned if a full regression test had been taken in to account when covering the cost and felt this testing was needed to ensure systems would continue to produce accurate data. A SVG Member stated that if the testing only focuses on code changes to the system to make it capable of loading the additional LLFCs, they felt that this would not show if there were errors elsewhere. The Member wanted to know if the cost would cover this. Elexon shared that to the testing scope is being determined to ensure that central system can continue to produce accurate data within the Settlement timescales. A SVG Member wanted to make sure there is a clear plan of what is getting de—scoped to avoid error.
- 6.5 A SVG Member questioned how this would be funded. Elexon answered that this would be through the normal Elexon funding model. The SVG member noted that, under normal circumstances, the SVG would likely not have approved that high of a number of LLFs. Another SVG Member agreed that they would like a clearer view on how this would be funded, as they felt that it was not for BSC Parties to do so as it is not a BSC Modification.
- 6.6 A SVG Member asked to clarify if the BSC Panel needed to sign off the budget for this work. They also stated that they believed the Panel would want an update on this.
- 6.7 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

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## OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS

### 7. Protocol Approval – BT Plc (BTUK) (SVG242/05)

- 7.1 Elexon invited the SVG to note that following successful protocol testing we issued Certificates of Protocol Approval to BT Plc for the Elster A1700 and A1140 (integral Outstation) Meter types.
- 7.2 The SVG noted the paper.
- 7.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** we issued BT Plc (BTUK) with Certificates of Protocol Approval for the A1700 and A1140;
  - b) **NOTED** we updated the ‘CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval’ list to include these protocol approvals;  
and
  - c) **NOTED** we issued Newscast articles notifying BSC Parties and BSC Party Agents of the protocol approvals.

### 8. Compliance Testing of the EMLite EMA1 Meter/Outstation type and Protocol Approval for TMA Data Management Ltd (HHDC) (SVG242/06)

- 8.1 Elexon invited the SVG to note that, as a result of successful Compliance and Protocol Approval testing, it issued a Certificate of Compliance to EM-Lite Ltd, and a Certificate of Protocol Approval to TMA Data Management Ltd, for the EMA1 (integral Outstation) Meter type.
- 8.2 The SVG noted the paper.
- 8.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** we have issued a Certificate of Compliance to EM-Lite Ltd for its EMA1 (integral Outstation) Meter type, against Code of Practice 10 Issue 2; and

b) **NOTED** we have issued a Certificate of Protocol Approval to TMA Data Management Ltd, a Half Hourly Data Collector, for the EMA1 (integral Outstation) Meter type, covering Market Participant IDs UDMS, BMET and ACCU.

## **9. Consumers being able to return to being NHH settled after migration under P272 (SVG242/Verbal)**

- 9.1 Elexon presented a verbal update on Consumers being able to return to being NHH.
- 9.2 A SVG Member stated that it feels like backwards steps in the progress of P272, and that the challenges from Industry will be greater. A SVG Member shared their concern of going forward with this and their observation on how Elexon have been presenting the legal team with information and felt that it can be misleading and change the progress or direction of a decision.
- 9.3 A SVG Member questioned why this is being presented to the SVG. They felt that the SVG should not be having input or guidance on the outcome if it was a decision to be made by Elexon's legal team. They further noted that, from a PAB perspective, the working principle was that this was a one way street and there would be no way of reversing back from HH to NHH.
- 9.4 Elexon noted the intention of bringing the paper to SVG was for information rather than approval. Elexon also clarified that whilst it is important to understand the intent of the process, the text in the BSC and BSCPs are what must be considered.
- 9.5 Elexon questioned if a SVG Member could help with the legal text/intent from the original P272 Modification Group to give them more of an understanding. Elexon commented that the Modification Report that went to Ofgem did state that a Profile Class 5-8 Metering System settled HH could convert to NHH if it was validly re classified.
- 9.6 A SVG member questioned exactly what the issue was. They commented that if Suppliers are approaching Elexon asking if they can do this, they believed the response should be whether the Supplier is satisfied that it is meeting its licence obligations. A SVG Member also noted that Error and Failure Resolution (EFR) plans introduced by the PAB to manage the migration following the P272 implementation date were managed on the basis of the one way street principle. They felt that to 'back track' on this view could lend itself to some difficult questions on Performance Assurance Framework management.
- 9.7 A SVG Member wanted to ensure it was made clear that the SVG has no decision on the above and will not make one.
- 9.8 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the update.

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## **CLOSED SESSION – DECISION PAPERS**

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## **OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPERS**

### **10. Options for evolving the assessment of requests to consider supply as exempt for EMR purposes and potential enduring solutions (SVG242/03)**

- 10.1 Elexon has seen an increase in enquires from organisations wishing to submit an application to the SVG in order to have supply considered as exempt for EMR purposes. These requests are currently facilitated by Elexon and brought to the SVG for decision in an unspecified format. This paper considered whether to evolve the current interim process and also examines potential enduring solutions.
- 10.2 A SVG Member questioned if a BSC Authorised Signatory would be sufficient for the Director Approval form. Elexon explained that the director approval was determined during the previous changes. The Member and wanted to clarify what happens as part of Elexon's internal process, and whether any scrutiny was given to the submitted numbers. Elexon stated that they do ask questions around the information that they are given.

- 10.3 Elexon explained that before they bring back an application to the SVG for approval, Elexon would review and get it to the correct stage it needs to be.
- 10.4 A SVG Member questioned whether there was any limitation on the number of applicants that can be handled by Elexon's central systems. A SVG Member referred back to a few years ago when the limitation on the number of participants in the central systems was increased significantly.
- 10.5 A SVG Member was concerned if there were unintended consequences with Option 2, namely a Risk in making changes for EMR to a BSC Arrangement.
- 10.6 A SVG Member would like to see a Modification raised on this for wider discussion. Another SVG Member questioned if Elexon knew the scale of interest for Option 3 and also voiced that they believe this should be an Issue Group before a Modification.
- 10.7 Elexon are aware of the interest in this and have been in contact with a lot of applicants. A SVG Member noted that Elexon had mentioned a guidance document and would like to know when the SVG will see it. Elexon noted that there is currently no fixed timeline for when the guidance document will be available, but will update the SVG as soon as there is more information.
- 10.8 The SVG:
- a) **AGREED** that Elexon should develop a more formal structured process for applications to the interim process (section 5.3);
  - b) **REJECTED** that the guidance on the process should explain the possible use of Shared SVA Meter Arrangements (Option 1);
  - c) **REJECTED** that Elexon should recommend to the BSC Panel that they raise a Modification Proposal to implement Options 2A and 2B;
  - d) **NOTED** that Option 3 would provide Suppliers with more choice on who performs ex post matching of Import and Export, and could be raised by any BSC Party as a Modification Proposal;
  - e) **AGREED** that if an application is made by an organisation and the customer changes Supplier, the application should continue to be 'active' (section 7.3);
  - f) **AGREED** that the development of the Interim Process should include the establishment of rules to underpin the maintenance and duration of any application that is approved (section 7.5); and
  - g) **AGREED** that an Issue should be raised to explore the process and proposed Options further.

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## OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

### 11. BSC Operations Headline Report

- 11.1 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

### 12. Change Report

- 12.1 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** the report.

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## OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

### 13. Actions

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

### 14. Panel Update

- 14.1 The SVG noted the update.

**15. Minutes from previous meeting**

15.1 The SVG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting.

**16. Any Other Business**

16.1 No AOB.

**17. Next meeting**

17.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 May 2021.