

Minutes

Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

Meeting number **243**

Venue **Elexon/Teams**

Date of meeting **4 May 2021 09:30**

Classification **Public**

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

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
Mike Smith	MIS	Elexon, presenter
George Crabtree	GEC	Elexon, presenter
Katie Wilkinson	KAW	Elexon, presenter
Gavin Anderson	GAA	Elexon, presenter
Chris Welby	CHW	Elexon, presenter
Sedef Kiris	SEK	Elexon, presenter
Terry Carr	TEC	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

Oliver Meggitt	OLM	Chairman
John Liddell	JOL	SVG Member
Kevin Woollard	KEW	SVG Member (alternate)
Paul Hart	PAH	Distribution System Operators Representative

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

1. MDD Change Requests for Version 311 (SVG243/01)

- 1.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve two General Change Requests, and note seven Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 311 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 19 May 2021.
- 1.2 No Comments.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** two General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 311 with a go-live date of 19 May 2021; and
- b) **NOTED** seven Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 311 with a go-live date of 19 May 2021.

2. **CP1540 'Strengthening the Qualification – Change of Ownership Process' Assessment Report (SVG243/03)**

- 2.1 This document is the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1540 which Elexon presented to the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) at its meeting on 29 April 2021 and the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and SVG at their respective meetings on 4 May 2021.
- 2.2 A SVG Member Agreed with PAB on the implementation happening in June 2021.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP537 for CP1540; and
- b) **APPROVED** CP1540 for implementation on 24 June 2021 as part of the June 2021 Release.
- c) **NOTED** that CP1540 was also be presented for decision to the;
 - PAB on 29 April 2021, and;
 - ISG on 4 May 2021.

3. **CP1541 'Use of DTC Data Flow D0004 in Half Hourly Sector' Assessment Report (SVG243/02)**

- 3.1 This document is the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1541 which Elexon presented to the SVG at its meeting on 4 May 2021. The Committee considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to approve CP1541.
- 3.2 No Comments.

The SVG:

- a) **AGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP502 CP1541 made following the CP Consultation; and
- b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP502, for CP1541; and
- c) **APPROVED** CP1541 for implementation on 4 November 2021 as part of the November 2021 BSC Release.

4. **CP1542 'Transfer the obligation to visit de-energised sites' Assessment Report (SVG243/05)**

- 4.1 This document is the Change Proposal (CP) Assessment Report for CP1542 which Elexon presented to the SVG at its meeting on 4 May 2021. The SVG considered the proposed solution and the responses received to the CP Consultation before making a decision on whether to re-consult on CP1542.
- 4.2 A SVG Member questioned how this CP fits in with the work that is being done under the Retail Energy Code (REC). Elexon stated that originally the Suppliers are responsible for their Agents and are required to have a meter reading annually and also shared that the footnote 102 provision currently has had the potential to leave the NHHDC non-compliant under the BSCP.
- 4.3 A SVG Member felt that there will be new obligations once it moved over to the REC and Elexon are suggesting that this will still work in the old way. Elexon shared that most of the BSCP514 which is meter operation is moving over to the REC but BSCP502 and BSCP504 which are for data collection are minimally impacted so will not have this problem.

- 4.4 Elexon have sent over the redlining of the BSC for the REC changes to Ofgem for the documentation to be amended but did confirmed that this part of the process is staying under the BSC so would be unaffected by the “New REC World “. A SVG Member suggested that Elexon are mindful of changes in the future.
- 4.5 A SVG Member felt that it could be inconsistent to have an explicit obligation on the Supplier as the BSCP is not explicit for other obligations on the Supplier. Elexon stated that because there is an operational issue it makes sense to be explicit on the Supplier. A SVG Member questioned the alignment between non Half Hourly and half Hourly Settlement. Elexon understood why this was being questioned and referred back to ISSUE 85 and the outcome they had on the topic with it being beneficial due to efficiency and clarity.
- 4.6 A SVG Member shared their concern on the revised wording and wanted to understand how it was an improvement on the CP as with the wording used the process is not supposed to be changed but will be. Elexon noted that the reason for the change was because it was felt that it was not clear in the original on the next steps so the paper had to improve that and make it more readable. A SVG Member pointed out the difference between the old wording and the new –(New words in redline -HHDC conducts Site Visit (which it may also schedule) to Collect Meter register reading(s) for designated SVA MS. Existing words - In respect of de-energised SVA MSs which do not include communications equipment or for which the communications equipment is not functioning correctly, make a site visit to attempt data collection)
- 4.7 A SVG Member questioned what the DC will do when they go to site now. Elexon stated that there should be no exception for anyone to not enter de-energised sites and in the case of not going they will be non compliant. Elexon stated that from the response they received, this was the correct decision for moving forward with the CP.
- 4.8 A SVG Member shared how they thought that this CP had been flawed from inception to redlining and also questioned the responses that have been shared stating that half of the responses do not agree with the CP and that the consultation responses that went out were not accurate and noted that for the Agents it is not inexplicit it is actually explicit in Section J of the code, Elexon argued that the after updating the redlining, 8/10 respondents did now support the CP. Elexon understands the concern and noted that there was lack of understanding and clarity in the initial consultation document and that is why there is a recommendation seeking a second Industry Consultation.
- 4.9 An SVG Member showed their concern on how there could be a non-zero EAC going into Settlement that could impact a Supplier for an incorrect report on a de-energised site and shared how they thought it would be impossible for this to happen. It was also felt that there should have been a report on non-compliance through error and thought of their own sent to PAB to keep check of this happening. Elexon did raise awareness on the fact that they would not be changing the process in the CP of what happens on Site Visits they would only be changing who takes accountability for it.
- 4.10 Elexon stated that it is clear in the market at the moment that the understanding is not there but felt that after talking to respondents and getting better understanding from their point of view that making the change under CP1542 would make the next steps more clear and would benefit the process.
- 4.11 An SVG Member questioned the point on the dispute final runs and the energisation project that started in 2003-2004 and the Audit findings they received ending in this becoming a Trading Dispute and wanted answers on why existing non compliances are not being progressed and wanted to know why data collectors need to have a contract to go to energised sites. Elexon stated that they are trying to give more clarity on the next steps and cannot speak on behalf of the Auditing team.

The SVG:

- a) **REJECTED** CP1542 .

CLOSED SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

OPEN SESSION – TABLED ITEMS

5. BSC Operations Headline Report

5.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

6. Change Report

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

OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

7. Actions

- 7.1 The SVG Technical Secretary confirmed the new actions raised in this meeting.

8. Panel Update

- 8.1 The SVG noted the update.

9. Minutes from previous meeting

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

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 The Vice Chair Noted the departure of three SVG Members and thanked them for their help with the committee over the years.
- 10.2 A SVG Member questioned whether Virtual Lead Parties (VLPs) were included in Aggregation Rules. Elexon stated that Secondary BM Units, which are registered by VLPs are used to provide Balancing Services to the National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) and not for Settlement. The energy in these Secondary BM Units is included in a Primary BM Unit which is used for Settlement. Elexon noted that the GSP Group Take Aggregation Rules sum the energy that it going in to (or out of) the GSP Group as opposed to what is being consumed within the GSP Group.
- 10.3 The SVG Member also asked how long after the SVG approve the allocation of a GSP does the GSP go live. Elexon shared the date that the SVG approved the allocation and the approval to energise date of GSPs presented to the SVG over the last couple of years. Timescales ranged from the next day to over a year. Elexon noted that its ideal for the GSP allocation to be presented to the SVG a about six months before the GSP goes live. Where the GSP goes live soon after the SVG meeting, it has been registered late in the process and all other Settlement requirements have been met prior to SVG approving the allocation. It was also noted that on site projects do get delayed so a SVG allocation paper may come to the SVG six months before the proposed energisation date, but then delays on site cause the energisation date to be put back.

11. Next meeting

- 11.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 June 2021.