

Minutes

Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

Meeting number **248**

Venue **Elexon/Teams**

Date of meeting **5 October 2021 09:45**

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Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Victoria Moxham	VIM	Vice Chair
Paige Binet	PAB	Chair
Lorna Lewin	LOL	Technical Secretary
Mike Smith	MIS	Elexon, presenter
Iain Nicoll	IAN	Elexon, presenter
Beth Procter	BEP	Elexon, presenter
Adam Jessop	ADJ	Elexon, presenter
Jason Jackson	JAJ	Elexon, presenter
Nicholas Rubin	NIR	Elexon, presenter
David Thomas	DAT	Elexon, presenter
Andrew Grace	ANG	Elexon, presenter
Temitope Bashorun	TEB	Elexon, presenter
George Crabtree	GEC	Elexon, presenter
Aylin Ocak	AYO	Elexon, presenter
Ivar Macsween	IVM	Elexon, presenter
Steven Bradford	STB	SVG Member
Jonathan Priestley	JOP	SVG Member
James Evans	JAE	SVG Member
Lee Stone	LES	SVG Member
Phil Russell	PHR	Distribution System Operators Representative
Paul Hart	PAH	SVG Member
Vijay CHIKOTI	VIC	SVG Member
John Jones,	JOJ	SVG Member
Ian Hall,	IAH	SVG Member
Gareth Evans	GAE	SVG Member
Tom Edwards	TOE	Panel Sponsor

Apologies

Oliver Meggitt	OLM	Chair
Kevin Woollard	KEW	SVG Member (alternate)
John Liddell	JOL	SVG Member
Simon Yeo	SIY	Distribution System Operators Representative (alternate)

1. CP1544 'BSCCo Approved EFR Representative sign-off required for any EFR plan following escalation – (SVG248/04)

1.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP538 for CP1544;
- b) **APPROVED** CP1544 for implementation on 4 November 2021 as part of the standard November 2021 Release;
- c) **NOTED** that CP1544 was also presented for decision to the PAB on 30 September 2021; and
- d) **NOTED** that CP1544 was also be presented for decision to the ISG on 5 October 2021.

2. MDD CHANGE REQUESTS FOR VERSION 316 & 317– (SVG248/01)

2.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** eight General BAU Change Requests for implementation in MDD 316 with a go-live date of 20 October 2021;
- b) **NOTED** 11 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 316 with a go-live date of 20 October 2021; and
- c) **APPROVED** five General TCR Change Requests for implementation in MDD 317 with a go-live date of 17 November 2021.

3. Approval of P402 Configurable Item changes for the February 2022 BSC Release – (SVG248/13)

3.1 An SVG Member questioned the wording of drafting in BSCP515 where it states that the DNO will 'send' the data, believing that this differed from the Modification's description of DNOs 'making the data available'. They pointed out that under the approved solution, NGESO would actually be responsible for receiving this data from LDSOs, and questioned whether this should be reflected in the BSCP redlining. Elexon responded that the preferred option by LDSOs and National Grid during assessment of P402 had been to use a Secure File Transfer Protocol, which would require the LDSO to put the data on the file transfer platform and for National Grid to collect it. The SVG Member was satisfied that the solution remained unchanged. Elexon added that the technical P402 solution had been extensively developed with an industry Workgroup and that the wording used to deliver that technical solution had been separately consulted on and that everyone was comfortable with this aspect.

3.2 Elexon did note that if this was going to present an issue going forward, the BSCP could always be amended via a Change Proposal. Finally, Elexon also emphasised that, were LDSOs to make alternative arrangements for the transfer of this information over to National Grid, Elexon and the P402 Modification would not prevent this.

The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the amendments to the documents listed in Table 1, as detailed in Attachments A-F, to be implemented on 24 February as part of the standard February 2022 BSC Release.

4. Annual AFYC Recalculation and Review Paper – (SVG248/14)

4.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **AGREED** that the PEG acts as the AFYC Review Group;
- b) **AGREED** the proposed timetable; and
- c) **AGREED** the calculation period of 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021.

OPEN SESSION INFORMATION PAPERS

5. **Amendment of BSCP516 to clarify the criteria for Non-Domestic SVA Metering Systems to be allocated to Profile Classes 3 or 4 – (SVG248/03)**

5.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP;
- b) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and
- c) **NOTED** that the CP will be presented to the SVG on 5 October 2021.

6. **Updates to BSCP601 to reflect updates to the Measuring Instruments Regulations – (SVG248/02)**

6.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP;
- b) **PROVIDED** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation; and
- c) **NOTED** that the CP will be presented to the ISG on 5 Oct 2021.

7. **Confirmation of CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval – Firmware updates to the Elster Vision/A1700/A1700i, A1140 and AS230 integral Outstation Meter Types – (SVG248/05)**

7.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that Elexon issued Elster Metering Limited, a Meter manufacturer, with updated Certificates of Compliance for the Vision/A1700/1700i, A1140 and AS230 integral Outstation Meter types, against the relevant Codes of Practice;
- b) **NOTED** that Elexon updated the 'CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval' list to include these updated firmware versions;
- c) **NOTED** that Elexon issued a Newscast article notifying BSC Parties and BSC Party Agents of the updated firmware versions; and
- d) **NOTED** that Elexon will take a similar paper to the Imbalance Settlement Group for the Vision/A1700/A1700i integral Outstation Meter types.

8. **Confirmation of CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval – Firmware update to the EM-Lite EMA1 integral Outstation Meter Type – (SVG248/06)**

8.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that Elexon issued EM-Lite Ltd, a Meter manufacturer, with an updated Certificate of Compliance for the EMA1 integral Outstation Meter type, against Code of Practice 10 Issue 2;
- b) **NOTED** that Elexon updated the 'CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval' list to include this updated firmware version; and
- c) **NOTED** that Elexon issued a Newscast article notifying BSC Parties and BSC Party Agents of this updated firmware version.

9. **Risk 11 Technical Assurance Check – (SVG248/07)**

9.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the findings of the check;

- b) **NOTED** the update from the UMSUG; and
- c) **COMMENTED** on the recommendations outlined within the Risk 11 Technical Assurance report.

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPER

10. CP1546 'Introducing DTC flows to transfer UMS Summary Inventories and Control files – (SVG248/08)

10.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

The SVG:

- a) **AGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP520 for CP1546 made following the CP Consultation;
- b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP520 for CP1546; and
- c) **APPROVED** CP1546 for implementation on 30 June 2022 as part of the standard June 2022 Release.

11. Improvement to SVG Interim Process for Exempt Supply Applications - (SVG248/09)

11.1 A SVG Member asked whether the applications are specific to the licenced Supplier and what would happen to the exemption agreement if the Supplier went out of business. Elexon replied that if a licensed Supplier had ceased to trade Elexon would be notified about who is taking over the sites and the new Supplier would take over the application. An SVG Member wanted to understand the process of how Elexon is made aware of a Supplier takeover, Elexon shared that they don't have a documented process and this is something they will take away and put in place.

11.2 **ACTION 248/49 – Elexon to document a process where a licensed supplier with an approved exempt application goes out of business and a Supplier of Last Resort is appointed by Ofgem.**

11.3 An SVG Member shared that it was their understanding that it was PFP specific, and questioned whether their application needed to be formally novated or if it lapses. An SVG member commented that it probably should be novated and suggested this needs to be reviewed.

ACTION 248/50 – Elexon to review if the PFP Energy application should lapse or be novated.

The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that the BSC Panel agreed that the SVG should resume processing applications that meet the new criteria (outlined in SVG247/05) October; and
- b) **AGREED** that applicants will use the standardised spreadsheet, SVG exempt application, and the director's declaration templates for future exempt applications.

OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

12. ADR Risk Update

12.1 A SVG Member observed that there is high amount of unrecorded microgeneration export volume in certain areas and wanted to know if it was because GSP Group _M is now trending back towards tolerance and whether that is because there is less server generation being spilled into the system. Elexon will share the question back to the issue group and provide in next month's update.

12.2 Elexon understood that these potential issues that the ADR response Group are aware of and avenues that we are looking into. A SVG Member was concerned over the amount of unmetered export and would like more information on if that is effecting the ADR as well as SVA.

ACTION 248/51 – Elexon to investigate unmetered export within the ADR.

13. Actions

13.1 The SVG Committee noted the update on open actions.

14. Panel Update

14.1 The Panel Sponsor for the SVG provided an update on proceedings at the last Panel Meeting. The SVG Committee noted the Update.

14.2 A SVG Member commented on the Credit Assessment price and how it has been steadily increasing, and sought assurance on the Credit Committee's process for determining new Credit Assessment Prices. The Panel Sponsor shared that Credit Assessment Price is there to protect other BSC Parties from the events of default under the BSC.

15. Minutes from previous meeting

15.1 The SVG agreed the minutes from the previous meeting.

16. Any Other Business

16.1 An SVG Member queried if Elexon and The SVG Committee were going to review MDD process and shared that the file is still too big and needed updating.

ACTION 248/52 – Elexon to present an agenda item on the MDD review.

An SVG Member observed that there are not as many responses to CP and Modification consultations.

ACTION 248/53 – Elexon to follow up with the Rules Management Team and OSM's for a better insight on the low responses for decisions.

17. Next meeting

17.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 November 2021.