

Minutes

Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

Meeting number	253	Venue	Elexon/Teams
Date of meeting	01 March 2022	Classification	Public

Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Victoria Moxham	VIM	Chair
Paige Binet	PAB	Technical Secretary
Mike Smith	MIS	Elexon, presenter
Stanley Dikeocha	STD	Elexon, presenter
Freya Gardner	FRG	Elexon, presenter
Jenny Sarsfield	JES	Elexon, presenter
Sedef Kiris	SEK	Elexon, presenter
Dnieper Cruz	DNC	Elexon, presenter
Christopher Day	CHD	Elexon, presenter
Lorna Lewin	LOL	Elexon, presenter
Aylin Ocak	AYO	Elexon, presenter
Mark DeSouzaWilson	MAD	Elexon, presenter
Craig Murray	CRM	Elexon, presenter
James Evans	JAE	SVG Member
Graeme Cunningham	GRC	SVG Member
John Jones	JOJ	SVG Member
Tom Edwards	TOE	Panel Sponsor
Ian Hall	IAH	SVG Member
Vijay Chikoti	VIC	SVG Member
Gareth Evans	GAE	SVG Member
Simon Yeo	SIY	Distribution System Operators Representative (alt)

Apologies

Oliver Meggitt	OLM	Vice Chair
Kevin Woollard	KEW	SVG Member (alternate)
John Liddell	JOL	SVG Member
Steven Bradford	STB	SVG Member
Phil Russell	PHR	SVG Member
Lee Stone	LES	SVG Member
Paul Hart	PAH	Distribution System Operators Representative
Jonathan Priestley	JOP	SVG Member

OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPER

1. Protocol Approvals - Energy Assets, Stark Software International and TESGL – (SVG253/08)

- 1.1 Energy Assets Group Limited (EAHH), Stark Software International Ltd (SSIL) and TESGL Limited (TESG) have applied for Protocol Approval for various integral Outstation Meter types. SSIL has also informed us of amendments to its data collection software.
- 1.1 The SVG Committee reviewed the application and had no comments.
- 1.2 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** we issued Energy Assets Group Limited (EAHH), a Half Hourly Data Collector, with Certificates of Protocol Approval for the EDMI Mk10 and Mk7 and the Honeywell/Elster A1700/A1700i, A1140 and AS230 integral Outstation Meter types;
 - b) **NOTED** we issued Stark Software International Ltd (SSIL), a Half Hourly Data Collector, with a Certificate of Protocol Approval for the EM-Lite EMA1 integral Outstation Meter type;
 - c) **NOTED** TESGL Limited (TESG), a Half Hourly Data Collector, will be using TMA Data Management Ltd (TMA) for its data collection, using approved protocols within TMA's MDR (v3.4) data collection software;
 - d) **NOTED** we updated the 'CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval' list to include the protocol approvals for EAHH and SSIL, added an entry for TESG and amended the relevant data collection system entries for SSIL; and
 - e) **NOTED** we issued Newscast articles notifying BSC Parties and BSC Party Agents of the protocol approvals for EAHH and SSIL and updates for the TESG protocol approval application and the SSIL data collection system amendments.

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPER

2. MDD Change Requests for Versions 321 – (SVG253/01)

- 2.1 This paper invited the SVG to approve eight General Change Request and note 13 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 321 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 16 March 2022.
- 2.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.
- 2.2 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** eight General BAU Change Request for implementation in MDD 321 with a go-live date of 16 March 2022; and
 - b) **NOTED** 13 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 321 with a go-live date of 16 March 2022.

3. SVG Terms of Reference – (SVG253/02)

- 3.1 Elexon reviewed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the SVG BSC Panel sub-committee.
- 3.2 Discussions were made on whether it was necessary to have a RECCo voting Member sitting on the SVG or would they be more content with just an observing Member.
- 3.3 The SVG all shared the view that the RECCo addition should be an observer not a voting member as the REC not directly impacted by any other changes but welcomed the Member attending.
- 3.4 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 2022 for approval.

4. Line Loss Factor Audit Report 2022/23 – (SVG253/04)

- 4.1 This paper reported the results of Elexon's annual audit of Line Loss Factor (LLF) values for the 2022/2023 BSC Year, performed in accordance with BSCP128. We invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) LLF values for all Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs). Elexon also invited the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) to approve the Central Volume Allocation (CVA) LLF values for all LDSOs on 1 March 2022.
- 4.2 A SVG Member raised a concern that LDSO's are still submitting files with formatting or other issues when this is an established process.
- 4.3 Elexon responded that errors increased this year due to the large volume of new LLFCs that were required for Ofgem's Targeted Charging Review. Elexon added that they performed additional validation checks as a result.
- 4.4 A view was shared that LDSO's are approaching the audit as a one off exercise every year and not taking it seriously enough. A SVG Member who understands the LDSO's backgrounds disagreed with this view and shared that from experience it takes a lot of time and effort and LDSO's try very hard to get data submissions correct first time.
- 4.5 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** that all SVA non-compliances have been resolved;
 - b) **APPROVED** the SVA LLFs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023; and
 - c) **NOTED** that we will seek the ISG's approval of the CVA LLFs at its meeting on 1 March 2022.

OPEN SESSION – INFORMATION PAPER

5. CP Progression Paper: Demand Control Event (DCE) Settlement Adjustment Process Clarifications – (SVG253/05)

- 5.1 Elexon presented this paper to the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) on 1 March 2022 to capture any comments or questions from Committee Members on this CP before we issued it for consultation.
- 5.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.
- 5.2 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 this CP was presented to:
 - o the ISG on 1 March 2022; and
 - o the SVG on 1 March 2022.

6. Exempt Supply Interim Process – (SVG253/06)

- 6.1 This paper set out the interim process for exempt supply applications, which was requested by SVG members at the November 2021 SVG meeting.
- 6.2 Elexon provided an update on the current number of approved exempt supply applications and whether the details within the application were still truthful. This was to address an action taken from the November 2021 SVG meeting. The update included an application for BPG where the exempt arrangements were not progressed.
- 6.3 An SVG Member wanted to know what the process was if an approved the Party's application had subsequently not been progressed by the party.
- 6.4 Elexon shared that the EMRS haven't received the relevant data flows for an exemption from EMR charges for import metering systems listed in the application. An SVG member asked how we will manage these going forward with a clearly defined process. Elexon proposed to update the interim process to include that when an approved exempt application is not progressed that Elexon will bring a paper to the SVG to withdraw the

approval. Elexon also agreed to bring a paper to the next SVG to withdraw the approved application for the party that was approved.

- 6.5 Elexon will update the interim process including the action that was open and also bring a paper to the next SVG for the party that was approved application.

ACTION SVG253/06

- 6.6 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the proposed interim process for exempt supply applications.

- 6.7 To address an open action, Elexon provided a verbal update from legal on whether a company's credit defaults/outstanding invoices are used in determining whether a Metering System(s) should be treated as exempt supply for the purposes of calculating CfD and CM levies/charges. The view from legal was that there are processes for dealing with unpaid invoices/credit defaults and if that is a concern in relation to the applicant it may be more appropriate to use those processes.

- 6.8 The SVG Chair added that if an Exemption was received from a party that was in default or had had resolutions applied by the BSC Panel, we would need to look at the circumstances, but there are clear guidance on if anything is related to EMR we couldn't take that into account. The BSC Panel sponsor shared that it could be a good idea that the BSC Panel needs to have an extra resolution to be able to display any Dispensations or Exemptions that might result in changing a credit position that in addition to the ones that already have.

7. CP Progression Paper: New Registration data items and processes to support the transition to MHHS – (SVG253/07)

- 7.1 This document provided information on new Change Proposal (CP) and outlined our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it would be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Circular (CPC) batch. We are presented this paper to the SVG on 1 March 2022 to capture any comments or questions from Committee Members on this CP before we issue it for consultation.

- 7.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

- 7.2 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.

8. CP1559 'Improvements to the Complex Site Process' – (SVG253/Verbal)

- 8.1 This verbal update was on CP1559 is being progressed in parallel with R0018 'Complex Sites Process Improvements' as a cross-code change.

- 8.2 The SVG Committee had no comments.

- 8.3 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the verbal update.

9. 126-E 'Allowing non-BSC Parties to apply for Metering Dispensations – (SVG253/Verbal)

- 9.1 Elexon intends to ask Panel to raise the Modification at its meeting on Thursday 10 March. We will recommend this Modification is progressed to the Assessment Phase for Workgroup Assessment.

- 9.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

- 9.2 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the verbal update.

10. 128-C 'Updating the SVA Data Catalogue documents to reflect the changes from CP1546 – (SVG253/Verbal)

- 10.1 CP1546, which was approved for implementation at the October SVG meeting, introduced two new Market Messages (formerly DTC data flows) for use in BSCP520 'Unmetered Supplies':

- UMS Inventory” (D0388) - a combined Summary Inventory and CMS Control File, sent from the UMSO to MA; and
- UMS Response” (D0389) - sent from the MA to the UMSO to accept or reject a D0388 During the assessment of CP1546, we missed the impact on the SVA Data Catalogue

10.2 The SVG Committee had no comments.

10.3 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the verbal update.

TABLED ITEMS

11. Change Report

11.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

12. Panel Update

12.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

13. ADR Update

13.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

14. Actions

14.1 The SVG Committee closed three actions and added one new action.

15. Minutes from previous meeting

15.1 The SVG Approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

16. Any Other Business

16.1 The SVG Committee had no comments.

17. Next meeting

17.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5 April 2022.