
Updates to UMSUG Terms of Reference

Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG)

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Summary **This paper invites the SVG to approve updates to the Unmetered Supplies User Group's (UMSUG's) Terms of Reference.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The UMSUG is an SVG subgroup; the UMSUG provides the SVG with advice and recommendations on the Unmetered Supplies (UMS) arrangements.
- 1.2 At the December 2022 UMSUG meeting, Elexon presented a paper ([UMSUG138/04](#)) proposing updates to the UMSUG Terms of Reference. This was drafted in response to an UMSUG action raised to investigate the current UMSUG membership, with the aim to ensure there is appropriate industry representation, knowledge and experience within the UMSUG.
- 1.3 With the transition towards Market Wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS), new types of equipment and technologies seeking to utilise UMS, and issues related to the UMS arrangements raised during the Risk 11 Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) check, it is important to ensure the UMSUG has the necessary levels of expertise within its membership to discuss and support on these matters.
- 1.4 As part of the UMSUG action, the UMSUG Terms of Reference (ToR) were reviewed and updated to support any proposed changes.
- 1.5 Following responses from UMSUG members via a recent questionnaire, Elexon also prepared and presented a list of actions to improve Elexon processes and resources based on feedback received. These actions are summarised in section 3 of this paper.
- 1.6 The UMSUG endorsed the proposed changes to the ToR and actions raised, suggesting only one minor change to the membership section, outlined below (2.2).

2. Key ToR Changes

Updates to membership

- 2.1 We have updated the list of roles that UMSUG membership is open to, which now includes: Supplier Agents, test houses and UMS system providers (e.g. Asset Management, Equivalent Meters, Central Management Systems/measured Central Management Systems (CMS/mCMS)).
- 2.2 At the December 2022 UMSUG meeting, 'UMS system providers' was originally presented as 'Asset Management system providers'. The UMSUG suggested this be updated to more broadly cover UMS system providers. This has since been reflected in the updated ToR, with some examples of UMS system providers provided in brackets. This should better future-proof the UMSUG ToR for any future UMS system types.
- 2.3 Update to the role at BEIS from 'Regulatory Delivery' to 'Office for Product Safety and Standards'

- 2.4 Increased maximum members amount from 20 to 30 to reflect current membership and to accommodate a wider range of backgrounds and expertise.

Updates to Duties of the UMSUG

- 2.5 We have updated the UMSUG duty of reviewing CMS applications to now also include mCMS applications.
- 2.6 Updated the reference to the 'OID' (Operational Information Document) to now more broadly cover 'Guidance Notes'.

Non-gendered references

- 2.7 Throughout the ToR we have removed any gendered references and replaced with non-gendered versions.

Minor Changes

- 2.8 We have updated the format of the document to reflect Elexon's current document template
- 2.9 We have made minor updates to correct numbers and references to 'Elexon' have been changed to 'BSCCo'.
- 2.10 We have made minor updates to correct references from 'MRASCo' to 'RECCo' in line with Modification P436: 'Consequential BSC changes for Switching SCR (REC 3.0)'.

3. UMSUG and Elexon Actions

- 3.1 Following the questionnaire that was distributed to UMSUG, Elexon drafted a list of actions to investigate and progress, based on feedback and suggestions received from UMSUG members. The actions are intended to improve and increase the efficiency of UMS processes:
- Update the UMSUG membership page with details about each of its members to better identify backgrounds and areas of expertise of members.
 - Identify new potential UMSUG members to approach based on new additions to the ToR, and to ensure adequate representation of current roles in membership coverage.
 - Review the monthly MDD application process to make the UMSUG review phase simpler and easier for UMSUG members to review applications. This is to include an overview and training on the current Elexon process.
 - Improve utilisation of UMS webpages to better communicate to industry any changes to UMS documentation and files (e.g. UMS spreadsheets, OID, Guidance Notes), as well as updates to progression of Industry change (e.g. MHHS).

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 We invite you to:
- a) **APPROVE** the updates to the UMSUG's Terms of Reference; and
 - b) **NOTE** the additional actions being pursued following feedback from the UMSUG.

Attachments

Attachment A – Redlined UMSUG Terms of Reference

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