

CONVERSION OF EXISTING METERED OPENREACH CABINETS TO UNMETERED

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Summary	This paper invites the Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG) to recommend to the SVG to reverse a previous ruling that states existing Openreach metered cabinets must remain metered.

1. Background

- 1.1 At the June 2020 UMSUG meeting (UMSUG128), Elexon raised during the AOB session that a Supplier had queried whether existing metered Openreach cabinets can be converted to unmetered. The UMSUG noted that during the December 2014 Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) meeting (SVG166/03), the SVG approved 45 Charge Codes for Openreach cabinets, on the condition that existing metered cabinets will remain metered.
- 1.2 The UMSUG suggested that BT Openreach prepare a paper for the September 2020 UMSUG meeting, to provide their rationale for why the previous SVG ruling should be reversed.

2. Rationale

- 2.1 BT have prepared a confidential paper (Attachment A) which outlines their rationale for why the previous SVG decision should be reversed, as well as the benefits to Settlement in converting their metered cabinets to unmetered.
- 2.2 To summarise, some of key points are:
 - BT believe that Settlement accuracy would improve due to currently metered cabinets being assigned to Profile Class 3, which has an inaccurate load profile;
 - The UMSUG recently approved a revised component-level Charge Code calculation approach, which means the UMSUG are satisfied with the accuracy of the energy calculations;
 - Openreach maintain an asset database that makes updates to inventories when changes to installations are made and
 - Moving to unmetered would reduce industry wide administration associated with managing their MPANs.
- 2.3 BT's full paper can be seen in Attachment A. Note that this attachment is confidential.
- 2.4 Elexon have reviewed BT's paper and are happy with the proposed recommendations. We invite the UMSUG to comment on the contents of BT's paper and make a decision on the proposed recommendations.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 We invite you to:
 - a) **AGREE** for Elexon to recommend to the SVG that existing metered Openreach cabinets can be converted to unmetered.

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Attachments

Attachment A (Confidential) – Openreach Cabinets

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