MSID Pair Allocation

SVA Metering System Balancing Services Register

ELEXON asked the working group how often Parties envisage updating the register. It was agreed that updates to the register on a daily basis will be unlikely. Updates are expected to occur on a monthly or quarterly basis to align with customer contracts. However, the working group noted this could increase to daily updates in the future depending on market development.

ELEXON asked how many Metering System Identifiers (MSIDs) the register should be able to accommodate and questioned whether the option to update in bulk versus one MSID at time would be beneficial. Members noted difficulty in predicting how many updates will be required until it is known how many Virtual Lead Parties (VLPs) will register. Bulk (in addition to single) uploads will be needed when updates become more frequent.

Discussions followed on the desired communication method for updating the register and the impacts this will have on Party's systems. ELEXON highlighted that the P344 Workgroup previously ruled out the Data Transfer Network (DTN) due to costs. ELEXON noted the Participation Management Platform (Salesforce), being implemented as part of ELEXON's foundation programme, could be used instead. ELEXON asked how the data would be formatted by industry, which was confirmed to be manual.

The working group asked whether data entered via the participant management platform (Salesforce) would be reusable and highlighted that it is important that Parties do not have to repeat processes unnecessarily. For example, if MSIDs are already entered, it should be possible to access to them via the front end and amend the allocation without having to re-type the entire MSID. ELEXON noted this and will consider it as part of the platform solution and is currently working towards this principle.

MSID Pair Validation

ELEXON asked whether a rejection reason code should be included in an Allocation Rejection for any MSID Pair Notifications that fail validation. It was agreed that this would be useful for Parties and it will prevent calls to the BSC Helpdesk.

Retrospective MSID Pair Allocation

ELEXON advised that the P344 Workgroup recommended that retrospective MSID Pair allocations should be limited to Settlement Days prior to the R1 Settlement Run. ELEXON asked whether there should be any further criteria limitations. The workgroup discussed the merits of limiting retrospective amendments to existing and / or rejected allocations. The working group concluded that adding this limitation would incentivise the submission of accurate data and mitigate the risk that VLP actions significantly impact later Settlement Runs.

Erroneous MSID Pair Allocation

ELEXON advised upon receiving an allocation notification it will undergo validation and, if the MSID Pair is already registered to another Secondary Balancing Mechanism Unit (SBMU), the notification will be actioned

and the losing Party will be informed through a MSID Pair Allocation Loss notification. ELEXON informed that it does not propose codifying an erroneous MSID Pair allocation process. The working group asked whether there is anything in place to stop the losing VLP/Supplier from reregistering and overwriting the allocation. ELEXON advised that there is nothing to stop this occurring and it is the Lead Party's responsibility to investigate and resolve any anomalies.

The working group raised concerns relating to how VLPs/Suppliers will validate loss notifications within the proposed allocation timescales. The working group discussed what would be an appropriate timescale and requested that the initial MSID Pair Allocation Notification timescales be extended from D-1 to D-5. It was also agreed that a simplified erroneous process should be developed that is similar to the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) erroneous transfer process. This would include the necessary mediation steps between the two Parties with a timeline of when the actions need to be taken. It was noted that these obligations will need to be considered as part of the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF).

The working group questioned how MSID Pair Loss notifications will be communicated. It was suggested that the same communications method used for the notification of allocations be used and it was noted that the erroneous process should cater for different communication methods.