



TAMEG 10 Minutes

Meeting Name	TAMEG
Date of Meeting	15 June 2011
Meeting Number	10
Venue	ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees	Keith Champion	KC	Chairman
	Pete Butcher	PB	SSE
	Jane Buxton	JB	WPD
	Tom Chevalier	TC	AMO
	Ron Cook	RC	WPD
	Matt Day	MD	npower
	Bob Dryden	BD	npower
	Rebecca Gaskill	RG	SSE
	Colin Gentleman	CG	SSE
	Sharon Head	SH	SSE
	Tim Parrock	TP	E.ON (Alternate for Alastair Barnsley)
	Stuart Pyle	SP	IMServ
	Tony Rabone	TR	EDF
	Jade Thomas	JT	EDF
	Simon Voyse	SV	ENA
	Stuart Jackson	SJ	C&C Group
	Lisa Young	LY	C&C Group
Megan Bennie	MB	ELEXON	
Mike Smith	MS	ELEXON	

Apologies	Alastair Barnsley	E.ON
	Simon Cole	EDF
	Almonzo Hamilton	npower
	Tony Neville	EDF
	Aaron Seamer	Siemens
	Colin Kristiansen	IMServ

1. Introductions

- 1.1 KC welcomed a number of new members to the group and in the interest of understanding the level of representation at the meeting KC asked for a show of hands by group. Of which there were:
- 1.2 6 MOAs (including the AMO), 3 LDSOs (including the ENA) and 5 Supplier representatives present.

2. Review of Actions

- 2.1 Action 31: Up-to-date LDSO contact list. The response rate had been poor so it was agreed that the request should be fed into the ENA, via Simon Voyse, to try and elicit a better response. The action remains open. KC agreed to draft some questions for Simon Voyse to send to the ENA.
- 2.2 Action 6.1: Monitoring pre-audit visits. This was covered in item 4 on the agenda, TAA Annual Report, so the action was closed.
- 2.3 Action 6.6: Supplier letters. ELEXON noted that costs for adding a template letter to the TAAMT had been received and were being considered.
- 2.4 Action 8.01: PAB letter re pre-Audit visits. ELEXON advised that any messages to the industry would be communicated via the responses to the BSC Audit and TAA Annual Report.
- 2.5 Action 8.02: Supplier 14 no access issues. Completed so closed.
- 2.6 Action 8.06: Guidance on CT/VT manufacturer identification. See section 7 below. Closed.
- 2.7 Action 8.08: Using NMTES to clear NCs. ELEXON suggested that this should be included with action 8.06 but agreed that it is not dependent on it and will progress as required.
- 2.8 Action 9.1: Data comparison. KC advised that approximately 3000 outstanding NCs related to CT/VT. C&C had provided some data and ELEXON had found that 186 of the 3000 could be removed. C&C had provided costs to ELEXON for removing the non compliances which need a cost benefit to be worked up before proceeding. KC asked the group whether it felt that work should be done now on 186 or wait till more data become available on the NMTES where more non compliances could be dealt with for the same costs therefore making a better business case. Several members suggested that action depends on the costs involved. KC suggested a further option is one where ELEXON simply notify MOAs and Registrant of the 186 non compliances and this was agreed the best way forward. **Action Update ELEXON** to notify MOAs and Suppliers that the relevant non compliances can be resolved in TAAMT.
- 2.9 Action 9.2: BSCP27 guidance. TR provided a draft letter from the TAMEG which was circulated for comment and was presented to the last PAB meeting as paper 123/08. Closed.

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- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

4. TAA Annual Report

- 4.1 The TAMEG queried how the TAA performed SVA CDC Checks. SJ advised that the TAA has specialised meter reading software that it takes on site to use with an infrared probe.
- 4.2 TC expressed concern about the levels of error found during the CDCC. He felt that it would be useful to get more examples and get a better picture of the scope of the error in the market. KC advised that ELEXON would ask the TAA to put some information together on the 15 instances identified in the report and circulate it to the TAMEG.

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- 4.3 With regard to measurement transformers, the TAA noted that it was sometimes hard to access rating plates on switchgear and current transformers (CTs). TC advised that MOCOPA[®] had agreed a change to allow information including the serial numbers of CTs and voltage transformers (VTs) and CT/VT ratios to be put on a label near the Meter Test Terminal Block. However, it would be for ELEXON to decide whether the TAA could rely on it or not. TC asked for ELEXON's position on this change with respect to the TAA service. KC advised that ELEXON had advised the TAA of this change and that at present there are no processes in place that would assure Settlement of the accuracy of this data. Therefore the TAA will regard this information in the same way as it does for any other circumstantial evidence it may find on site.
- 4.4 There was some debate over the TAA's recommendation given in its annual report that it should receive the D0268 flow directly to help its customers interact better with the TAAMT and provide more accurate data. Some felt that it would streamline the service while others felt that it was an unnecessary duplication of effort. It was also noted that pre-audit data cleansing could happen in the same way that pre-audit visits do and undermine the audit process.
- 4.5 BD suggested that it might be worth the TAA taking a copy of the Supplier's letter to the customer to TA checks to reassure site occupiers.
- 4.6 It was generally agreed that pre-audits do distort the TAA's findings. Various ideas were suggested for dealing with the issue of pre-audit visits including preventing any work being carried out on a meter in the 20 days prior to a TA check, allowing pre-audit visits as long as the person carrying out the check could provide full details for before and after the check, and also encouraging MOAs to be self-policing. It was agreed that a workshop would be held before the end of July to come up with some solution for the issue and, if possible, feed into the ELEXON response to the BSC Audit and TAA Annual Report. ELEXON agreed that it would circulate some dates for the workshop.

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5. May PAB Update

- 5.1 It was noted that paper 123/08, which was included with the TAMEG 10 materials, was taken to the PAB at the end of April. The PAB was keen to support the TAMEG. KC noted that the PAB Chairman, Beth Brown, has written to the TAMEG thanking it for its work thus far on behalf of the PAB. The letter adds that the PAB is keen for the TAMEG to continue its work. KC also advised the group that ELEXON will be providing regular updated to PAB on TAMEG's work and its progress.

6. Metering Equipment Responsibility – Next Steps

- 6.1 ELEXON noted that changing responsibility for Metering Equipment would require a BSC Modification and queried whether the group would be comfortable drafting a Modification for a BSC Party to pick up and raise or whether it would prefer to raise an Issue. It was agreed that the TAMEG would draft the principles behind a Modification at the workshop mentioned in paragraph 3.6 above and ELEXON would then draft a Modification based on these principles. This Modification would be circulated to TAMEG for final comment and it would be for a BSC Party to decide whether or not to formally raise it. It was suggested that such a change should be raised by a Supplier BSC Party as BSC obligations currently sit with them.

7. Technical Assurance of Metering Statistics

- 7.1 There was speculation that cancellations were being made to make sure that certain sites were not visited and checked. JT suggested that perhaps the TAA should try and find out the reasons behind cancellations to build up a clearer picture.
- 7.2 TC noted that Supplier 13 had very poor access rates. SJ advised that this was attributable to unmanned water authority sites.

8. Generic Certificates

- 8.1 RC had agreed to provide guidance in this area. JB queried what ELEXON's expectation around the guidance was. ELEXON advised that it hoped to use RC's information to determine the manufacturer of a CT so that the NMTES could be better utilised. It was suggested that there is uncertainty surrounding how this information can be used and ELEXON agreed to take an action on producing guidance on this. TR asked whether the TAA has access to historical serial numbers of CTs and VTs as they had done as much as they could (using data contained in TAAMT) to clear related non-compliances without physically having to visit each site to try and find this information. SJ took an action to look at what data was available in TAMS.

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9. AOB

9.1 JT raised an issue around rectification plans: Registrants/MOAs were providing information in an attempt to clear non-compliances but the responses from the TAA to this information were not specific enough to enable them provide suitable further information to rectify the non-compliance. ELEXON advised that it would follow this up with the TAA.

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9.2 TC noted that there had been an incident recently where a customer wanted an advanced meter fitted to a whole current site but decided to appoint a contractor who recommended the installation of a new CT and CT chamber without the LDSO's knowledge. TAMEG members were invited to contact TC if they encountered similar situations and wanted to discuss them.

9.3 TC also noted that generic dispensations were on the ELEXON website but site-specific ones were not. KC advised that this is not a TAMEG matter but to do this a paper would need to be taken to the ISG and SVG and that TC agreed to provide an AMO paper for ELEXON to progress.

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15 September 2011 at 10am.