

SVG Headline Report

Meeting Name	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
Date of Meeting	30 July 2013
Meeting Number	150
Purpose of Paper	For Information
Synopsis	This report sets out the headlines and key decisions of the most recent SVG meeting.

Committee Recommendations to the Panel

1. There were no recommendations to the Panel.

Committee Decisions under Delegated Responsibility

2. Openreach Charge Codes application – 150/01

ELEXON provided the SVG with an update on Openreach's application for Unmetered Supplies (UMS) Charge Codes for future installations of its broadband cabinets. This included a summary of the comments provided by the UMS User Group (UMSUG) at its meeting on 16 July 2013. Openreach also provided the SVG with its own response and views. ELEXON invited the SVG to decide whether to approve the specific Charge Codes applied for and, if so, whether a further condition of this approval (in addition to the conditions already agreed by the SVG at meeting 147) should be the undertaking of periodic data reviews and reports to the UMSUG to confirm whether the Charge Codes remained appropriate or should be revised.

The SVG noted that paper 150/01 and its attachments had been issued as confidential items on the basis of its shared content with the UMSUG paperwork, for which Openreach had requested confidentiality. It noted that, after the SVG paper had been issued, Openreach had requested that it be made public.

The SVG:

- **NOTED** that, during its previous discussion at meeting 147, it had agreed that it was technically possible to Meter the cabinets and that Members had been unconvinced collectively that the costs of doing so were disproportionate;
- **NOTED** that its previous discussion had therefore centred on whether the supply was small (<500W in accordance with the Statutory Instrument) and reasonably predictable;

- **NOTED** that its previous agreement in principle to the provision of UMS Charge Codes had been subject to a number of conditions, one of which was the completion of the normal Charge Code application process including ELEXON data sampling/verification;
- **REJECTED** Openreach's application for 14 revised calculated Charge Codes on the grounds that the further evidence demonstrates that the cabinets' consumption is not sufficiently predictable and that approving the Charge Codes would therefore risk inaccurate Settlement; and
- **AGREED** that ELEXON should publish SVG paper 150/01 and its attachments on the BSC Website after the meeting, providing there were no material objections from UMSUG Members (since the paper summarised the UMSUG's discussion).¹

3. MDD Change Requests for implementation in Version 206 – 150/02

ELEXON invited the SVG to approve this month's General Change Requests, and note this month's Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 206 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 14 August 2013. It also invited the SVG to approve new Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs) for two Licenced Distribution System Operators (LDSOs). The paper included a summary of the validation undertaken.

The SVG:

- **NOTED** that ELEXON had successfully completed the validation process for all of the MDD Change Requests;
- **APPROVED** the nine General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 206 with a go-live date of 14 August 2013, with the exception of removing the 14 Openreach Charge Codes from the MDD release following its decision on SVG150/01;
- **NOTED** the seven Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 206 with a go-live date of 14 August 2013; and
- **APPROVED** the proposed LLFCs for two LDSOs for use in Settlement from 14 August 2013.

4. PEG's recommendation to use default profiling data from September 2013 – 150/03

ELEXON presented the Profiling Expert Group's (PEG's) recommendation that the profiling data should be defaulted to the existing MDD. This followed the PEG's discussion of a number of issues identified in the latest Group Average Demand data that was intended to be used for the Autumn and Winter Technical Product Deliverables from September 2013. The paper also gave an update on the data issues and the work being undertaken to resolve these and prevent further reoccurrences.

¹ Openreach subsequently contacted ELEXON following the SVG meeting to state that, due to the SVG's decision, it now wished to object to the SVG paper being made public. Paper 150/01 will therefore not be published on the BSC Website.

The SVG:

- **NOTED** the issues with the Profile data;
- **AGREED** that the data is defaulted to the existing data in MDD, noting that it will not require updating; and
- **NOTED** the on-going work to resolve these issues.

5. Review of GSP Group Correction Scaling Weights – 150/04

This paper revisited ELEXON's previous analysis of the sources of error in Suppliers' Metered Volumes, which was used to set new GSP Group Correction Scaling Weights effective from April 2013. ELEXON had considered whether the analysis remains valid, and has estimated sources of error not quantified in the original work. ELEXON proposed updated GSP Group Scaling Weights based on this analysis, and asked the SVG to agree that these should be issued for industry consultation.

The SVG:

- **AGREED** that the proposed Scaling Weights should be issued for industry consultation, subject to some clarifications on points of detail raised at the meeting; and
- **RECOMMENDED** questions to include in the industry consultation.

Information Items

6. New change progression plan – 150/05

ELEXON invited the SVG to note the one new Change Proposal (CP) this month and its proposed progression timetable. ELEXON also invited the SVG to provide any comments or guidance that may help the CP development or assessment.

The SVG:

- **NOTED** that the CP will be raised; and
- **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP.

7. Future UMSUG meeting dates – 150/06

ELEXON noted its intention to provide an indicative meeting schedule for the UMSUG a year ahead, to enable more efficient scheduling of UMSUG meetings and better co-ordination with the SVG's meeting timetable. The dates/frequency of meetings can still be adjusted within-year according to business need and SVG agreement. ELEXON invited the SVG to note this approach, as discussed with the UMSUG at its meeting on 16 July 2013.

The SVG:

- **NOTED** ELEXON's intended approach to scheduling future UMSUG meetings; and
- **NOTED** that ELEXON has published the indicative UMSUG meeting dates on the BSC Website.

8. Possible impact on Suppliers of the Draft Network Code on Electricity Balancing – 150/07

The European Network for Transmission System Operators (ENTSO-E) is currently consulting on a draft of the Electricity Balancing Network Code (EBNC). ELEXON informed the SVG of the changes which the EBNC proposes to the imbalance treatment of balancing services, and that these may impact Suppliers whose customers provide such services to National Grid.

The SVG:

- **NOTED** that ENTSO-E is consulting on an initial draft of the EBNC;
- **NOTED** that the Joint European Standing Group workshop on 6-7 August provides an opportunity for Parties to understand the impact of the proposed EBNC; and
- **NOTED** that the proposed requirement for imbalance adjustments to be made in respect of all balancing services may have implications for Suppliers whose customers providing balancing services to the Transmission Company.