



SVG150 Minutes

Meeting Name	Supplier Volume Allocation Group	
Date of Meeting	30 July 2013	
Meeting Number	150	
Venue	ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	
Attendees	Kathryn Coffin Simon Fox Peter Bolitho Martin Brandt Eric Graham Phil Russell Rachael Burn Harish Mistry Tim Roberts Tom Rix Paul Hart Kevin Woollard Edd Hunter Phil Royal Andy Pilejko Tom Chevalier Max O'Connor Nick Groves James Townsend Justin Andrews Steve Francis David Barber Lawrence Jones	SVG Chairman Technical Secretary Panel Sponsor Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member (part meeting) Industry Member Industry Member Distribution System Operator Member Industry Alternate for David Jackson Industry Alternate for John Stewart Openreach (part meeting) Openreach (part meeting) Power Data Associates on behalf of Openreach (part meeting) ELEXON (part meeting)
Apologies	James Evans David Jackson Chris Pooley John Stewart	Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member Industry Member

Committee Recommendations to the Panel

1. There were no recommendations to the Panel.



Committee Decisions under Delegated Responsibility

2. Openreach Charge Codes application – SVG150/01

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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:

- a) **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;
- b) **NOTED** that its previous discussion had therefore centred on whether the supply was small (<500W in accordance with the Statutory Instrument) and reasonably predictable;
- c) **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;
- d) **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
- e) **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

¹ On 1 August 2013, Openreach subsequently contacted ELEXON to state that, due to the SVG's decision, it now wished to object to the SVG paper being made public. ELEXON has therefore not published the paper on the BSC Website. Consequently, these public minutes do not include the SVG's discussion of the confidential paper contents.

3. MDD Change Requests for implementation in Version 206 – SVG150/02

3.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve/note that month's MDD Change Requests. It also invited the SVG to approve new Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs) for two Licenced Distribution System Operators (LDSOs).

3.2 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that ELEXON had successfully completed the validation process for all of the MDD Change Requests;
- b) **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;
- c) **NOTED** the seven Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 206 with a go-live date of 14 August 2013; and
- d) **APPROVED** the proposed LLFCs for two LDSOs for use in Settlement from 14 August 2013.

4. PEG's recommendations to use default profiling data from September 2013 – SVG150/03

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 An SVG Member asked if the data is validated using a daily mini Meter Advance Reconciliation ("mini-MAR")²; and if not, suggested that it should be in order to mitigate the risk of incorrect data being used. ELEXON agreed to check with its agent.
- 4.3 The SVG Member also advised that the Enhanced Profile Administration System (EPAS) has been around for a number of years and has been used by others without issue. The Member suggested that this would either indicate human error or other system issues. ELEXON agreed that there is no evidence that EPAS itself is the issue, but confirmed that it is investigating all aspects of the process under a lessons learned exercise. ELEXON agreed to share the results of this lessons learned exercise with the SVG once completed.

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² A "MAR" is a process for comparing the advance on a cumulative register with the sum of the Half Hourly value for the Meter advance period. A "mini-MAR" is an inter-collection advance reconciliation, in accordance with BSCP502 Section 4.1.5 'Cumulative/Total Consumption Comparison'.

4.4 The SVG:

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

5. Review of GSP Group Correction Scaling Weights – SVG150/04

- 5.1 This paper revisited ELEXON's previous analysis of the sources of error in Suppliers' Metered Volumes, which was used to set new Grid Supply Point (GSP) Group Correction Scaling Weights effective from April 2013. ELEXON had considered whether the analysis remains valid, and had 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.
- 5.2 The SVG welcomed the paper and the analysis. It agreed that GSP Group Correction should be applied to SVA quantities where there was error. An SVG Member commented that the revised Half Hourly (HH) figure can be justified as the original was based on the false premise that there was no error in the HH market.
- 5.3 ELEXON confirmed that the only impact of the revised Scaling Weights would be on Settlement bills, and that no action is required by Suppliers to implement them.
- 5.4 An SVG Member noted that the error calculated for Gross Volume Correction (GVC) using data from Modification Proposal P274 may contain a spike created by the implementation of [CP1310](#)³ (which placed restrictions on the use of GVC and therefore led to an increase in instances of GVC in the run-up to its implementation). The SVG Member suggested that, if present, this spike should be removed from the analysis in order to give a truer indication of error. ELEXON agreed to confirm.

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- 5.5 ELEXON also advised that it was checking the figures used in the analysis of the HH volume errors, as the extrapolated data used from the Technical Assurance Agent checks and BSC Auditor may be an overestimate. ELEXON agreed to confirm.

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³ 'Clarifications to Gross Volume Correction Process', implemented in February 2010.

⁴ Post-meeting note: ELEXON has confirmed that the P274 analysis data did not include the CP1310 spike; therefore the figures are unchanged.

- 5.6 The SVG discussed whether the issues lay more on the supply side and whether or not the Scaling Weights should also apply to generation as proposed. The SVG also discussed whether the proposed April 2014 implementation date gave Parties adequate time, based on the Panel making the final decision at its meeting in October 2013. A Member suggested that this implementation date had been tied to the original proposed implementation date for [P272](#)⁵ (still currently with Ofgem for decision), and could be pushed back to 2015. Other Members believed that there was no direct link with P272 and/or that changing the Scaling Weights was the appropriate thing to do regardless of P272. The SVG agreed that the consultation should include specific questions in these areas, and that it would consider the responses returned before forming a view. The SVG also agreed that the consultation should ask separate questions on the proposed Scaling Weight values for Non Half Hourly (NHH) and HH error.
- 5.7 An SVG Member queried why there are 33 Consumption Component Classes when there are only 4-5 Scaling Weights. Another Member suggested that this could be looked at under Settlement Reform.
- 5.8 **The SVG:**
- a) **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
 - b) **RECOMMENDED** questions to include in the industry consultation.

Information Papers

6. New Change Progression Plan – SVG150/05

- 6.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to note the one new CP this month and its proposed progression timetable. ELEXON also invited the SVG to provide any comments or guidance that may help the CP's development or assessment.
- 6.2 An SVG Member commented that the CP had highlighted a potential issue and that they therefore supported sending it for consultation. Members had no further comments or questions on the new CP.
- 6.3 **The SVG:**
- a) **NOTED** that the CP will be raised; and
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for the CP.

⁵ 'Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8'.

7. Future UMSUG meeting dates – SVG150/06

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The SVG agreed that the proposed approach was sensible, noting that the SVG's agreement would still be needed nearer the time to formally convene an UMSUG meeting.

7.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** ELEXON's intended approach to scheduling future UMSUG meetings; and
- b) **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 – SVG150/07

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 The SVG had no comments or questions on the paper.

8.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that ENTSO-E is consulting on an initial draft of the EBNC;
- b) **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
- c) **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.

Tabled Items

9. Headlines of Panel Meeting 214

9.1 This report contained the non-confidential headlines and key decisions from the most recent BSC Panel meeting on 11 July 2013.

9.2 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

10. Trading Operations Report –214/02

10.1 This report provided an overview of the operations of the BSC for **June 2013**.

10.2 A Member asked about the variance in some of the outliers on Chart 4.04 'Annual Demand Ratio'. ELEXON noted that the SVG had discussed this at its previous meeting (see [minutes of SVG149](#)). ELEXON noted that there are no obvious issues in the underlying data and that it is continuing to monitor the data.

10.3 An SVG Member asked if ELEXON could provide an explanation at a future SVG meeting of how ADR is calculated and what it represents.

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10.4 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

11. Change Report for June 2013 – 214/03

11.1 This report provided an overview of the Change Process for **June 2013**.

11.2 The SVG:

a) **NOTED** the report.

12. Smart Update

12.1 ELEXON provided an update on recent Smart Metering Implementation Programme consultations/developments. You can find ELEXON's presentation slides [here](#).

⁶ Post-meeting note: The [Trading Operations Report User Guide](#) contains an explanation of each chart within the report. Pages 19-20 of the User Guide provide a detailed explanation of ADR.

12.2 ELEXON also noted verbally that [CP1395](#)⁷, an alternative to [CP1388](#)⁸, has now been raised and that both CPs are out for consultation. ELEXON confirmed that the two CPs would come to the SVG for decision at its meeting on 1 October 2013. An SVG Member welcomed CP1388 being reissued for consultation alongside CP1395, but considered that it would have been helpful if the consultation had asked respondents to express a preference between the two CPs. The Member suggested that this additional question should be issued as an addendum to the consultation. ELEXON agreed to feed this back, noting that it always had the opportunity to contact respondents to clarify their preference where needed (e.g. if they indicated that they supported both, or supported neither, of the CPs).

12.3 Finally, ELEXON noted verbally that the [Issue 48](#)⁹ Group had concluded its discussions and does not propose any changes to the BSC's Metering Codes of Practice for the time being. ELEXON noted that it would share the group's report with the SVG once published.

12.4 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

Verbal Updates

13. Update from the Profiling and Settlement Group

13.1 ELEXON provided an update on the business of the most recent PSRG meeting on 3 July 2013 and the intended areas of forthcoming PSRG work. The full headlines and papers from the meeting can be found [here](#) and ELEXON's presentation slides can be found [here](#).

13.2 An SVG Member asked why the update was provided verbally. ELEXON confirmed that the PSRG updates were always verbal ones, since the headline reports are publicly available.

14. Update from the Software Technical Advisory Group

14.1 ELEXON provided an update on the business of the most recent STAG meeting on 18 July 2013. Areas of business included confirming the support arrangements for deploying the Oracle upgrade to 11g, reviewing a draft CP relating to negative Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) values (see Actions updates below) and considering some potential improvements to EAC/AA reporting/logging. ELEXON noted that the STAG is still assessing the impact of the potential EAC/AA reporting improvements, and that these would come to the SVG for decision in due course if the STAG agrees to progress them.

⁷ 'Distribution of Configuration Details for Smart Meters'.

⁸ 'Meter Technical Details for Smart Meters'.

⁹ 'SMETS & Codes of Practice'.



15. Update from the Unmetered Supplies User Group

15.1 ELEXON provided an update on the business of the most recent UMSUG meeting on 16 July 2013. The full headlines from the meeting can be found [here](#).

16. BSC changes for Feed-In Tariffs Contracts for Difference

16.1 ELEXON presented an overview of DECC's proposed Feed-In Tariffs (FiTs) Contracts for Difference (CfD) mechanism and timeline, highlighting the likely changes required to the BSC, Code Subsidiary Documents (CSD) and BSC Systems. ELEXON noted that the BSC/CSD changes will be consulted on by DECC and will be designated by the Secretary of State. You can find ELEXON's presentation slides [here](#).

16.2 An SVG Member commented that the scheme only applied to generators above 5MW, and believed that the inclusion of 'FiTs' in the mechanism's name was therefore somewhat misleading.

16.3 An SVG Member asked how the procurement was being carried out when the requirements have yet to be agreed. ELEXON advised that where uncertainty remains it is making this clear in the requirements and sharing these working assumptions with DECC. ELEXON noted there is enough known to procure the new system, but that flexibility is being built into the procurement. An SVG Member also noted that the principles and key calculations of the arrangements are relatively straight forward.

16.4 An SVG Member asked how this fitted in with ELEXON's other system improvement projects. ELEXON confirmed that the different projects are aware of each other's potential impacts.

16.5 An SVG Member asked how the credit requirements were likely to be carried out. ELEXON advised that this would be separate from the BSC credit requirements, with separate letters of credit for each mechanism.

16.6 An SVG Member noted that whilst there is a minimum capacity level for generators, there isn't for Suppliers. So a Supplier with a single Metering System would be part of the CfD mechanism.

16.7 The SVG noted DECC's proposed solution of using Additional Supplier BM Units to identify Metered Volumes for Meters which are registered in the Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS). It also noted ELEXON's proposal that Additional BM Unit registrations should be made part of the MDD Fast Track process in BSC Procedure 509. An SVG Member commented that this process will work, but will result in a proliferation of data that NHH Data Aggregators already have.

16.8 ELEXON agreed to provide a further update at the next SVG meeting on 3 September 2013.

Any Other Business

17. Actions

- 17.1 **Action 134/04** – On-going. BT is experiencing issues in its technical trial with the ECI equipment. Once those problems have been ironed out it will begin a Beta trial, at which point we can contact a DC to see if they have plans to get a line to an ECI exchange. We will continue to request monthly updates from BT.
- 17.2 **Action 137/02** – On-going. ELEXON presented a draft of the CP to the STAG on 18 July. ELEXON is currently seeking a Service Provider impact assessment and intends to raise the CP for the August CPC batch. There is still a possibility that a Party will sponsor it. This action will remain open until the CP is raised.
- 17.3 **ACTION 149/01** – On hold. As agreed at SVG149, ELEXON will raise the Issue at an opportune time (e.g. in September) once some of the other current Issue Groups have concluded.

18. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- 18.1 The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed without comment.

19. Matters Arising

- 19.1 The Chairman provided an update on the status of the DTS/Portal project, noting that the Panel has agreed to form an Issue Group to consider this further and that the Panel will consider draft terms of reference for the group at its August meeting.
- 19.2 The Chairman noted that ELEXON has [awarded](#) a new, five year, combined contract for the BSC Audit and SVA Qualification services to KPMG, which will go live at the beginning of October 2013.
- 19.3 The Chairman noted that the new BSCCo Board and BSC Panel Chairman, Michael Gibbons, has been [appointed](#) and will start his term in October 2013.
- 19.4 The Chairman advised that, in early 2013, the BSCCo Board and BSC Panel had jointly commissioned an independent review of BSC governance from Bill Knight in light of the recent discussion of changes to BSCCo's vires. This [report](#) has now been published. The Chairman noted some of the key recommendations, which are not binding on the Board/Panel. The Chairman noted that the Panel Committees are mentioned on page 15 of the report, which did not propose any significant changes to the Committees' roles.
- 19.5 The Chairman noted that the BSC Panel had approved the proposed revisions to the SVG's Terms of Reference, which have therefore been [updated](#).



20. Next Meeting

- 20.1 The next SVG meeting will be held at the offices of ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW on Tuesday 3 September 2013.
- 20.2 Two SVG Members (Martin Brandt and Eric Graham) gave their advance apologies for the meeting and both appointed Vasu Mistry as their Acting Alternate. The Chairman also sent her apologies for the 3 September and 1 October SVG meetings due to her wedding and honeymoon. She confirmed that Justin Andrews from ELEXON will chair both meetings. The SVG wished the Chair well for her wedding.