

1 Appendix A - Consultation Questions and Response Form

DTSA Schedule 4 – DTSA User Group ConstitutionTo: helpdesk@electralink.co.uk

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Q1	Do you agree that Small Suppliers with fewer than 250,000 registered customers should have their own representation on the DTS User Group by the introduction of a new category of Member, Small Suppliers?
	ELEXON remains neutral regarding Small Suppliers having their own representation on the DTS User Group.
	There is a risk that if the seat is not filled it could impact the effectiveness of the DTS User Group. It would therefore be prudent to understand how we can increase the level of participation of DTS Users through other means.

Q1a	If you agree that Small Suppliers with fewer than 250,000 registered customers should have their own representation on the DTS User Group, how many Members do you think should be allocated to this new category?
	N/A

Q1b	If you are a Small Supplier with fewer than 250,000 registered customers, are you mindful to put forward a representative for the DTS User Group membership in the role of Small Supplier?
	N/A

Q2	Do you agree that iDNOs should have their own representation on the DTS User Group by the introduction of a new category of Member, iDNOs?
	ELEXON remains neutral regarding IDNOs having their own representation on the DTS User Group.
	There is a risk that if the seat is not filled it could impact the effectiveness of the DTS User Group. It would therefore be prudent to understand how we can increase the

	level of participation of DTS Users through other means.
Q2a	<p>If you agree that iDNOs should have their own representation on the DTS User Group, how many Members do you think should be allocated to this new category?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Q2b	<p>If you are an iDNO, are you mindful to put forward a representative for the DTS User Group membership in the role of iDNO?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Q3	<p>Do you agree that Green Deal Providers should have their own representation on the DTS User Group by the introduction of a new category of Member, Green Deal Providers?</p> <p>ELEXON remains neutral regarding Green deal Providers having their own representation on the DTS User Group.</p> <p>However in creating new categories and moving away from the 'any other user' category we run the risk of needing to create new seats for every type of user.</p> <p>We need to agree whether every type of user requires a seat at the DTS User Group and if so what triggers a new seat being created and how often we need to review the criteria for membership.</p>
Q3a	<p>If you agree that Green Deal Providers should have their own representation on the DTS User Group, how many Members do you think should be allocated to this new category?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Q3b	<p>If you are a Green Deal Provider, are you mindful to put forward a representative for the DTS User Group membership in the role of a Green Deal Provider?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Q4	<p>Do you agree that MRASCo should have its own representation on the DTS User Group by the introduction of a new category of Member, MRASCo?</p> <p>In a time of significant industry change having Electralink (as operators of the DTS), ELEXON (as the biggest user of the DTS) and MRASCo (as owners of the DTC) together discussing changes in a single forum can only be beneficial.</p> <p>However consideration must be given to the fact that unlike other DTS User Group members MRASCo does not use the DTS therefore</p>

	<p>their seat could be provided in an advisory (and non-voting) basis.</p> <p>An example of how this works elsewhere would be the role of National Grid on the BSC Panel – they attend but do not vote on Modifications.</p>
Q5	<p>Do you think that there should be a change to the balance between the number of Supplier and the number of DNO representatives (including iDNOs) on the DTS User Group?</p> <p>ELEXON remains neutral on the balance between Suppliers and DNOs.</p>
Q5a	<p>If you think that the balance between the number of Supplier and the number of DNO representatives on the DTS User Group should change, please indicate what you think the balance should be.</p> <p>N/A</p>
Q6	<p>Given your answers to the questions above, how many voting members do you think should make up a quorum of the DTS User Group?</p> <p>A number of industry committees operate the rule that if 50% of voting members can attend a meeting then it is considered quorate, however we appreciate that in light of the changes to the DTS User Group if seats were not filled than this number may need to be revised.</p>
Q6a	<p>In your opinion, should there be any rules relating to the minimum number of parties attending a DTS User Group meeting apart from a simple quorum calculation, for example should it be necessary to have at least one member from each category, or from a sub-set of categories?</p> <p>ELEXON believe that such an arrangement would complicate what is at the current time a straightforward process.</p> <p>Members of the DTSA User Group have the ability to 'pass' their votes to both other members as well as the chair therefore responses from all different categories should not be an issue.</p>
Q7	<p>Do you think that the membership of and voting at the DTS User Group should relate to the share of DTS Charges paid for by each category of User?</p> <p>ELEXON do not support this option as it would be not representative of all DTS Users and may create a situation where the larger DTS Users can force through change to the detriment of others.</p> <p>Changes must be voted through on their merit by DTS Users.</p>
Q8	<p>Do you think that voting at the DTS User Group should be based on a flat</p>

	majority or constituency voting?
	The current process of majority voting has served the DTS User Group well and we see no reason to overcomplicate things.

Q8a	If you think that the voting at the DTS User Group should be based on constituency voting, please explain how you would envisage that voting working and the rationale for your proposal.
	N/A

Q8b	Are there any additional voting arrangements which you would like to suggest for consideration by the DTS User Group?
	N/A