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MEETING NAME Supplier Volume Allocation Group

Meeting number 204

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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Matthew McKeon	SVG Chairman
	Chris Stock	Technical Secretary Alternate
	Mark Bygraves	Executive Sponsor
	Andy Knowles	Panel Sponsor
	Paul Hart	Distribution System Operators Member
	Simon Fox-Mella	MRASCo, attendee
	James Evans	Industry Member
	Terry Carr	Industry Member
	Paul Carman	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member
	Kristian Pilling	Industry Alternate for Martyn Edwards
	Jamie Greening	Industry Alternate (via Teleconference)
	Ian Hall	Industry Member (via Teleconference)
	Chris Pooley	Industry Member (via Teleconference)
	David Jackson	Industry Member (via Teleconference)
	Richard Dakin	Industry Alternate (via Teleconference)

Apologies	Gareth Evans	Industry Member
	Martyn Edwards	Industry Member
	Martin Brooks	Industry Member
	Roland Addicott	Industry Member
	Jonathan Priestley	Industry Member
	Kevin Woollard	Industry Member

OPEN SESSION – DECISION PAPERS

1. MDD Change Requests for Version 265 –SVG204/01

1.1 ELEXON invited the SVG to approve 10 General Change Requests, and note 12 Fast Track Change Requests, for implementation in Version 265 of Market Domain Data (MDD) with a go-live date of 14 February 2018.

1.2 The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the 10 General Change Requests for implementation in MDD 265 with a go-live date of 14 February 2018;

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- b) **NOTED** the 12 Fast Track Change Requests for implementation in MDD 265 with a go-live date of 14 February 2018;
- c) **APPROVED** the proposed LLFCs for three LDSOs for use in Settlement from 14 February 2018; and
- d) **APPROVED** the proposed LLFCs for four LDSOs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2018.

2. PEG recommendations: TPDs, AFYCs, Default EACs – SVG204/02

2.1 The PEG recommends that the TPDs are used in Settlement from 1 April 2018. The PEG also recommends that certain AFYCs and Default EACs are also updated in Market Domain Data (MDD) for use in Settlement from 1 April 2018. ELEXON noted that this was the first set where Profile Classes (PC) 5-8 were not updated, and that this would be further addressed in SVG204/09 - [CP1502 'Removal of the requirement to submit sampling data for Profile Classes 5-8 following the implementation of P272](#).

2.2 The SVG:

- a) **APPROVED** the new TPDs for use in Settlement from 1 April 2018;
- b) **APPROVED** that 112 GGPCDEACs, 772 GGPCAEACs and their corresponding sets of AFYCs are updated with effect from 1 April 2018;
- c) **APPROVED** the new set of HH Default EACs for Measurement Classes C, D and G;
- d) **NOTED** that ELEXON will raise the necessary Change Requests to update all of these data items in MDD; and
- e) **NOTED** that the SVAA systems will be updated with the new TPDs.

3. Approval of Configurable Items for February 2018 Release –SVG204/03

3.1 ELEXON invited the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) to approve the Configurable Items amended for Modifications P348/P349 and Change Proposal (CP) 1482 as part of the February 2018 Release. ELEXON also noted that for correct version control, the draft NHHDA Operations Guide v19.2 and the draft EAC/AA Operations Guide v18.3 would have the final version numbers of v20 and v19 respectively.

3.2 An SVG Member asked if this release would only impact central systems. ELEXON clarified that there were two changes. The first, an Oracle upgrade, was a technology not a functional change to Party Agent systems, and the second were due to the Modifications P348 and P349, which were changes to SVAA.

3.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** that the BSC Configurable Items listed in this paper, with the exception of the SVAA System Configurable Items, have been subject to industry review;
- b) **NOTED** that the SVAA System Configurable Items listed in this paper have not been subject to industry review, for security reasons;
- c) **NOTED** that the EAC/AA and NHHDA Operation Guides listed in this paper have not been subject to industry review; and
- d) **APPROVED** the BSC Configurable Items listed in this paper with an effective date of 22 February 2018.

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- 4. CP1495 'Introduction of a rejection response data flow for a D0170 'Request for Meter System Related Details' request from the Meter Operator Agent to the Licensed Distribution System Operator where a D0215 'Provision of Site Technical Details' response is required' – SVG204/04**
- 4.1 ELEXON has raised [DTC CP 3523](#) under the MRA to introduce a new D0170 rejection response data flow to allow Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs) to inform Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) where they do not hold certain information in regards to requests for site technical details. [CP1495](#) proposed changes to BSC Code Subsidiary Documents to reflect the introduction of the new data flow.
- 4.2 An SVG Member noted that the proposed solution was an improvement on the existing process and acknowledged that there was an issue with the D0170 data flow. However, the SVG Member felt the solution did not tackle the root causes of the issue. The SVG Member explained that if the LDSO were to hold the information, even if they were not necessarily the equipment owner, when the MOA sent the request for information, the LDSO could then provide it seamlessly. This was seen as preferable to this proposal, where the LDSO would in some cases only be able to reject the request for information. The SVG Member felt the best solution was to have the LDSO as the single source of information. ELEXON responded that this was a small part of a wider issue, and work still needed to be done to fully resolve this. The SVG Chair asked whether the wider issue stemmed from a blurring of whether the LDSO in this capacity was acting as the registrar of the Metering System or the operator of the Distribution System. If this were not explicit, it could leave room for interpretation as to whether they are responsible for holding information for equipment they are not the owner of. ELEXON responded that under the MRA, the LDSO is responsible only for equipment they have connected, whereas in its wider registrar function it is any registered metering system.
- 4.3 An SVG Member raised the concern that they were unsure to what extent LDSOs could reasonably keep track of CT/VT equipment that they didn't own and hadn't installed. ELEXON responded that this was one of the concerns raised by LDSOs in the pre-CP workgroup that recommended raising CP1495 and the LDSOs don't want to be responsible for information relating to equipment that they are not in control of.
- 4.4 An SVG Member noted that there appeared to be an issue where a Party (such as an Independent Connection Provider (ICP) or Building Network Operator (BNO)) owns equipment which is relevant to the Market, but the Party itself has not acceded to the BSC, and so there is no way to obligate them to send the correct information. The SVG Member noted that the ever increasing flexibility of customers to do this introduced a risk to Settlement. ELEXON noted that this was an industry-wide concern. The MRASCo Representative suggested contacting the Lloyd's Register, which accredits the ICPs as part of its role as administering the National Electricity Registration Scheme (NERS). At the least it could raise awareness of the issue. ELEXON acknowledged that the best way to address this may be to work with other bodies such as the MRA and the Lloyd's Register, and to look at this as a wider industry issue. It is part of the wider work ELEXON is undertaking in regards to Commissioning, however, were a Party to raise this particular Issue, we would be happy to discuss it with them in more detail.
- 4.5 An SVG Member asked if the CT Ratio is a mandatory field in the D0215 data flow, even if there aren't any CTs on site. ELEXON responded that it is only mandatory if there are CTs on site. This is detailed in Annex C of the DTC.
- 4.6 An SVG Member noted that in the Assessment Report, it stated that ELEXON would review the number of rejected D170 data flows after CP1495 goes live, and commented that this would be useful. ELEXON noted that this would be taken as an internal action. This would be achieved by interrogating the Data Transfer Network (DTN) and performing Technical Assurance Performance of Assurance Party (TAPAP) checks.
- 4.7 The SVG Member asked if the use this data flow would be added to the scope of the BSC Audit. ELEXON responded that it was being considered however the scope of the next Audit had not yet been determined.

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4.8 The SVG:

- a) **AGREED** the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP514 and BSCP515 for CP1495 made following the CP Consultation;
- b) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to SVA Data Catalogue Volume 1 and SVA Data Catalogue Volume 2 for CP1495; and
- c) **APPROVED** CP1495 for implementation on 1 November 2018 as part of the November 2018 Release.

5. CP1496 'Introduction of two data flows for the Commissioning process for Half Hourly (HH) Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) Current Transformer (CT) operated Metering Systems' – SVG204/05

- 5.1 ELEXON has raised [DTC CP 3522](#) under the MRA to introduce two new data as part of the Metering System Commissioning process. The new data flows would allow Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs), Suppliers and Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) the ability to exchange information using the Data Transfer Network (DTN). [CP1496](#) would allow those two data flows to be reflected in Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Subsidiary Documents.
- 5.2 The Chair noted that one respondent to the consultation had asked if, when raising a DTC change and a BSC change, there was a way of ensuring that comments raised against the DTC Change be referenced in the response to the BSC Change or vice-versa, to avoid repetition. ELEXON responded that there was an increasing workload involving multiple Coding bodies, and cross-Code cooperation was an increasing priority and there were already processes in place for this kind of work. However, due to deadline constraints on both sides, these CPs had to be assessed concurrently so it was not possible to reference responses from either CP in the other.
- 5.3 An SVG Member noted that the new data flows would be removing the requirement to share the original Commissioning records, and asked how this would be picked up through the TAAMT process (would there be an expectation the record be uploaded or just accept a copy of the data flows as a Commissioning record). ELEXON responded that as long as the data flow can be sent and the information shared, then this would meet the requirements. If there was a reason for concern then ELEXON could ask for hard copies of Commissioning evidence from the party that did the Commissioning. ELEXON further noted that the actual requirement for the records to be passed had been changed. The requirement was now on the Commissioning agent to hold the records, which meant that non-compliances within Technical Assurance Agent Management Tool (TAAMT) could be allocated to an LDSO, but the Commissioning agent would still be expected to upload the records to TAAMT.
- 5.4 The SVG:
- a) **APPROVED** the proposed changes to CoP4 for CP1496;
 - b) **APPROVED** CP1496 for implementation on 1 November 2018 as part of the November 2018 Release;
 - c) **AGREED** and approve the amendments to the proposed redlining for BSCP514 and BSCP515 and SVA Data Catalogue Volume 1, SVA Data Catalogue Volume 2 for CP1496 made following the CP Consultation; and
 - d) **NOTED** that CP1496 was also presented to the ISG on 16 January 2018 for decision.

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6. CP1497 'Introduction of data flows for Half Hourly Meter Operator Agents to pass on Commissioning information when there is a Change of Agent' –SVG204/06

- 6.1 ELEXON has raised [DTC CP 3522](#) under the MRA to introduce two new data flows as part of the Metering System Commissioning process. The new data flows would allow Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSOs), Suppliers and Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) the ability to exchange information using the Data Transfer Network (DTN). [CP1497](#) proposes additional uses for the two data flows detailed in CP1496.
- 6.2 An SVG Member noted that in the Bulk Change of Agent (BCoA) process, a Supplier could clear up to 20,000 meters, and asked if these two new flows would affect this process and potentially lower the BCoA limit. Another SVG Member responded that the 20,000 per network per night was to allow the MPRS to ensure everything is fully processed by 06:00 the following morning, and this would not be significantly impacted by the addition of these flows as registration systems are not updated.
- 6.3 The SVG:
- APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP514 and SVA Data Catalogue Volume 1 for CP1497; and
 - APPROVED** CP1497 for implementation on 1 November 2018 as part of the November 2018 Release.

7. CP1501 'Correction to P302 Footnote in BSCP504' – SVG204/07

- 7.1 [P302](#) introduced footnote 47 into [BSCP504](#), which references the Change of Supplier (CoS) process; the transfer of readings between the outgoing and incoming Supplier and Non Half Hourly Data Collector (NHHDC). Footnote 47 potentially introduced a clarity issue and due to the increased roll-out and implementation of smart Meters, CP1501 sought to make a Housekeeping Change to correct manifest errors and remove redundant text in BSCP504 sections 3.6.2.41 and 3.2.6.45. These amendments would avoid ambiguity in the CoS process arrangements.
- 7.2 The SVG:
- AGREED** that CP1501 is a Housekeeping CP as defined in BSCP40;
 - APPROVED** the proposed changes to BSCP504 for CP1501; and
 - APPROVED** CP1501 for implementation on 28 June 2018 as part of the June 2018 Release.

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8. CP1500 'Amend the BSCP537 Appendices to add a requirement for Suppliers and MOAs to demonstrate the ability to send and receive Smart Meter Configuration details' – SVG204/08

- 8.1 [CP1500](#) proposed to amend Balancing and Settlement Code Procedure ([BSCP](#)) 537 'Qualification process for SVA Parties, SVA Party Agents and CVA MOAs' Appendix 1 'Self Assessment Document (SAD)' and Appendix 2 'Testing Requirements'. The proposed change is to include a requirement for Suppliers to confirm they can send and MOAs to confirm they can receive D0367 data flows correctly.
- 8.2 An SVG Member asked if this change made it mandatory for a new Supplier to demonstrate the ability to send a D0367 data flow in order to become Qualified, even if the Supplier did not intend to register any customers with smart meters. ELEXON responded that in this regard it was similar to other data flows, that a Supplier must demonstrate the ability to send it either via the DTN or other agreed electronic method of transfer. An SVG Member noted that in a scenario where a Supplier had no smart meters, this seemed unnecessary and a waste of time, particularly as there weren't many smart meters in use, as the smart meter rollout wasn't due to be completed until 2020. ELEXON responded that SMETS2 Meters were already in the

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market, with Suppliers already sending D0367 data flows. New Suppliers entering the market would have to demonstrate the ability to send other data flows as laid out in BSCP514.

- 8.3 An SVG Member asked about interrelated parties, such as Suppliers and Agents that use the same internal system, how they would progress through the qualification process. ELEXON responded that this would fall under the 'via other agreed electronic means of transfer' definition.
- 8.4 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** that CP1500 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1500; and
 - c) **NOTED** that we presented CP1500 to the ISG on 16 January 2018 and to the PAB on 25 January 2018 for initial comment.

9. CP1502 'Removal of the requirement to submit sampling data for Profile Classes 5-8 following the implementation of P272' – SVG204/09

- 9.1 Due to the implementation of Modification [P272 'Mandatory Half Hourly \(HH\) Settlement Period for Profile Classes 5-8'](#), existing references to Profile Classes (PCs) 5-8 in [BSCP510 'The Provision of Sampling Data to the Profile Administrator'](#) and the 'Service Description for Profile Administration' need to be removed.
- 9.2 An SVG Member asked how PC 5-8 meters that weren't upgraded to HH would be dealt with going forward, as the number of these could be significant. ELEXON responded that the designs put forward in the Design Working Group that pertained to Mandatory HH Settlement did accommodate NHH settled meters.
- 9.3 The SVG:
- a) **NOTED** that CP1502 has been raised;
 - b) **NOTED** the proposed progression timetable for CP1502.

OPEN SESSION – UPDATES

10. Update from Unmetered Supplies User Group (UMSUG)

- 10.1 ELEXON provided an update from UMSUG, noting that the 16 January meeting had been cancelled. ELEXON reminded the SVG that ELEXON had, at a previous SVG meeting, mentioned an agreement in principle on Electrical Vehicle (EV) charging. This agreement was subject to Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) legal view on the requirement for metering if the charging infrastructure was from a lamppost. BEIS have provided the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) with some legal advice, which wasn't particularly favourable to the agreement in principle. This prompted a meeting with ELEXON and the lawyers from Ofgem, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and OLEV to clarify the difficulties with metering in the scenarios laid out in the agreement in principle. A key point of contention at this meeting was the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive and the Regulation for this, which state that EV charging should have an intelligent metering system. OLEV believe the arrangements ELEXON have put in place constitute an intelligent metering system and now ELEXON need the confirmation from BEIS to proceed to an UMSUG review.
- 10.2 An SVG Member noted the previous agreement in principle was for Ubitricity, and asked if a customer tried to plug an Ubitricity plug into a lamppost, would the customer be charged a double rate. ELEXON responded that the Ubitricity plug would be specific to Ubitricity, with programming that identified if it were being plugged into an Ubitricity socket, so that the correct GSP group could be identified. If used on another on-street socket it would not be charged by Ubitricity but by the party behind the infrastructure for that socket.

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10.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

11. Update from Design Working Group

11.1 ELEXON provided an update on the fourth Design Working Group (DWG) held on 10 January 2018. The DWG agreed five draft skeleton Target Operating Models (TOMs) for evaluation, which has been shared with Ofgem. A benchmarking meeting was scheduled for 31 January 2018 to discuss internal evaluations which would be taken to the next DWG meeting scheduled for 14 February 2018. The five TOMs would be presented at a stakeholder event scheduled for 28 February 2018.

11.2 ELEXON noted that some detail in the models was left deliberately vague; therefore some of the service groupings could be monopolies or competitive roles because there is an interaction with the Ofgem policy work on the future of Agent functions. An SVG member asked to what extent these five TOMs were limited purely to Settlement or if they also considered other areas. ELEXON responded that there was a desire that the Half Hourly Settlement piece should not impede flexibility offerings. ELEXON noted that the Design Advisory Board (DAB) have been setting some test scenarios for the five TOMS. The DWG noted that the barriers to flexibility could relate to Registration rather than Settlement. An SVG Member noted that retrieving and aggregating the data from the Meters for HH Settlement was difficult, and asked if ELEXON had contacted the Data Communications Company (DCC) to propose to use their network to facilitate this. ELEXON responded that a DCC representative was present at the DWG and the DCC were aware of the proposed requirements for data retrieval.

11.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the update.

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12. Headlines of BSC Panel Meeting 274

12.1 The Panel Sponsor presented the headlines of the latest BSC Panel meeting.

12.2 The Executive Sponsor noted that the Warm Home Discount Reconciliation scheme which had been administered by ELEXON for the past six years had been transferred to Ofgem and on Ofgem's first reconciliation in December several suppliers had failed to pay on time whereas none had ever failed during ELEXON's tenure (they have since paid). The Executive Sponsor noted that ELEXON have offered further support and training to Ofgem on this service, stressing the need to communicate clearly and often with Suppliers.

12.3 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

13. BSC Operations Headline Report

13.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

14. Change Report

14.1 The SVG:

- a) **NOTED** the report.

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OPEN SESSION – OTHER BUSINESS

15. Actions

15.1 There are no open actions.

16. Minutes from previous meeting

16.1 The previous SVG meeting was held via correspondence and therefore have no minutes.

17. Matters arising

17.1 An SVG Member requested that ELEXON look into the spike in registered domestic HH meters. ELEXON noted that this would be investigated and an update provided at the next SVG Meeting.

17.2 An SVG Member noted that ELEXON produced a report related to renewable obligations and Feed-in Tariff for Ofgem, and sought confirmation on the Consumption Component Class IDs used for this report. ELEXON responded that this information would be distributed via email prior to the next SVG Meeting.

18. Next meeting

18.1 The next SVG meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 10:00.