



SVG Final Minutes

Meeting name	SVG	Meeting no.	18
Date of meeting	9 July 2002	Time	10:30am
Venue	ELEXON Ltd 338 Euston Road London		

In attendance	Peter Davies	ELEXON
	Katherine Bergin	Industry Member
	Paul Chesterman	Industry Member
	Bob Brown	Industry Member
	Phil Russell	Industry Member
	Chris Pooley	Industry Member
	Rob Cullender	Industry Member
	Paul Jones	Industry Member
	Bruce Wyatt	Industry Member
	Andrew Neves	Distribution System Operator Member
	James Kelly	SESL
	Jill Ashby	MRASCo
	Patrick Smart	Ofgem
	David McNair	ELEXON (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jan Devito, Panel Sponsor, and Neil Magill, Industry Member.

PART I: DECISION PAPERS

1.1 Supporting Information for DSC Decision – Disputes Final Runs SVG/18/202

- 1.1.1 This paper provided the responses from Suppliers and monitoring information obtained by ELEXON in relation to the issue of erroneously large EACs / AAs (contained within draft TDC paper TDC32/1). SVG was invited to note the Supplier responses and monitoring information, and support that the Dispute Final Runs are performed for the proposed Settlement Days.
- 1.1.2 SVG noted that market levels of Supplier Energy Allocation Error (SEAE) and Gross Uncorrected Energy Error (GUEE) exceeded target significantly for the year ending September 2003. ELEXON outlined to SVG the remedial action that it was taking to address the issue in both the short and long term, as follows:
- i) Short Term Actions
- Identify and send to Suppliers the AAs / EACs with greatest impact, asking Suppliers to request that their NHHDCs address these as a priority;
 - Supplier ranking, based on SEAE impact;
 - Change of Profile Class/Change of Measurement Class process review / guidance;
 - Reconcile confirmed consumption with PARMS Serial 9 Reporting;
 - Suppliers and NHHDCs targeted by ELEXON's Operational Support Analysts (OSAs) with regard to their performance levels;

- Possible Contact list on website;
- Generic e-mail addresses;
- Another Erroneously Large EAC/AA forum in late July / early August.

ii) Long Term Actions:

- Review process for meter reading validation;
- Reduce targets for allowable error;
- Standardise format of communications between NHHDC / Supplier / ELEXON.

1.1.3 SVG supported these actions noting that unless the root causes were addressed then the problem would not go away. ELEXON was planning to raise the issue at the ELEXON Annual General Meeting. SVG noted that if change was required, then ELEXON would bring a robust case back to SVG.

SVG:

- ❑ **NOTED the Supplier responses received as detailed in Section 5 of paper TDC32/1;**
- ❑ **NOTED the cleansing activities that have been undertaken and the current market status based upon the monitoring information contained within Section 6 of paper TDC32/1;**
- ❑ **SUPPORTED that, where no exit date has been set, Dispute Final Runs be performed for Settlement Dates from 10th July 2000 to 13th August 2000 and a further 2 week contingency comprising Settlement Dates to 27th August 2000, based on the results of the cleansing activities and Supplier responses and the interim responses obtained from Suppliers and DCs to the increase in erroneous EAC/AAs;**
- ❑ **NOTED that TDC will be advised of the above and should consider this in authorising settlement data for use in Disputes Final Runs;**
- ❑ **NOTED that the levels of Supplier Energy Allocation Error (SEAE) and Gross Uncorrected Energy Error (GUEE) were projected to significantly exceed target for the year ending September 2003;**
- ❑ **NOTED and SUPPORTED the short and long term measures that ELEXON was taking to address the root causes of the issue.**

PART II: SVA DEVELOPMENTS

2.1 Progression of Half Hourly Data Estimation Technique Issues SVG/18/221

2.1.1 This paper set out a timetable for how ELEXON proposed to take forward issues relating to Half Hour (HH) data estimation. SVG was requested to approve this approach. The intention was to present a paper outlining conclusions and recommendations on how the issues could be resolved to SVG on 8 October 2002.

2.1.2 ELEXON agreed to add a Public Distribution System Operator expert to the group of experts who would be meeting to consider the issues.

Action: ELEXON

SVG:

- ❑ NOTED that ELEXON will bring together a number of industry experts to review the HH data estimation techniques;
- ❑ APPROVED the timetable for progressing this review; and
- ❑ NOTED that ELEXON will provide a paper to SVG on 8 October 2002 outlining the conclusions reached and recommending the way forward.

2.2 Authorisation of ELEXON Change Proposals relating to Amendments to the D0150 and D0268 Dataflows SVG/18/222

2.2.1 This paper invited SVG to authorise three ELEXON Change Proposals (CPs) which had been raised to effect changes to Code Subsidiary Documents to ensure consistency with changes to the D0150 and the D0268 dataflows to be implemented as a result of approved MRASCo Data Transfer Catalogue Change Proposals. SVG was also invited to note that MRASCo would initiate an industry review of the D0268 dataflow.

2.2.2 SVG agreed that in future they only needed the key details of CPs rather than all their history.

SVG:

- ❑ NOTED that the MDB have approved DTC CP3128 and rejected DTC CP3143, as a result of which, changes to the D0150 dataflow will be implemented on 28 November 2002;
- ❑ AUTHORISED CP760 with an Implementation Date of 28 November 2002, coincident with the implementation date for DTC CP3128;
- ❑ NOTED that the MDB have approved DTC CPs 3131, 3132, 3133 and 3135, which will implement changes to the D0268 dataflow, with a revised Implementation Date of 29 May 2003;
- ❑ AUTHORISED CP772 and CP804 with the Implementation of 29 May 2003, coincident with the implementation date for DTC CPs 3131, 3132, 3133, 3135 and 3144;
- ❑ AGREED that that changes to BSCP502 and PSL110 for CP772 and CP804 be issued for DLIA;
- ❑ NOTED that changes to BSCP502 and PSL110 for CP772 and CP804 will be presented for Authorisation at a subsequent SVG, subject to a favourable response to the DLIA;
- ❑ NOTED that MRASCo will initiate an industry review of the D0268 dataflow, with input from ELEXON;

- NOTED that the 29 May 2003 implementation date in bullets 3 and 4 could be effected by the Revised Electricity Metering Arrangements (REMA) proposals. If these were to change then a revised implementation date may be submitted to the SVG at a later date.

2.3 SVA Documentation Batch Release – Project Brief and PID SVG/18/223

- 2.3.1 This paper presented the draft combined Project Brief and PID for the new SVA Documentation Batch Project. SVG was invited to endorse the draft SVA Documentation Batch Project Brief and PID and to agree that the Project to develop the release should proceed under the control of the ELEXON SVA Developments Project Board.
- 2.3.2 SVG noted that all CPs were available on the ELEXON website and that if any issues were not resolved through the Detailed Level Impact Assessment (DLIA) process then these would be brought back to SVG.

SVG:

- ENDORSED the draft SVA Documentation Batch Release Project Brief and PID;
- AGREED that the SVA Documentation Batch Release Project should proceed under the control of the ELEXON SVA Project Board in accordance with the SVA Documentation Batch Project Brief and PID;
- NOTED that, subject to (ii) above being agreed, the SVA Documentation Batch Release Project Brief and PID will be authorised by the ELEXON SVA Project Board;
- NOTED the proposed Implementation Date for the SVA Documentation Batch Release of 6 December 2002; and
- NOTED that a paper documenting any proposed change in scope will be presented to SVG at a later stage should this become necessary in the light of the DLIA.

2.4 ISRA/SVAA Enhanced Maintenance Release SVG/18/224

- 2.4.1 The SVG meeting on 5 June noted the ISRA/SVAA Enhanced Maintenance Release Project Brief and PID and agreed that the ISRA/SVAA Enhanced Maintenance Release Project to develop the release should proceed under the control of the ELEXON SVA Project Board (see SVG/17/207). Since then an opportunity has developed to include a further change in this release as described in Change Proposal CP819. This paper described the proposed change to the release and invited SVG to agree to extend the scope of the ISRA/SVAA Enhanced Maintenance Release to include CP819.
- 2.4.2 ELEXON confirmed that it believed the savings indicated by the Central Service Provider could be realised.

SVG AGREED that the scope of the ISRA/SVAA Enhanced Maintenance Release Project should be extended to include the solution to CP819.

2.5 Oracle/Unix Upgrade SVG/18/225

2.5.1 The SVG and the Panel have supported the requirement to upgrade the ISRA/SVAA software to use a later version of Oracle, as support for the current version will be withdrawn. Extended Maintenance Support (EMS) and Extended Assistance Support (EAS) will be withdrawn at the end of 2002 and 2003 respectively. There is also a need to upgrade the ISRA/SVAA software from UNIX 4.0F to UNIX 5.1a as support for UNIX 4.0F will be withdrawn at the end of September 2003. SVG was invited to agree a revised plan for upgrading the ISRA/SVAA software for UNIX and Oracle and note that Project Briefs for these developments will be produced and presented to SVG for approval.

2.5.2 SVG noted there was a risk to the implementation dates if the Authority's decision on Modification Proposal P62 'Changes to Facilitate Competitive Supply on the Networks of New Licensed Distributors' was delayed beyond the end of August 2002.

SVG:

- ❑ **AGREED the proposed dates in the paper for the upgrade of the ISRA/SVAA software to support UNIX 5.1;**
- ❑ **AGREED, on the basis that P62 is approved by the Authority, the proposed dates in 1.8 above for the upgrade of the ISRA/SVAA software to support Oracle 9i;**
- ❑ **NOTED the indicative costs for the Unix and Oracle upgrades that were presented at the meeting; and**
- ❑ **NOTED that Project Briefs for the Unix and Oracle upgrades will be presented to SVG at a later date.**

2.6 Authorisation of CP764 "Publication of Updated Appendices 3.2 'Compliance Test List' and 3.3 'Protocol Approval List' separately from BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing' on the BSC Website SVG/18/226

2.6.1 This paper presented the results of the High Level Impact Assessment of ELEXON Change Proposal CP764, "Publication of updated appendices 3.2 'Compliance Test List' and 3.3 'Protocol Approval List' separately from BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing' on the BSC website", and invited SVG to authorise CP764 for implementation, without a Detailed Level Impact Assessment being carried out.

2.6.2 SVG noted that BSCP601 was jointly owned by the ISG and that the paper would be submitted to ISG for approval at their meeting on the 30 July 2002.

SVG:

- ❑ **NOTED the responses to the HLIA of CP764;**
- ❑ **AGREED that a DLIA is not required for CP764;**
- ❑ **AUTHORISED CP764 for implementation on 12 August 2002.**

2.7 Correcting Swapped Registers Project SVG/18/227

2.7.1 This paper identified processes that could be used to correct registers that have been incorrectly mapped for Settlement purposes. SVG was asked to agree the preferred method for operational use and for incorporation into the Trading Arrangements.

2.7.2 SVG noted that this was a significant issue in one GSP Group, and had been the major cause of erroneously large EACs and AAs in that GSP Group. The number of instances in other GSP Groups was not known.

SVG:

- ❑ **NOTED** the possible Processes for Correcting Swapped Registers, in section 2;
- ❑ **AGREED** that the preferred solution is that using Final and Initial Readings, described in section 2.3;
- ❑ **APPROVED** the use of this method for use in the operational environment to resolve this issue;
- ❑ **AGREED** the following meter reads should be used in order of preference:
 - the previous meter reading, if less than a month old;or;
 - the next meter reading, if a meter reading is scheduled within two months;or, if neither of the above are available;
 - commission a special reading.
- ❑ **APPROVED** that this method be considered as the basis of a Change Proposal, for incorporation into the Trading Arrangements.

2.8 Status of all Open SVA Change Proposals SVG/18/229

2.8.1 This paper presented the current status of all open SVA Change Proposals raised to address proposed changes to the Electricity Trading Arrangements. SVG was invited to note the status of all SVA Change Proposals.

SVG NOTED the status of all SVA CPs.

2.9 Non Half Hourly Metering Code of Practise (CoP8) SVG/18/230

2.9.1 ELEXON had conducted a preliminary investigation into the contents of a new NHH CoP8 to be introduced as a result of the Review of Electricity Metering Arrangements, and presented its conclusions and next steps to SVG for information.

SVG NOTED:

- ❑ the progress being made on CoP8;
- ❑ the initial draft of CoP8;
- ❑ that the contents of CoP8 will be considered by the CoP8 Expert Group; and
- ❑ the progress of Modification Proposal P88.

PART III: SVA OPERATIONS

3.1 Trading Operations Report – P/47/002

3.1.1 SVG noted the report. The next presentation to SVG would consider use of default data in the market (see 5.2.3 below).

3.2 Entry Process Status Report SVG/18/231

3.2.1 This paper summarised the progress of Entry Processes for all types of participant. SVG was invited to note the report.

SVG NOTED the contents of this paper.

PART IV: PAPERS APPROVED BY CORRESPONDENCE BY 19 JUNE 2002

4.1 Status of and Recommended Actions for new SVA Change Proposals SVG/18/219

4.1.1 This paper presented ELEXON's assessment and recommendations for SVA Change Proposals raised to address proposed changes to the Electricity Trading Arrangements. SVG was asked to agree the proposed way forward for each proposal.

SVG AGREE, by correspondence by close of play on 19 June 2002 the proposed way forward for each Change Proposal.

PART V: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Implementation of Modification Proposal P28: Review of Governance and Modification Procedures

5.1.1 SVG noted that Modification Proposal P28 had been approved by the Authority and that it would be implemented on the 10 July 2002. In future, this would mean meetings of the SVG would be held in open session (i.e. any one could attend meetings, though only members and alternates would normally be able to participate).

5.2 Arrangements for GSP Group Correction in Non Half Hourly markets (letter from British Gas)

5.2.1 A letter had been circulated to SVG from British Gas Trading (BGT) concerning the current arrangements for applying GSP Group Correction to the Non Half Hourly market as defined under Section S 9 of the Code. BGT felt that this application placed a higher risk on the NHH market and potentially created an unnecessary barrier to competition. They were considering raising a modification to address this.

5.2.2 SVG noted that the letter challenged the basis on which Stage 2 Settlement was conceived (i.e. the Half Hourly market was based on actuals and the Non Half Hourly on profiles). SVG also noted that the CPs being taken forward to address the HH data estimation techniques in SVG/18/221 may address BGT's concerns. BGT agreed to consider this and come back to the next meeting.

5.2.3 At the next SVG, the presentation on the Trading Operations Report would look at the effect of Half Hourly performance on GSP Group Correction and therefore the Non Half Hourly market.

Action: ELEXON

5.3 Actions and Minutes

5.3.1 SVG noted the updated action list and agreed the minutes from meetings 17 (5 June 2002).

PART V: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next SVG meeting will be held on the 6 August 2002 at ELEXON's offices on 10th floor, 338 Euston Road, London.