ISSUE 86 MEETING ONE SUMMARY

General Notes

The Retail Energy Code (REC) and Central Switching Service (CSS) are expected to 'go-live' on 1 April 2021. ELEXON has committed to provide suggested redlining changes to Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and its subsidiary documents (largely expected to be BSC Procedures (BSCPS)).

The time between 'pushing the button' to go-live and the actual 'go-live' date may be very short. Industry will therefore have to base any consequential changes on 'working drafts', which Ofgem are due to consult on in spring 2020. Some Issue Group Members expressed concern that this may not be enough time. Ofgem may direct Codes to have provisions for REC/CSS with 'switch-on' clauses ahead of go-live.

Ofgem will consult on the changes (expected spring 2020). It is assumed that other changes for improving BSCPs can be included alongside necessary REC/CSS changes.

MRA has consequential changes on their website showing which data flows (D-flows) will be impacted by REC/CSS.

There is expected to be another SCR (Retail Code Consolidation SCR) launched in the autumn for the transition from 'as-is' to the new arrangements, and will largely affect the BSC. It is expected changes will go to Panels Q4 2020 ahead of Ofgem decisions in Jan 2021. The Switching Programme SCR raised by Ofgem in Nov 2015, is expected to result in the changes to the BSC to facilitate the faster switching and central switching service (largely changes to BSC CSDs).

BSCP Redlining

Redlining will be against the latest baseline and will need to be updated up until the point of approval. ELEXON will ensure the latest version is available on the Issue 86 website.

BSCP501 Redlining

Several changes to the propose draft redlining were made, and agreed (see full notes for further detail).

De-registration isn't expected to be in REC but it should be in BSCPs to end Settlement obligations.

Paragraph 3.9 be what happens once after CSS events. D0209 is key, as it will stop DAs form aggregating.

Review paragraph 4.3 – data will be verified in CSS, and CSS will be the master source of information.

Need to define how MDD gets into switching. CSS is downstream so switching won't occur unless MDD is up to date.

Supplier ID reference will be removed from the MRA but, it doesn't necessarily need to happen in BSC too.

BSCP537 Appendix One

Reword paragraph 10.1.3 so a refresh can occur as required (not once a year). ELEXON to raise in Consultation responses etc.

Paragraph 12.1.1 – need to add CSS to sources of data in Guidance column.

Ofgem needs to give guidance on when qualification and re-qualifications will start for new Parties. This will affect implementation and method of implementation of BSCP537.

The PAF Review may recommend the removal of the Self-Assessment Document (SAD) out of the BSC and make it a stand-alone document but, this is still some way from being implemented, even if it is recommended.

Faster Switching timescales

Switching will not be next day but switching day plus one. It will be over WDs i.e. Mon – Fri and not Saturday.

Cooling off periods will only apply to Domestic customers and not non-Domestic.

There will be a standoff period of 5 Calendar Days between a customer electing to switch and the switch occurring.

D-Flow D0155 is not currently mandated in the BSCPs and should be added.

Various BSCPs contain references to MPAS ELEXON will need to make sure that all new references are up to date.

The Data Collector (DC) timescales shall be aligned with Meter Operator Agent (MOA).

Next Steps

The following will be covered at the next meeting:

- Review of remaining timeline spreadsheet tabs (to be updated post-meeting)
- Who should send the D0086 to be discussed at the next Issue Group meeting
- Elective HH Metering and smart Meter switching
- BSCP514 changes
- Changes beyond those required for Faster Switching that would improve BSC arrangements

ELEXON will re-issue the changes to the timeline spreadsheet for review before the next meeting.

ELEXON to share proposed changes to reflect how Unmetered Supply (UMS) switching will be affected.

Consider whether switching timescales should reflect Market-Wide HH Settlement.