REC DATA ACCESS REQUEST

VIRTUAL LEAD PARTIES

BACKGROUND

R0054 – EES Access for Virtual Lead Parties in November 2022 allowed Virtual Lead Parties (VLPs) access to the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) with address, postcode and MPAN available. These were the only data items envisaged as being required as most VLPs operated in the commercial space.

VLPs are already EES Service Users, are on the Data Access Matrix (DAM) and listed within the DAM Appendix (previously segments of Schedule 12). This request is made by a named VLP however, once approved these items will be available for all VLPs if requested as it is envisaged that the uptake of demand flexibility will increase in future.

The requester associated with this approval Levelise Limited, operates with domestic sites and aggregates them by Grid Supply Point (GSP). None of these sites will be elective Half Hourly (EHH) settled until the Market-wide roll out completes. Therefore, there is the need to validate the MPAN, check Measurement Class before any MPANs are sent to ELEXON to participate in the Balancing Mechanism (BM). In the domestic space, there is also the chance the Meter Type may be Prepayment which means that the trading services should be restricted to Export Only. This will reduce the chance of impacting any customer's supply and using up their credit unexpectedly.

There are also some ELEXON modifications (P415 and P444) coming up that require VLPs to see the customer's current provider - to negotiate the load, where settlement has conflicting information.

There are currently 18 VLPs qualified within the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC).

JUSTIFICATION FOR USE CASE

Levelise Limited is due to provide 10MW worth of balancing services to National Grid through being a VLP in the BSC. For a site to be used, it needs to be half hourly settled and grouped in 1MW batches within the same GSP. VLPs are not able to confirm either of these things without directly contacting the Customer who would then need to contact their Supplier.

DELIVERY OF THE REQUEST

- Community View
- Via an API

DATA ITEMS REQUESTED

ELECTRICITY

Data Item	Purpose	Classification (Future)
Current GSP Group (DC03)	VLPs aggregate sites for National Grid to use in the BM, this aggregation needs to be done by GSP group.	Always Open

Current Supplier (DC03)	To ensure the smart meter data VLPs are obtaining for settlement is accurate and up to date, by comparing the tariff information supplied on the smart meter against the listed Supplier.	Always Open
Measurement Class (DC03)	To understand Half-Hourly/non-Half Hourly settlement.	Always Open
Meter Type (DC03)	If a customer is on prepayment metering, VLPs will not perform imported trading services, to reduce the chance of disconnecting supply.	Always Open
Profile Class (DC03)	To validate the EHH indicator, and whether or not the site is domestic or commercial.	Always Open

DATA PROTECTION, INFORMATION SECURITY AND ANY SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional or heightened Data Protection or Information Security requirements compared with a VLPs current application for access to the existing data items (Address, Postcode and MPAN).

There are no additional considerations or technical controls required for this request.

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

On 19/12/2023, the Performance Assurance Board agreed with the Code Manager's recommendation to approve the Data Access Request.

NEXT STEPS

The Code Manager will trigger a 10-working day consultation period on 05 January 2024 to 19 January 2024. If the Consultation responses return no concerns that would require the Code Manager to revisit the request, the Code Manager will implement changes to the DAM on 26/01/2024.

Once any VLPs who wish to utilise these new data items have completed and satisfied all market entry processes, the Code Manager will instruct the Service Provider to provide the access.