Issue Form - BSCP40/04

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(mandatory by BSCCo)

Issue Title (Mandatory by originator)

Review of microgeneration processes in the CSDs

Issue Description (Mandatory by originator)

P213 'Facilitating Microgeneration 'Optional Single MPAN'' was raised by E.ON on 27 April 2007. An Initial Written Assessment was presented to the BSC Panel at its meeting on 10 May 2007, when the BSC Panel approved a three-month Assessment Procedure.

The BSC Panel considered the P213 Modification Group's Assessment Report at their meeting on 9 August and agreed that P213 should progress to the Report Phase. The Panel agreed an initial recommendation, in line with the views of the P213 Group that both P213 Proposed and P213 Alternative should not be made. This recommendation will be considered again when the Draft Modification Report is presented to the Panel on 13 September 2007.

The P213 Modification Group noted in their Assessment Report that a review of the current processes might be useful to understand if there are any process issues that are preventing a greater take up of the microgeneration processes brought in by P081 'Removal of the requirement for Half Hourly Metering for Third Party Generators at Domestic Premises'. The Group had sought feedback from industry about the reasons for the lack of microgeneration in settlement but the responses had been inconclusive. The Panel agreed with the Modification Group, and requested that the SVG raise a CP issue to consider whether any changes can be made to improve the current microgeneration processes in the Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs).

Justification for Examining Issue (Mandatory by originator)

The P213 Modification Group noted in their Assessment Report, that despite the low level of use of the current arrangements for registering NHH Export, there is a limited understanding of the reasons behind this.

Given the current drive towards microgeneration, and the P213 Modification Group and the Panel's initial view that P213 Proposed and P213 Alternative shouldn't be made; the Panel felt that it would be helpful to ensure that there are not any particular issues with current processes (as set out in the CSDs) that are holding participants back from registering microgeneration in settlement.

Potential Solution(s) (Optional by originator)

The P213 Group noted in their report that:

- some participant owned systems may be unable to support the current arrangements (with parties using manual work-arounds where necessary);
- version 3 of the D0269 and D0270 data flows is needed by Suppliers and Supplier Agents with NHH Export MPANs;
- the P213 Modification Proposal itself suggested that important information for microgeneration processes are sometimes included as only as footnotes, if P213 were to be implemented, new sections would be introduced into the BSCPs specifically describing the processes for NHH Export; and
- the current capacity limit for settling NHH Export is set by the Panel (and subject to Authority approval), and that one respondent to the second P213 Assessment Consultation suggested that this should be reviewed.

Therefore the issue group will need to consider:

- if changes are needed to the current processes within the CSDs (and if so, what these changes are);
- if changes are needed to the documentation to add clarity to the current arrangements; and
- whether, in the issue group's view, a recommendation should be made to the Panel to review the current capacity limit.

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