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Issue Title (Mandatory by originator)

Meter Administrator Market Issues

Issue Description (Mandatory by originator)

Meter Administrators were included within the scope of the BSC Audit for the first time at the 31 March 2007 Audit. The BSC Auditor raised six market issues in respect of Meter Administrators. These were:

- Utilisation of incorrect / unapproved standing data (Issue 2012)
- Lack of audit trail over MA settlement impacting information (Issue 2013)
- Performance and Monitoring of PECU arrays (Issue 2014)
- BSCP/PSL inconsistencies (Issue 2016)
- Incorrect Calculation of Consumption passive and dynamic meters (Issue 2017)
- Continuity of Meter Administrator duties (Issue 2018).

Full details of these market issues can be found in -

http://www.elexon.co.uk/documents/Participating_in_the_Market/Performance_Assurance_Framework - BSC_Audit - Market_Issue_Documents/Meter_Administrator_(MA).pdf

Justification for Examining Issue (Mandatory by originator)

The BSC Auditor has identified a number of areas of non-compliance in Meter Administrator processes. The recommendations made by the Auditor include ELEXON reviewing existing requirements in certain areas and issuing guidance in other areas. ELEXON needs to call upon industry expertise in order to a) review the Auditor's recommendations b) review requirements and c) draft appropriate guidance.

Potential Solution(s) (Optional by originator)

It is proposed that an issue group is convened to review the BSC Auditor's recommendations in respect of each of these Audit issues. The group would need to include Meter Administrators, Suppliers and possibly UMSOs and is likely to include members of the former Unmetered Suppliers Expert Group (UMSEG), which was used to explore solutions to the Non Half Hourly UMS market issues raised in the March 2006 Audit. ELEXON would use the group to liaise with Meter Administrators to understand the problems underlying the audit issues and to determine how best we can facilitate Meter Administrators becoming compliant in the relation to the issues noted.

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