



Modification Circular

To BSC Change Administrators (BCAs) / Party
Agent Change Administrators (PACAs) /
Core Industry Document Owners

No. MC00083

From ELEXON Modifications

Date 15 April 2004

P159 'Extending the Scope of E-mail Communications under the Code': **Detailed Level Impact Assessment**

P159 seeks to extend the current provisions within the Balancing and Settlement Code regarding use of e-mail, in order to authorise e-mail as an acceptable medium for individual notices and communications given in accordance with paragraph H 9.2 of the Code. Currently, H 9.2 only expressly provides for individual notices and communications between Parties to be sent by post or fax.

A number of Balancing and Settlement Code Procedures already provide for e-mail communications between Parties (including BSCCo), and P159 would therefore largely confirm existing practice whilst removing any perceived inconsistency between the provisions of the Code and of these BSCPs.

However, authorisation of e-mail for all notices and communications would also cover communications which are not currently sent by such means. In line with the suggestion of the Proposer of P159, the Governance Standing Modification Group has therefore developed a set of express exceptions where it believes that it would not be appropriate for certain communications to be sent solely by e-mail.

P159 covers communications between the following parties under the Code and Code Subsidiary Documents:

- BSCCo (including BSC Clearer);
- The Panel (including Panel Subcommittees, Modification Groups and respective secretaries);
and
- BSC Parties (including the Transmission Company).

P159 therefore has no impact upon BSC Agents, Party Agents or the Authority. No impact on any other Core Industry Document has been identified by the GSMG.

More information can be found in the attached Requirements Specification.

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Detailed Level Impact Assessment

Parties, Party Agents and Core Industry Document Owners are requested to review the attached Requirements Specification and respond to the questions included in the response form attached to this circular. Responses are required by **5pm on Thursday 22 April 2004**.

In particular, small Parties are invited to provide views as to any additional resource impacts, or performance issues, for smaller participants in maintaining e-mail systems under P159.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are unable to meet this deadline, as it may not be possible for the Modification Group to consider late responses. No response to this circular will be taken to mean that your organisation is not impacted by the proposed changes.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the ELEXON Helpdesk on 020 7380 4222 or email helpdesk@elexon.co.uk.

Kind Regards

Change Planning

Attachments:

- P159: Requirements Specification.

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MC00083: Detailed Level Impact Assessment of P159

Please provide responses to the following questions:

1. Would the Proposed Modification, as outlined in the attached Requirements Specification, impact your organisation? Yes/No*
2. If yes, please provide a description of the impact, any costs incurred, and the implementation timescale required:
3. Any other comments:

Name: _____

BCA/PACA/CID Owner* _____

Organisation: _____

Date: _____

*Please delete as appropriate