

## Modification Proposal

**MP No: 63**  
(mandatory by BSCCo)

**Title of Modification Proposal** (mandatory by proposer):

Change Of Contract Management of MPAN's For Data Collector, Data Aggregator And Meter Operator.

**Submission Date** (mandatory by proposer): 06th January 2002

**Description of Proposed Modification** (mandatory by proposer):

Currently The BSC allows for the replacement of the Party Agent as pursuant under section J Party Agents. Specifically under section 4, 'The Appointment and Replacement of Party Agents' further detailed in 4.2 the 'Replacement'. This fully documents how each Party may arrange for any Party Agent for which it is responsible to be removed from time to time provided a replacement Party Agent shall have been appointed and registered in accordance with section J with effect from the date of removal of the removed Party Agent.

The following BSCPs describe the areas in which the current change of Party Agent is addressed:

BSCP 504 3.2.3 describes in full the process to Change of NHHDC for an existing SVA Metering System not concurrent with a Change of Supplier (effective from 1 April 2000)

BSCP 504 3.2.4 describes in full the process to Change of MOA for an existing SVA Metering System (effective from 1 April 2000).

BSCP 504 3.2.5 describes in full the process to Change of NHHDA for an existing SVA Metering System not concurrent with a Change of Supplier (effective from 1 April 2000)

It has been identified that The BSC Code and Supplementary documents the BSCP's have been designed to utilise the change of Party Agent process where low numbers are attributed. There has been data flow restrictions in the form of maximum daily flows of 20,000 which hamper the Industry from changing DC, DA or MO in Bulk. It also does not allow the Industry to choose the most efficient and best Party Agent for its customers.

The BSC does not support a supplier if they wished to change Party Agent; for example, if 2 million customers needed to be switched to a more cost efficient DC in bulk. Under current agreed data flow caps it would take approximately 6 months to manage effectively all data transfers once migrated. The main IT systems at Elexon would not be able to cope with the increase in data flow transfer from additional suppliers wishing to pursue this option as currently only British Gas are carrying out the change of Party Agent. Therefore it is proposed that an alternative method be discovered for dealing with the change of Party Agent.

The above amendment will facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Code in Section B paragraph 1.2.1, in particular 1.2.1 (b) (iii) promoting effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and promoting such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity.

**Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address** (mandatory by proposer):

BSC Section J.4 is in conflict with with the relevant BSC objectives.

**Impact on Code** (optional by proposer):

BSC Section J.4  
BSCP 504 3.2.3  
BSCP 504 3.2.4  
BSCP 504 3.2.5

**Impact on Core Industry Documents** (optional by proposer):

N/a

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### Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties (optional by proposer):

There will be impact on BSC Systems but this is unclear at this stage dependant on how bulk migration mitigates the flow of data.

### Impact on other Configurable Items (optional by proposer):

N/a

### Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives (mandatory by proposer):

The Applicable BSC Objectives are set out in paragraph 3 of Condition C3 of the Transmission Licence, as follows:

- (c) Promoting effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) promoting such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity;
- (d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements.

This modification addresses shortcomings in the BSC.

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