

**Modification Proposal P63: Change of Contract Management of MPANs for DCs, DAs and MOs**

**A consultation document developed on behalf of the Volume Allocation Modification Group**

**For Attention of Parties, Party Agents and Supplier Meter Registration Agents**

**Date of Issue:** 28 March 2002

**Responses Due:** 5pm 10 April 2002 (To: [Modifications@elexon.co.uk](mailto:Modifications@elexon.co.uk))

**1. Introduction**

Modification Proposal P63 was raised by British Gas Trading on 6 January 2002. The Modification Proposal suggests that an obligation is placed within the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) to ensure that it is possible to undertake changes of Party Agent for large volumes of metering systems. The Modification Proposal suggested that there was an existing restriction of 20,000 transfers within ELEXON systems and process<sup>1</sup>.

The Initial Written Assessment (IWA) was produced and presented to the Balancing and Settlement Code Panel at their meeting on 17 January 2002. The IWA proposed that the Modification Proposal be submitted to the Definition Procedure and that this work be undertaken by the Volume Allocation Modification Group (VAMG).

A Definition Procedure consultation document was issued on 20 February 2002 outlining the issues identified by both the IWA and the VAMG. The consultation requested BSC Parties identify any further issues they would like the Modification Group to consider on the P63 Modification Proposal as well as provide information relating to their preferred implementation options.

The Definition Report was presented to the Panel at their meeting of 14 March 2002, the Panel determined that Modification Proposal P63 be submitted to the Assessment Procedure.

**2. Modification Group Discussion**

At their meeting on 26 March 2002, the VAMG requested further information relating to the specific volume constraints for each Party/Party Agent/Supplier Meter Registration Agent (SMRA) systems and processes and further requested that ELEXON issue a consultation requesting Parties, Party Agents and SMRAs to provide this information.

Copies of all papers relating to Modification Proposal P63 and its progression through the Definition Procedure can be found on the BSC Website (<http://www.elexon.co.uk>).

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<sup>1</sup> During the progression of the Modification Proposal through the Definition Procedure, the VAMG recognised that the constraints mentioned in the Modification Proposal did not exist within any ELEXON systems or processes and that these constraints existed in Party, Party Agent or SMRA systems.

The VAMG met on 26 March 2002 to discuss the assessment of the Modification. Brief notes of the meeting have been provided and are attached to this consultation document.

The VAMG recognised the confidentiality of Parties, Party Agents or SMRAs providing detailed information about the specification and capacity of their systems and processes. Therefore the VAMG proposed that following the provision of responses to ELEXON, confidentiality should be maintained by the removal of any identifying information when the collated information is presented to the VAMG.

### **3. Consultation**

This consultation requests respondents to provide information relating to the processing constraints that exist within their systems or processes. The level of the constraints identified will assist the VAMG to assess Modification Proposal P63. Whilst it is recognised that there may be total daily processing limits for a normal working day, the VAMG also requested information relating to constraints that may exist were a bulk Change of Agent process to be appropriately scheduled on a one-off basis, for example in the event of Party Agent failure.

**You are invited to provide a response in respect of the questions on the attached pro-forma.**

Please send your responses by 5pm Wednesday 10 April 2002 to the following email address:  
[Modifications@elexon.co.uk](mailto:Modifications@elexon.co.uk)

Please entitle your email 'P63 Assessment Consultation 1'

Any queries on the content of the consultation pro-forma should be addressed to Richard Clarke (020 7380 4304). Email address: [Richard.Clarke@elexon.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Clarke@elexon.co.uk)