



**Modification Proposal P77: Multiple Interconnector BM Units**  
**A consultation document developed on behalf of the Interconnector**  
**Modification Group (IMG)**

**For Attention of:** Parties, Interconnector Users, Interconnector Administrators,  
Interconnector Error Administrators and the System Operator

**Date of Issue:** 13 May 2002

**Responses Due:** 12 noon Monday 27 May 2002 (To: [Modifications@elexon.co.uk](mailto:Modifications@elexon.co.uk))

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Modification Proposal P77 Multiple Interconnector BM Units, was raised by Scottish and Southern Energy plc on 4 April 2002. The Modification Proposal suggests that an Interconnector User (IU) should be allowed to register up to two additional BM Unit pairs (each pair comprising one Consumption BMU and one Production BMU), such that the IU is able to offer a more realistic view of the dynamic capabilities of the types of plant available in the balancing mechanism. The proposer suggests that this would provide the System Operator with a better choice when accepting bids and offers.

The Initial Written Assessment (IWA) was produced and presented to the Balancing and Settlement Code Panel at their meeting on 18 April 2002. The IWA recommends that the Modification Proposal be submitted to the Assessment Procedure and that this work be undertaken by a new modification group, the Interconnector Modification Group (IMG), made up of members of the Imbalance Settlements Group (ISG) and interested industry participants. The Panel agreed this recommendation.

An initial assessment of the Modification Proposal identified the following areas of impact:

- The Balancing and Settlement Code:
  - Section K – References within paragraph 5.5 which refer to a single pair of BM Units for each Party will be amended so as to allow for the registration of additional BM Unit pairs (Production and Consumption) by a Party trading across an Interconnector.
  - Section Q – References to individual BM Units will need to be put into a plural form.
- BSC Systems and processes
  - Possible change to the Central Registration Agent software to allow multiple Interconnector BM Units per Party.
- Other Systems and Processes
  - Potential Impact on Transmission Company, Interconnector Administrator, Interconnector User and Interconnector Error Administrator systems and processes.
- Documents Potentially Impacted
  - British Grid Systems Agreement
  - Use of Interconnector Agreement
  - Interconnector Framework Agreement Access Rules (and subsidiary documents)
  - Scottish Interconnector Access and Allocation Codes
  - Scottish Grid Codes



## **2. MODIFICATION GROUP DISCUSSION**

At their meeting on 30 April 2002, the IMG discussed the issues raised in the IWA and notes of this meeting are attached to this document.

Copies of all papers relating to Modification Proposal P77 and its progression through the Assessment Procedure can be found on the BSC Website (<http://www.elexon.co.uk>).

## **3. CONSULTATION**

This consultation seeks respondent's views on the issues raised by the Modification Proposal and in particular, whether the Modification Proposal better facilitates the applicable BSC Objectives.

For information the applicable BSC objectives are;

- (a) The efficient discharge by the Transmission Company of the obligations imposed under the Transmission Licence;
- (b) The efficient, economic and co-ordinated operation by the Transmission Company of the Transmission System;
- (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.

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

Please send your responses by **12 noon Monday 27 May 2002** to the following email address:

[Modifications@elexon.co.uk](mailto:Modifications@elexon.co.uk)

Please entitle your email '**P77 Assessment Consultation 1**'

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