
Paper Title	Modification Proposal P52: non Party Access to BMRS via the High Grade Service
Date of issue	January 15 th 2002
Deadline for Responses	January 23 rd 2002
Purpose of Paper	To seek Party views on Modification Proposal P52
Synopsis	Modification Proposal P52 was submitted to the Assessment Procedure in December 2001, with an Assessment Report due to the February meeting of the BSC Panel. As part of the Assessment Procedure, ELEXON is seeking Party views on a number of key issues associated with the Modification.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Modification Proposal (Modification Proposal) P052 'Non Party Access to BMRS via the High Grade Service' was submitted on 14th November 2001 by SEEBOARD Energy Limited. The Modification Proposal seeks to modify the BSC such that non Parties would be able to access the BMRS via the High Grade Service, which currently is only possible via the Low Grade Service to non Parties.
- 1.2 On 13 December 2001, the Panel reviewed the Initial Written Assessment (IWA) relating to the Modification Proposal prepared by ELEXON, and agreed that the Modification Proposal should be submitted to the Reporting Modifications Group (the Group) under the Assessment Procedure, as described in Section F2.6 of the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). The purpose of the procedure is to establish whether or not the Modification would better facilitate achievement of the 'Applicable BSC Objectives' (contained in Appendix II for reference). An Assessment Report will be produced and presented at the Panel meeting on 14 February 2002.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

- 2.1 An important part of the Modification Assessment Procedure is consultation with BSC Parties to seek their views on the proposed change. To facilitate the Consultation Process a number of targeted questions are posed in Appendix I to this paper.
- 2.2 The deadline for responses to this consultation paper is **5.00pm on Thursday 23rd January.**

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List of enclosures

Appendix I: Consultation Questionnaire

Appendix II: Applicable BSC Objectives

Appendix III: Modification Proposal P52 – Non-Party Access to the BMRS via the High Grade Service

APPENDIX I – CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Modification Proposal P052 'Non party access to BMRS via the High Grade Service' Consultation Questionnaire

Name:

Organisation:

Response Provided on behalf of (BSC Parties):

Please note that YES, NO answers are requested for clarity, however, the reasoning behind these responses is also sought to enable a greater understanding of the issues and opinions.

No.	Question	Response
1	Do you agree with the principles behind P052 i.e. Access to non Parties of BMRS Data via the High Grade Service?	Yes / No Comments:
2	Do you believe that P052 better facilitates the Applicable BSC Objectives, as defined in the Transmission Licence Condition 7A paragraph (3)? If so, which BSC Objective(s) and how?	Yes / No Comments:
3	Do you believe that the same level of service should be given to non Parties as is given to Parties? If so, why?	Yes / No Comments:

No.	Question	Response
4	Do you agree that non Parties should be charged in accordance with section D (BSC Cost Recovery and Participation Charges) as Parties currently are?	Yes / No Comments:
5	Do you think that non Parties should be required to participate in Qualification tests?	Yes / No Comments:
6	<p>What are the potential material benefits of implementing P052:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to your organisation? ▪ to the industry? 	Comments:
7	Does the Modification Proposal raise any other issues that should be considered as part of the Assessment Procedure?	Yes / No Comments:

APPENDIX II – APPLICABLE BSC OBJECTIVES

For reference, the 'Applicable BSC Objectives' contained in Condition C3 (3) of the Transmission Licence are as follows:

- (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.

APPENDIX III – MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Modification Proposal	MP No: 52 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
Title of Modification Proposal <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> Non-Party Access to the BMRS via the High Grade Service	
Submission Date <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> 14 November 2001	
Description of Proposed Modification <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> This Modification is being raised to address the issues identified in Panel paper 32/018. Currently, the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) does not allow non Parties access to the High Grade Service and, even if it did, it does not contain provisions that would allow ELEXON to charge for the service. In addition, ELEXON has indicated that one non Party already has access to the High Grade Service and other non Parties have indicated an interest in obtaining one. The purpose of this Modification is to extend the provisions of the BSC to allow non-Parties access to this service, and to charge them for the service in accordance with the arrangements for Parties that are currently specified in Annex D3 3.1 d and e, and 3.4, of the BSC. The Modification also seeks to put in place arrangements to allow ELEXON to recover the charges specified in Annex D3 3.1 d and e, and 3.4, that should have been levied, since Go-live, for the service that has been provided to one non Party.	
Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> That the BSC does not currently allow non Parties access to the BMRS High Grade Service and does not allow for such a service to be charged for.	
Impact on Code <i>(optional by proposer):</i> Annex D3 and Section V 2.3.1 will need to be amended. Other Sections may also be affected.	
Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by proposer):</i>	
Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties <i>(optional by proposer):</i> None anticipated.	
Impact on other Configurable Items <i>(optional by proposer):</i> The Communications Requirement Document may be affected.	

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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 7A of the Transmission Licence, as follows:

- (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.

This Modification will better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives in the following key way.

By allowing wider access to BMRS data, in a usable form, it will promote understanding of the operation of the NETA arrangements by both potential new entrants and existing market players and hence better facilitate effective competition.

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