
Paper Title Modification Proposal P50: Consultation on Alternative Modification

Purpose of Paper For Consultation

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Synopsis During the Assessment Procedure for Modification Proposal P50, which seeks to make BM Aggregation Report Data available to non-BSC parties, the Modification Group decided that the Modification would not better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives. Instead, the Group proposed an 'Alternative Modification'. The initial version of the alternative proposal was sufficiently different from the original proposal to require consultation with BSC Parties. Subsequent changes to the details of the alternative proposal, made by the Modification Group, require ELEXON to issue this further consultation document that supersedes the previous questionnaire issued.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Modification Proposal P50 ('the Modification') seeks to make the 'BM Unit Aggregation Report' available to non-BSC parties. UK Coal Mining Ltd raised the Modification on the 8th of November 2001. ELEXON presented an Initial Written Assessment (IWA) of the Modification to the BSC Panel ('the Panel') on the 13th of December 2001, where it was agreed that the Modification should proceed to the Assessment Procedure
- 1.2 In January 2002, the Modification Group ('the Group') commissioned an impact assessment, sought legal advice on confidentiality issues, and consulted BSC Parties on whether the Modification would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC objectives.
- 1.3 After considering the legal advice and consultation responses received, the Group decided that the Modification would not better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives. Were the original proposal implemented there would be no parity in disclosure of information between supply and generation – only CVA metered volumes would be made available to non-BSC parties. In addition, under the original proposal, the anonymity of data relating to individual 'directly connected demand sites'¹(DCDSs) and CVA-registered Licence Exempt Generators (LEGs) could not easily be ensured.
- 1.4 The Group developed and recommended an Alternative Modification – the creation of a new report, containing generator output and supplier consumption data, that would ensure the anonymity of individual DCDSs and individual CVA-registered LEGs.

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¹ Directly connected demand site' is not a Code defined term and refers to directly connected (i.e. CVA registered) importing BM Units such as large industrial demand premises (i.e. BM Units where import exceeds export for all or the vast majority of Settlement Periods). A list of all such BM Units will be compiled by ELEXON through liaison with BSC Parties.

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- 1.5 A consultation questionnaire on the Alternative Modification initially developed by the Group was issued on the 8th of February 2002. The Group subsequently revised the details of this alternative proposal, making a fresh round of consultation necessary. Therefore, please ignore the consultation questionnaire issued previously and accept ELEXON's apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

2. THE ALTERNATIVE MODIFICATION

- 2.1 The Alternative Modification constitutes a new report containing metered volume information for both consumption and generation, which would also ensure the anonymity of individual DCDSs and individual CVA-registered LEGs. In addition, the proposed report would maintain parity of disclosure of metered volume data between the demand-side and the supply-side – thus providing a more complete picture of the market than the original proposal.
- 2.2 The new report would be based on the existing 'Settlement Report' (SAA-I014), which, unlike the BM Aggregation Report, contains metered volumes for consumption as well as generation BM Units. However, all confidential commercial data and data unrelated to the requirements of the Modification would be removed. In addition, the anonymity of individual DCDSs would be ensured either through removal of data relating to such sites (i.e. 'reporting option 1') or by aggregating the relevant data into a total supplier market share (i.e. 'reporting option 2'). Both reporting options would remove data relating to CVA-registered LEGs.

3. THE CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

- 3.1 A questionnaire, seeking Party opinion on the proposed Alternative Modification, is attached in Appendix A of this paper. The deadline for responses to this questionnaire is 12.00 on Monday 4th March 2002.

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List of enclosures

Appendix A: Revised Consultation Questionnaire