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Consumption.**

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1 INTRODUCTION

At its meeting on 18th October 2001, the BSC Panel reviewed the Initial Written Assessment of Modification Proposal P043, Provision of Annualised Advance (AA) and Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) data. At its meeting on 18th October 2001 the BSC Panel agreed that this proposal should be submitted to the VA Modification Group under the Assessment Procedure as described in section F2.6 of the Balancing and Settlement Code. A copy of the Initial Assessment of Modification Proposal P043, which includes a copy of Modification Proposal P043 in Annex 1, can be found on the BSC website at www.elexon.co.uk.

The Panel agreed that the Modification Group should include in the Assessment Report: -

- alternative solutions to the issues raised by the Modification Proposal (including possible solutions outside the scope of the BSC and its supporting systems);
- an assessment of the extent to which the Modification Proposal facilitates the Applicable BSC Objectives (given that the Modification Proposal itself does not address this;
- an assessment of which parties would benefit from the Modification Proposal and, in the light of the Applicable BSC Objectives, recommend how any costs (including but not necessarily limited to the cost of changes to central systems) might most appropriately be recovered.

The Modification Group was also asked to consult with any classes of Parties and Party Agents who would incur additional costs as a direct result of the solutions considered.

The VA Modification Group must prepare a written report for the Panel that includes the following matters (see BSC Annex F-1):

- (a) an analysis of whether the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives;
- (b) an assessment or estimate (as the case may be) of the impact of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification on BSC Systems, processes and costs;
- (c) an assessment of the impact of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification on Core Industry Documents;
- (d) an assessment of the impact of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification on Parties in general (or classes of Parties in general) and Party Agents in general, including the changes which are likely to be required to their internal systems and processes and an estimate of the development, capital and operating costs associated with implementing the changes to the Code and to Core Industry Documents;
- (e) an assessment of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification in the context of the statutory, regulatory and contractual framework within which the Code sits (taking account of relevant utilities, competition and financial services legislation);
- (f) the Modification Group's proposed Implementation Date(s) for implementation (subject to consent of the Authority) of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification.

2 MODIFICATION GROUP DETAILS

This Consultation Paper has been prepared by the Volume Allocation Modification Group (VAMG) following a meeting of the group on 25 October 2001. The Membership of the Modification Group was as follows:

Peter Davies	ELEXON (Chairman)
Graham Smith	Western Power Distribution (S West) (Proposer)
Bob Brown	St Clements Services
Rob Cullender	BGT
Richard Harrison	NPower
Paul Jones	Power Gen (Not present at meeting)
Neil Magill	Scottish Power
Chris Pooley	Campbell Carr
Phil Russell	TXU-Europe
Colin Garland	OFGEM
Clare Talbot	NGC
John Lucas	ELEXON
David McNair	ELEXON (Secretary)

In Attendance:

Richard Grimsey	ELEXON (P043 Lead Analyst)
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3 DEFINITION OF MODIFICATION PROPOSAL P43

Modification Proposal P43 was submitted by Western Power Distribution (S West) on 1 October 2001. The proposal was raised in order to modify the BSC to require the Non Half Hourly Data Collector (NHHDC) to send AA and EAC data to the relevant Public Distribution System Operator (PDSO) in addition to the relevant Supplier.

Section S, paragraph 2.3.2 (i), and Annex S-2, paragraph 4.3 1 (i), of the BSC require the NHHDC to provide Metered Data and Metering System reports to the relevant Supplier and the relevant Distribution System Operator. However, the BSC is unclear as to which specific reports are to be sent to the PDSO.

BSCP504 'Non-Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS', PSL120 'Non Half Hourly Data Collection' and the SVA Data Catalogue refer to the NHHDC sending AA and EAC data to the Non-Half Hourly Data Collector (NHHDA) and the relevant Supplier. The relevant PDSO is not a recipient of this data flow.

The Modification Proposal states that following separation of the Supply and Distribution Businesses, the PDSO no longer has access to AA and EAC data. The Modification Proposal also states that the PDSO requires an accurate forecast of consumption to enable it to calculate loading on its network and to forecast demand and suggests amending the BSC so as to require the NHHDC to send AA and EAC data additionally to the PDSO. This would also require modifications to BSCP504, PSL120 and the SVA Data Catalogue to require the NHHDC to send AA and EAC data to the PDSO as well as to the relevant NHHDA and the relevant Supplier.

The Modification raises a number of issues as described in the Initial Written Assessment (see Section 1 above) and which the Modification Group discussed. In addition, the Modification Group also considered two other issues: -

- whether the proposed Modification better facilitated the Applicable BSC Objectives; and
- whether the BSC could be changed to meet a Distribution Business requirement (N.B this issue is being discussed with the ELEXON Legal Adviser).

4 ALTERNATIVES IDENTIFIED BY MODIFICATION GROUP

The Modification Group has identified two possible alternatives to the provision of AA and EAC data. These are: -

- An Alternative Modification which would require NHHDCs or NHHDA's to provide PDSOs with a regular 'snapshot' of AA and EAC data, e.g. monthly, quarterly or annually; or
- An Alternative Proposal for PDSOs to install their own metering systems at Feederlevel in their own networks. This proposal would not require any change to the BSC or Code Subsidiary Documents and would be optional for PDSOs.

5 CONSULTATION AND HIGH LEVEL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

As required by its terms of reference, the VA Modification Group is carrying out a consultation and impact assessment of the Modification Proposal, the Alternative Modification and the Alternative Proposal. Attachment 1 provides the consultation questions and Attachment 2 provides the form for the high level impact assessment.

Please send your response **by 5pm on Monday 19th November 2001** to the following e-mail address: modifications@elexon.co.uk. Please entitle your e-mail 'P043 Consultation Response'.

ATTACHMENT 1: - MODIFICATION PROPOSAL P043 CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

This section can now be found in the attachment Annex 1.

ATTACHMENT 2: MODIFICATION PROPOSAL P043 HIGH LEVEL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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