

Modification Proposal	MP No: 88 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
Title of Modification Proposal <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> Introduction of obligations in relation to SVA Metering, Meter Operator Agents and Equipment Owners.	
Submission Date <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> 31 May 2002	
Description of Proposed Modification <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> The role of the SVA Meter Operator Agent in relation to the Equipment Owner should be clarified in the relevant Sections of the BSC to support the changes proposed as a result of the Review of Electricity Metering Arrangements (REMA). This Review was initiated by the Authority, with the aim of discussing changes to promote competition in Non Half Hourly (NHH) metering. The REMA Steering Group and Expert Group, who have been discussing the changes required to MRA documents, propose that the changes to the BSC are in place by February 2003 as this would tie in with the proposed date of implementation of the MRA related changes.	
Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> The aim of REMA has been to establish the distinct roles of Meter Asset Provision (MAP) and Meter Asset Maintenance (MAM), thereby promoting competition in these services. MAMs will be appointed by the Supplier and will be responsible for all fieldwork carried out on Metering Equipment, including installation, removal and repair, and will therefore be identical to Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) as currently defined in the BSC. MAPs will be the organisations or individuals (<i>not</i> Supplier Agents) that provide meters which are fit for purpose (i.e. those that meet the standards of a relevant Code of Practice or Statutory Instrument) for use by MAMs. A key condition of the solution is that MAP will equate to ownership of the meter, and therefore the BSC term 'Equipment Owner' will be equivalent to that of 'MAP'. A MAM can own a meter if it wishes, in which case the relevant organisation would be identified as both the MAP and the MAM for that meter. From a BSC point of view a MAP/MAM split is largely invisible, as the method by which data is submitted into Settlement and the various obligations on Parties and Party Agents would remain the same. However, in order to support the solution described above (and to ensure that no risks are posed to Settlement through misinterpretation of roles), new obligations are proposed affecting the Meter Operator Agents. The following conditions have to be met to support a MAP/MAM split: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment Owners must know the identity of MOAs responsible for their meters; • MOAs must obtain Equipment Owners' consent before metering assets are used in Settlement; and • MOAs must notify Equipment Owners if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) a meter is removed, 	

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<p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) the meter is damaged or faulty and requires replacement,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c) the meter is nearing the end of its Certification life.</p> <p>These new obligations require inclusion in the BSC to provide the necessary governance for MOAs in their role as MAMs.</p> <p>Although the scope of the requirements is focused on the NHH market, equivalent changes are proposed for use in the Half Hourly (HH) market.</p>	
<p>Impact on Code <i>(optional by proposer):</i></p> <p>Section K: Classification and Registration of Metering Systems and BM Units – paragraph 2.4 (Registration in SMRS) would require an additional clause (similar to that in K 2.2.4(g)) to ensure that Equipment Owners’ consent has been obtained prior to registration.</p> <p>Section L: Metering – a general clause is required in paragraph 1.2 (Meter Operator Agents) to reflect that MOAs must keep Equipment Owners informed of work performed on their meters.</p> <p>Note that, as the BSC definition of ‘Meter Operator Agent’ is equivalent to that of MAM, the use of ‘MOA’ in the BSC and the Code Subsidiary Documents will remain unchanged.</p>	
<p>Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by proposer):</i></p> <p>There will be impacts on the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) and the Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC). The changes are required to deliver the total solution and for the DTC are attached for completeness.</p>	
<p>Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties <i>(optional by proposer):</i></p> <p>The Data Transfer Network (DTN) will be impacted by the alterations to existing data flows.</p> <p>The Market Domain Data Management (MDDM) system will be affected by the introduction of a new Role Code for MAPs; Non Half Hourly Data Aggregator (NHHDA) and Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) systems will also be impacted as they are required to load Market Domain Data.</p> <p>Participant systems may be impacted depending on the validation undertaken on Role Codes.</p>	

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Impact on other Configurable Items *(optional by proposer):*

1. Party Service Line PSL110 (SVA Meter Operation) will require amendment to include the specific obligations on MOAs.
2. The D0150 (Non-Half Hourly Meter Technical Details) and D0268 (Half Hourly Meter Technical Details) data flows in the BSC SVA Data Catalogue will require amendment to include MAP ID amongst the data items.
3. BSC SVA Data Catalogue will require alteration to allow a new Market Participant Role Code to identify MAPs. This will allow the MAP ID to be included in Market Domain Data and in doing so will meet the requirements of the solution.

The term 'MAP' is preferred over 'Equipment Owner' in the case of the BSC SVA Data Catalogue as this is the approach that will be used in the MRA DTC, although the two terms are equivalent.

Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives *(mandatory by proposer):*

Against the specific scope and requirements provided by OFGEM's review of electricity metering arrangements the proposed changes will, as part of the total solution, better facilitate the Regulator's view of the BSC Objective set out in Paragraph 3 of Condition C3 of the Transmission Licence:

- "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 (as defined in the Transmission Licence) of electricity."

Subject to the introduction of satisfactory commercial arrangements, necessary to protect competition in the retail electricity market the Modification will serve to increase competition in both MAM and MAP, which in turn will benefit Suppliers when procuring MAP/MAM services.

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1. REMA Expert Group Recommendations,
2. MRA CP108,
3. MRA DTC CPs 3139 and 3140.