

## Modification Proposal

**MP No: 89**  
(mandatory by BSCCo)

### **Title of Modification Proposal** (mandatory by proposer):

Clarification Of The Timescales For Submitting MEL/MIL Data To The BMRA

**Submission Date** (mandatory by proposer): 02/07/2002

### **Description of Proposed Modification** (mandatory by proposer):

Currently any Maximum Export Limit/Maximum Import Limit (MEL/MIL) data received by National Grid that is applicable within the Balancing Mechanism (BM) window is passed to the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Agent (BMRA) within 5 minutes of receipt. For any MEL/MIL data received that is applicable in a trading period for which the gate has not yet closed, this data is retained and passed to the BMRA within 15 minutes of the relevant gate closing. This does not strictly comply with the timescales in the BSC which states that all MEL/MIL data should be transferred within 5 minutes (BSC section Q 6.1.10).

As described below, we believe it is better to align the BSC with the existing practice than vice versa. Therefore we propose to change the BSC to align it with the existing systems by changing BSC section Q 6.1.10 to state that:

- MEL/MIL changes relating to a Settlement Period for which the gate has closed should be notified to the BMRA within 5 minutes, but
- MEL/MIL changes relating to a Settlement Period for which the gate has not closed should be notified within 15 minutes of gate closure for the Settlement Period that the data refers to.

### **Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address** (mandatory by proposer):

MEL/MIL data is unusual, as there are two alternative routes for participants to notify changes to National Grid:

- 1) via EDT (Electronic Data Transfer), or
- 2) via EDL (Electronic Dispatch Logging)

EDT is used for bulk transfer of data relevant for the trading period at or before Gate Closure whereas EDL can be used as an ad-hoc submission for changing dynamic data, or for changing MEL/MIL data within a trading period both pre and post Gate Closure.

When changes to MEL/MIL are made via EDT, which could include data extending up to 5 days ahead, this data resides in a National Grid database until the Gate Closure for the relevant period where the data is applicable. A bulk transfer to the BMRA, called the Gate Closure Job, then takes place within 15 minutes following Gate Closure (other data in the transfer includes Physical Notifications and Bid - Offer Data).

Any changes to MEL/MIL data submitted via EDL after Gate Closure are transferred to the BMRA within 5 minutes of receipt. Note: only updates to MEL/MIL data within the BM window will be sent. Any changes submitted via EDL before Gate Closure are used to update the National Grid database so that the Gate Closure Job sends the latest information to the BMRA within 15 minutes following the relevant Gate Closure.

It should be noted that the existing NETA systems (both National Grid and Central systems) comply with the BMRA and SAA (Settlement Administration Agent) Interface Specification.

Essentially there are two options, either line up all software systems with the BSC or maintain the status quo and align the BSC with the existing systems.

Currently the BSC extends BMRA data to beyond the BM window and hence beyond the remit of the BSC. Consider an example where a generator has sufficient notice of a need to shutdown in the following day and notifies this intent to the System Operator via a MEL update. Under the BSC this information would be released to the market before the participant could trade out of its position. If this were to occur, we believe that Participants may delay sending information to the System Operator. In addition, there would be the consequential cost for the changes to be made to NETA central systems, which we understand would be significant.

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This issue was recently discussed at the ISG and no objections were received to our proposed way forward.

Aligning the BSC with the existing systems will better meet applicable objectives (b) the efficient, economic and co-ordinated operation by the Transmission Company of the Transmission System; and (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.

**Impact on Code** (optional by proposer):

Changes to BSC section Q 6.1.10.

**Impact on Core Industry Documents** (optional by proposer):

None

**Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties** (optional by proposer):

None, proposing to align BSC with existing systems.

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

None

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

As described above, we believe that only sending to the BMRA MEL/MIL data relating to periods where the gate has closed will better facilitate the BSC applicable objectives (b) the efficient, economic and co-ordinated operation by the Transmission Company of the Transmission System; and (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.

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