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**Introduction Of A Process For Amendment Of
Proposed Modification Implementation Dates**

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Modification Proposal P93 'Introduction Of A Process For Amendment Of Proposed Modification Implementation Dates' (P93), included in Annex 1, was submitted on 8 July 2002 by the BSC Panel. P93 was raised following a discussion of paper 44/010 which outlined the requirement for a process to amend the Implementation Date that is contained within a Modification Report that is with the Authority for determination.

P93 seeks to amend Section F of the Balancing and Settlement Code to enable the Panel to apply to the Authority to amend the proposed Implementation Date in a Modification Report that has already been submitted to the Authority for determination, but where the Authority has not yet made a determination.

An assessment of P93 has identified that it will only impact the Code, requiring a minor change to Section F to enable the Panel:

- to undertake a consultation in respect of the revised Implementation Date; and
- to apply to the Authority to amend the proposed Implementation Date in a Modification Report.

The Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE the results of the Initial Written Assessment;**
- **DETERMINE that Modification Proposal P93 should be submitted to Report Phase in accordance with section F2.7 of the Code;**
- **AGREE the Report Phase timetable such that a draft Modification Report should be completed and submitted to the Panel for consideration at their meeting of 15 August 2002; and**
- **AGREE that the draft Modification Report contain a provisional recommendation that P93 should be made with an Implementation Date of:**
 - **30 September 2002 if an Authority Determination is made on or prior to 9 September 2002; or**
 - **15 Working Days after such Authority determination if that determination is made after the 9 September 2002**

2 INTRODUCTION

This Report has been prepared by ELEXON Ltd. on behalf of the Balancing and Settlement Code Panel ('the Panel'), in accordance with the terms of the Balancing and Settlement Code ('the Code'). The Code is the legal document containing the rules of the balancing mechanism and imbalance settlement process and related governance provisions. ELEXON is the company that performs the role and functions of the BSCCo, as defined in the Code.

An electronic copy of this document can be found on the BSC website, at www.elexon.co.uk

3 DETAILS OF THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

P93 has been raised to address the potential situation where there is need to change an Implementation Date after submission of a Modification Report to the Authority but before a determination is made in respect to that Modification Report by the Authority.

Section F of the Code requires the Panel to stipulate an Implementation Date for each Modification Proposal and Alternative Modification that it submits to the Authority for determination. Each Implementation Date is intended to reflect the necessary time for systems and processes to be developed, tested and implemented, and where relevant, to be consistent with the BSC Release Strategy. Where a specific Implementation Date is stipulated for a Modification Proposal or Alternative Modification, it will usually be proposed on the basis that the Authority decision will be made by a particular date, the 'latest date'. This means that if the Authority's decision is not made by the 'latest date', the specified Implementation Date may not be achievable. Alternatively, circumstances may change following the submission of a Modification Report, such that an earlier Implementation Date may be possible or the implementation must be delayed (e.g. the impact of an unexpected Urgent Modification Proposal).

Section F2.11.8 of the Code allows the Panel to seek an extension to or bring forward the Implementation Date for an Approved Modification if circumstances arise that are likely to delay implementation.

This Modification Proposal would enable the Panel, after consultation with interested parties, to seek to amend the proposed Implementation Date for a Modification Proposal or an Alternative Modification contained in a Modification Report submitted to the Authority for determination but for which no Authority decision has not yet been made.

4 IMPACT ON BSC SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

None identified.

5 IMPACT ON OTHER SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES USED BY PARTIES

None identified.

6 IMPACT ON DOCUMENTATION

6.1 Impact on Balancing and Settlement Code

The following table lists the impact on the Code identified by the initial assessment of P93.

BSC Section	Potential Impact of Proposed Modification
F: Modification Procedures	Inclusion of additional clauses after Section F2.7 and renumbering of existing clause F2.7.8

A copy of the legal text changes required to be made to implement this Modification is contained within Attachment 1 to this report.

6.2 Impact on Code Subsidiary Documents

None identified.

6.3 Impact on Core Industry Documents

None identified.

7 IMPACT ON OTHER CONFIGURABLE ITEMS

None identified.

8 IMPACT ON ELEXON

None identified.

9 IMPACT ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND BUDGET

None identified.

10 IMPACT ON BSC AGENT CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

None identified.

11 PROCESS AND TIMETABLE FOR PROGRESSING THE PROPOSAL

This Initial Assessment indicates that no further work is required to define or assess the amendments required. ELEXON therefore recommends P93 be submitted directly to the Report Phase with a Panel recommendation to the Authority to Approve P93. The draft Modification Report, including consultation responses, should be presented to the Panel at their Meeting 15 August 2002.

It is proposed that the draft Modification Report contains a recommendation that P93 be implemented on:

- **30 September 2002 if an Authority Determination is made on or prior to 9 September 2002; or**
- **15 Working Days after such Authority determination if that determination is made after the 9 September 2002.**

12 ISSUES

None identified.

ANNEX 1 – MODIFICATION PROPOSAL P93

Modification Proposal	MP No: 93 (mandatory by BSCCo)
Title of Modification Proposal (mandatory by proposer): Introduction Of Process For Amendment Of Proposed Modification Implementation Dates	
Submission Date (mandatory by proposer): 8 July 2002	
Description of Proposed Modification (mandatory by proposer): <p>This modification would enable the BSC Panel (after consultation with interested parties) to apply to the Authority to amend the proposed Implementation Date in Modification Reports that have been submitted to the Authority for determination, but where the Authority's decision has not yet been made.</p> <p>The timetable in the Modification Report could include an assumed date (or latest date) for the Authority's decision and could indicate that an extension to the timetable would be applied for if the assumption were incorrect.</p>	
Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address (mandatory by proposer): <p>Under the Modification Procedures contained within Section F of the BSC, the BSC Panel must stipulate the Implementation Date of each Proposed Modification that it submits to the Authority for determination. Where a specific Implementation Date is identified, this will normally be given in conjunction with a 'latest' date for the Authority's decision. The Implementation Dates reflect the necessary time for systems and processes to be developed, tested and implemented, consistent with the BSC Release Strategy. If the Authority's decision is not made within the time allowed for, i.e. by the 'latest' date, the specified Implementation Date may be infeasible. Alternatively, circumstances may change following the submission of a Modification Report, such that following detailed planning an earlier Implementation Date may be possible.</p> <p>BSC Section F2.11.7 currently contains provision for the Panel to seek extension to the Implementation Date. However, this provision only applies in the case of Approved Modifications (i.e. where the Authority has already made its decision).</p>	
Impact on Code (optional by proposer): Changes would be required to Section F of the BSC.	
Impact on Core Industry Documents (optional by proposer): No impact.	
Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties (optional by proposer): No impact.	
Impact on other Configurable Items (optional by proposer): No impact.	

Modification Proposal	MP No: 93 (mandatory by BSCCo)
Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives (mandatory by proposer): This modification would better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objective set out in Condition C3(3)(d) of the Transmission Licence ('Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements') by allowing necessary changes to Implementation Dates to be identified, communicated and consulted on with all interested parties at the earliest opportunity. Such an approach would introduce a formal process (where none currently exists) and would also reduce the administrative burden by enabling Implementation Dates to be revised in a controlled manner without the need for the withdrawal, re-consultation and resubmission of the full Modification Report..	
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