

<b>Modification Proposal – BSCP40/03</b>	MP No: 254 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
<b>Title of Modification Proposal</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> : <b>Removal of Main and SVA Specified Charge Amounts from the Code</b>	
<b>Submission Date</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> : <b>11 March 2010</b>	
<p><b>Description of Proposed Modification</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>This Modification Proposal seeks to remove the Main and SVA Specified Charge amounts and rates from Section D Annex D-3 of the BSC, replacing them with a requirement for BSCCo to publish the current charge amounts/rate on the BSC Website.</p> <p>In 2008, Approved Modification P228 removed the specific amounts and rates for three Main Specified Charges from the Code and replaced them with a requirement for BSCCo to publish the current charges on the BSC Website.<sup>1</sup> There is a case for removing the remaining amounts/rates for the 6 Main Specified Charge and the SVA Specified Charge amounts from the Code and replacing them with a similar obligation. The Code would still describe the purpose of these charges, and the Panel would continue to decide the actual charge amounts as now.</p>	
<p><b>Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>The BSC allows for some discrepancy between the ‘initial’ amounts/rates given in Section D Annex D-3 of the Code for the Main and SVA Specified BSC Charges, and the current amounts/rates which the Panel has approved for these charges. This is because Paragraph 1.3 of Section D Annex D-3 allows the Panel to change the actual charge amounts/rates without changing the ‘initial’ Code figures (avoiding the need for a Modification Proposal to be raised).</p> <p>The ‘initial’ amounts/rates in the Code were those in force at NETA Go-Live in 2001. Since this time, the Panel has amended the actual amounts/rates for the SVA Specified Charge and one of the Main Specified Charges (the Notified Volume Charge). Because the Code itself still contains the old ‘initial’ 2001 rates/amounts for these charges, this can lead to confusion or misunderstanding as Parties may assume that the numbers in the Code are the latest figures. If the Panel was to amend any of the other Specified BSC Charges in the future, this could increase any confusion.</p> <p>BSCCo already publishes the latest figures for each of the Main Specified Charges and the SVA Specified Charges on the BSC Website.<sup>2</sup> However, there is nothing in the Code itself that references this.</p> <p>Removing the ‘initial’ amounts/rates from the Code altogether and replacing them with a requirement for BSCCo to publish the latest amounts/rates (as approved by the Panel) on the BSC Website would make it easier for participants to locate the latest charges and would remove any potential confusion over the charges in force at any given time.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> The Dateline Monthly Charge, TIBCO Software Support Charge and TIBCO Set-up Charge (described in Annex D-3 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4) relate to the provision of the High Grade Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS).

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.elexon.co.uk/participating/costandcharges.aspx>

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<p><b>Impact on Code</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>Section D Annex D-3.</p>	
<p><b>Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>Impact on other Configurable Items</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p><b>Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>This Modification Proposal will facilitate Applicable BSC Objective (d), promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements. Reducing the potential for confusion over the amounts/rates in force for the Main Specified Charges and the SVA Specified Charges will promote transparency and efficiency.</p>	
<p><b>Urgency Recommended:</b> No <i>(delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)</i></p>	
<p><b>Justification for Urgency Recommendation</b> <i>(mandatory by originator if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal)</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p>	

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