Modification Proposal – BSCP40/03	**MP No: P258** *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

Title of Modification Proposal: Party Agent inclusion in the Trading Disputes process

Submission Date: 08 April 2010

Description of Proposed Modification

The main purpose of the Trading Disputes process is to get Settlement data as accurate as possible. Trading Disputes are raised by BSC Parties or BSCCo (this rule should remain unchanged). Following a recent review of the Trading Disputes process it was identified that there is no provision in the BSC for Party Agents who have a view of the Settlement data to escalate error reporting.

This Modification proposes that it should be made an obligation for BSC Parties to procure their Party Agents to inform BSCCo of any significant errors in the Final Reconciliation (RF) data which has not been reported or rectified. BSCCo would then carry out an initial investigation and, if the error was deemed genuine, a Dispute would be raised.

The quantified error should be reported in terms of energy (megawatt-hours, MWh) and the appropriate threshold for significant errors set by the Trading Disputes Committee (TDC). The TDC would have to review this value on a regular basis.

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

Only BSC Parties and BSCCo can raise Trading Disputes. However, Party Agents, especially Data Collectors, are likely to know if Settlement data is wrong and what the correct data should be. Currently the Party Agent may inform the appropriate Supplier of this but it is then up to the Supplier whether to raise a Dispute. As a result, there may be reduced assurance that Settlement data is accurate.

Impact on Code *(optional by originator)*

Section W.

Other sections may also be impacted.

Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code *(optional by originator)*

None

Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties

None

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Impact on other Configurable Items (*optional by originator*)

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Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives

This obligation would further increase assurance around the accuracy of Settlement data and would help the Parties who may not fully understand the Trading Arrangements or the Trading Disputes process. Overall the Settlement data would be more accurate as a result. As such this Modification better facilitates Applicable Objective (d): Promoting efficiency in the implementation of the balancing and settlement arrangements.

Urgency Recommended: ~~Yes /~~ No (*delete as appropriate*) (*optional by originator*)

Justification for Urgency Recommendation (*mandatory by originator if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal*)

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