

INITIAL WRITTEN ASSESSMENT for Modification Proposal P179 Housekeeping Modification

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RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of the initial assessment BSCCo recommends that the Panel:

- DETERMINE that Modification Proposal P179 should be submitted directly to the Report Phase;
- AGREE that the draft Modification Report should be prepared, consulted on and submitted to the Panel for consideration at its meeting of 9 December 2004;
- AGREE that the draft Modification Report contain a provisional recommendation that P179 should be made with an Implementation Date of 23 February 2005 if an Authority decision is received on or before 8 February 2005, or 10 Working Days after an Authority decision if received after 8 February 2005.

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SUMMARY OF IMPACTED PARTIES AND DOCUMENTS

As far as BSCCo has been able to assess the following parties/documents have been initially identified as being potentially impacted by Modification Proposal P179.

Parties	Sections of the	e BSC	Code Subsidiary Documents	
Suppliers	A		BSC Procedures]
Generators	В		Codes of Practice	
Licence Exemptable Generators	С		BSC Service Descriptions	
Transmission Company	D	\boxtimes	Service Lines	
Interconnector	E		Data Catalogues	
Distribution System Operators	F		Communication Requirements Documents	
Non-Physical Traders	G	\boxtimes	Reporting Catalogue	
Party Agents	Н		MIDS	
Data Aggregators	I		Core Industry Documents	
Data Collectors	J		Grid Code	
Meter Operator Agents	K	\boxtimes	Supplemental Agreements	
ECVNA	L		Ancillary Services Agreements	
MVRNA	M	\boxtimes	Master Registration Agreement	
BSC Agents	N	\boxtimes	Data Transfer Services Agreement	
SAA	0		British Grid Systems Agreement	
FAA	Р		Use of Interconnector Agreement	
BMRA	Q	\boxtimes	Settlement Agreement for Scotland	
ECVAA	R	\boxtimes	Distribution Codes	
CDCA	S	\boxtimes	Distribution Use of System Agreements	
TAA	Т		Distribution Connection Agreements	
CRA	U		BSCCo	
Teleswitch Agent	V	\boxtimes	Internal Working Procedures	
SVAA	W	\boxtimes	Other Documents	
BSC Auditor	Χ	\boxtimes	Transmission Licence	
Profile Administrator			System Operator-Transmission Owner Code	
Certification Agent			X = Identified in Report for last Procedure	
MIDP			N = Newly identified in this Report	
Other Agents				
SMRA				
Data Transmission Provider				

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1 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

1.1 Modification Proposal

Modification Proposal 179 'Housekeeping Modification' (P179) was raised on 15 October 2004 by the BSC Panel, on recommendation by ELEXON. (See Annex 1 and associated attachment (P179 Legal text)).

Under Section F2.1.1(d)(iv) of the Balancing and Settlement Code ('Code'), ELEXON can recommend a Modification Proposal to the Panel to rectify manifest errors, to correct minor inconsistencies and/or make other minor consequential changes to the Code.

P179 identifies 26 minor changes to the Code to; resolving manifest errors, correcting incorrect references, clarifying use of Code defined terms, resolving typographical errors and inconsistencies.

Because changes to the Code that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Modification have been clearly identified, the associated draft legal text has been prepared and is attached in Annex 2.

1.2 Issues raised by the Modification Proposal

P179 proposes three amendments to Section K to reference a new BSC Procedure (BSCP25) which is yet to be approved by the Panel, and is therefore not present in the current version of the BSC Baseline. A query was raised by a Party as to whether a Housekeeping Modification should include changes of this type, as it maybe pre-empting future approval of documents.

The difficulty with not initiating Modification Procedures before a BSCP is implemented is that it would be implemented without any required reference to it within the Code. To ensure BSCP25 is referenced once implemented, the Modification Procedures must be initiated in advance of the BSCP implementation date.

This process has been followed on previous occasions, most recently for BSCP27 'Technical Assurance of Half Hourly Metering Systems for Settlement Purposes' where a number of minor reference changes were required to the code as a result of the removal of BSCP26 and BSCP526 and the introduction of BSCP27. The Housekeeping changes went forward as P164, in advance of the BSCP27 implementation date and the Modification Report was submitted on 8 April. An implementation date of 30 June 2004 was approved on this occasion. The approach being used in the implementation of BSCP25 is consistent with previous practice.

BSCP25 must be approved by ISG and SVG who will both take joint ownership of the BSCP. Once ISG and SVG have approved the BSCP, then the Panel must approve the BSCP before it can be implemented. BSCP25 will therefore be recommended for approval with an implementation date of 22 February 2005 at the February Panel (10 February 2005).

A further query was also raised regarding changes to Section W relating to P131 Legal Text which had yet to be implemented at the time P179 was raised, but had been Approved by the Authority with an Implementation Date of 3 November 2004. Once a Modification has been Approved, it forms part of the legal baseline, and can thus be subject to a Modification Proposal.

A query was also raised relating to whether the change to W4.2.1 fell into the criteria of a housekeeping Modification. The amendment to W4.2.1 is necessary to correct an error in the P131 text, and adopt the position which existed prior to P131. There is no substantive change to the intention of P131 by this amendment.

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2 COSTS³

PROGRESSING MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Meeting Cost	£0	
Legal/expert Cost	£0	
Impact Assessment Cost	£0	
ELEXON Resource	5 Man days	
	£930	

The implementation cost associated with this Modification is expected to be 2 Man days, equating to £300.

3 INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS OF MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

3.1 Impact on BSC Systems and processes

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of all BSC Systems and processes and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

3.2 Impact on other systems and processes used by Parties

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of systems and processes used by Parties and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

3.3 Impact on documentation

3.3.1 Impact on Balancing and Settlement Code

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of all sections of the Code and the following areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

Item	Potential Impact of Proposed Modification			
Section D	Amended reference			
Section G	Manifest error, amended reference			
Section K	Manifest error			
Section M	Typographical error, corrections to usage of Code defined term			
Section N	Amended references			
Section Q	Amended reference, typographical error			
Section R	Correction to usage of Code defined term, amended references			

³ Clarification of the meanings of the cost terms in this section can be found in annex 3 of this report

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Section S	Manifest error, amended references			
Section V	Correction to usage of Code defined term, amended references			
Section W	Redundant clause, manifest errors			
Section X	Correction to usage of Code defined term, amended references, inconsistencies			

The initial assessment also identified 2 interactions with Section I 'Transitional Arrangements for the implementation of BETTA' of the Code and are detailed below. Section I is in place to amend or replace existing Code paragraphs for the Transition Period for BETTA. It should be noted that housekeeping changes affecting Section I cannot be modified using the procedures set out in Section F 'Modification Procedures of the BSC'. During the Transition Period Section I can only be modified via a Proposed Transitional Modification.

Interaction 1:

P179 proposes to amend K1.3.3 to read as follows;

"The Distribution System Operators whose Distribution Systems and/or Associated Distribution Systems are connected at a Distribution Systems Connection Point shall, in accordance with BSCP 20 and BSCP25, agree between themselves and nominate which of them shall be responsible for such Systems Connection Point."

Section 16.2.2 cross-references K1.3.3 and states:

"Where reference is made in Sections K1.3.3, K2.2.2, K2.2.3 and K2.2.5 and K2.2.6 to BSCP 20 this shall, during the Transition Period, in relation to the registration of a Metering System in CMRS which is located in Scotland be deemed to be a reference to BDTP 20."

This amendment to K1.3.3 could be interpreted to mean that registration of Scottish Metering Systems in the Central Meter Registration Service (CMRS) during Transition would be bound by BSCP25 as well as BDTP20.

However following further analysis ELEXON can confirm that this will not be an issue, given that Section 18.1.1 states:

"During the Transition Period parties who have or will become Parties and/or Party Agents as a result of the extension of the application of the Code to Scotland shall comply with BDTP 70 and BDTP 25 as applicable."

Therefore during the Transition Period, I8.1.1 will override the reference to BSCP25 in K1.3.3.

Interaction 2

It is proposed to amend R6.1.1 to reference BSCP02, rather than BSCP20. R6.1.1 states:

"In accordance with BSCP<u>0</u>20 and in conjunction with the relevant Meter Operator Agent, the CDCA shall carry out proving tests on CVA Metering Systems and shall report any resulting errors to the relevant Meter Operator Agent and Registrant."

17.1.2 states: "During the Transition Period, in relation to CVA Metering Systems located in Scotland, every reference in Section R and Annex X-1 to BSCP20 shall be deemed to be a reference to BDTP 20."

Currently R6.1.1 is read to refer to BDTP20 when considering Scottish CVA Metering Systems; however the impact of P179 could have the effect that Scottish CVA Metering Systems proving tests are bound by BSCP02 during the Transition Period.

Following further analysis, ELEXON can confirm that this will not be an issue, given that BDTP20 states that any party registering a Metering System using the processes and procedures detailed in BDTP20 must carry out a Proving Test on that Metering System in accordance with BDTP02. Section R requires Meter Technical Details to be submitted in accordance with BSCP20. As a consequence of I7.1.2, this is deemed to be a

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reference to BDTP20, which as mentioned requires Proving Tests to be carried out according to BDTP02 and not BSCP02.

In practise, all Scottish Metering Systems have already registered using BDTP20 and therefore the Proving Tests will be carried out in accordance with BDTP02 and are expected to be completed by the time P179 is implemented, therefore P179 would not have any impact on Scottish CVA Metering Systems.

3.3.2 Impact on Code Subsidiary Documents

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of all Code Subsidiary Documents and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

3.4 Impact on Core Industry Documents

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of Core Industry Documents and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

3.5 Impact on other configurable items

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of other configurable items and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

4 IMPACT ON BSCCO

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of BSCCo and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

5 IMPACT ON BSC AGENT CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of BSC Agent contractual arrangements and no areas have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Modification Proposal.

6 RATIONALE FOR BSCCO'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PANEL

P179 was raised by the BSC Panel in accordance with section F2.1.1(d)(iv) of the Code to rectify manifest errors, to correct minor inconsistencies, and make other minor consequential changes to the Code. The Panel believe that P179 would better facilitate BSC Objective (d):

d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements.

In accordance with Section F2.7 of the Code, BSCCo therefore recommends that P179 should proceed directly to Report Phase with the recommendation that the Proposed Modification be made with an Implementation Date of 23 February 2005 if an Authority decision is received on or before 8 February 2005, or 10 working days after an Authority decision if received after 8 February 2005. This date is the earliest the Modification can be implemented because the CVA February Release is scheduled for implementation on 23 February 2005, when BSCP25 will be implemented as part of CP1049.

7 PROCESS, TIMETABLE AND COST FOR PROGRESSING THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

BSCCo recommends that this Modification Proposal proceed directly to Report Phase with the following recommendation that the Proposed Modification be made with an implementation date of 23 February 2005

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if an Authority decision is received on or before 8 February 2005, or 10 Working Days after an Authority decision if received after 8 February 2005.

8 DOCUMENT CONTROL

8.1 Authorities

Version	Date	Author	Reviewer	Reason for Review
0.1	25/10/04	Sakib Azam	Change Delivery	Formal
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8.2 References

Ref No.	Document Title	Owner	Issue Date	Version

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ANNEX 1 MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Modification Proposal

MP No: P179 (mandatory by BSCCo)

Title of Modification Proposal (mandatory by proposer):

Housekeeping Modification

Submission Date (mandatory by proposer): 15 October 2004

Description of Proposed Modification (mandatory by proposer):

Under Section F2.1.1(d)(iv) of the Balancing and Settlement Code, ELEXON can recommend a Modification Proposal to the Panel to rectify manifest errors, to correct minor inconsistencies and/or make other minor consequential changes to the Code.

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

26 Minor changes to the Code to correct; manifest errors, incorrect references, use of Code defined terms, typographical errors and inconsistencies.

Impact on Code (optional by proposer):

See Annex 1 – Table of proposed changes to the Code

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

Impact on other Configurable Items (optional by proposer):

None

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

The proposed changes would achieve Applicable BSCP Objective (D) "Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements". Making these would remove a number of potential ambiguities and possibilities of incorrect interpretations of the Code

Details of Proposer:

Name:

Organisation: BSC Panel

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Modification Proposal

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