

# **Draft MODIFICATION REPORT for Modification Proposal P166**

# Removal of unintentional effects of P123 to allow Supplier BM unit DC values to be revised downwards during a BSC Season

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered and taken into due account the contents of P166 draft Modification Report, the Balancing and Settlement Code Panel recommends:

- that Proposed Modification P166 should be made;
- the P166 Implementation Date of 10 Working Days after the Authority's decision;
   and
- the proposed text for modifying the Code, as set out in the draft Modification Report.

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# **SUMMARY OF IMPACTED PARTIES AND DOCUMENTS**

The following parties/documents have been identified as being impacted by Modification Proposal P166.

Parties		Sections of the	BSC	Code Subsidiary Documents	
Suppliers	$\boxtimes$	А		BSC Procedures	
Generators		В		Codes of Practice	
Licence Exemptable Generators		С		BSC Service Descriptions	
Transmission Company		D		Service Lines	
Interconnector		Е		Data Catalogues	
Distribution System Operators		F		Communication Requirements Documents	
Party Agents		G		Reporting Catalogue	
Data Aggregators		Н		MIDS	
Data Collectors		J		Core Industry Documents	
Meter Operator Agents		K	$\boxtimes$	Grid Code	
ECVNA		L		Supplemental Agreements	
MVRNA		М		Ancillary Services Agreements	
BSC Agents		N		Master Registration Agreement	
SAA		0		Data Transfer Services Agreement	
FAA		Р		British Grid Systems Agreement	
BMRA		Q		Use of Interconnector Agreement	
ECVAA		R		Settlement Agreement for Scotland	
CDCA		S		Distribution Codes	
TAA		Т		Distribution Use of System Agreements	
CRA		U		Distribution Connection Agreements	
Teleswitch Agent		V		BSCCo	
SVAA		W		Internal Working Procedures	$\boxtimes$
BSC Auditor		X		Other Documents	
Profile Administrator				Transmission Licence	
Certification Agent					
MIDP					
TLFA					
Other Agents					
SMRA					
Data Transmission Provider					

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# 1 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE APPLICABLE BSC OBJECTIVES

# 1.1 Modification Proposal

Modification Proposal P166 Removal of unintentional effects of P123 to allow Supplier BM Unit DC values to be revised downwards during a BSC Season' (P166) was raised by Bizzenergy on 26 March 2004.

P166 seeks to address an inconsistency in the Balancing and Settlement Code (the Code) introduced with the implementation of Approved Modification P123 'Assessment of Credit Cover following a change to a Party's portfolio' (P123). P123 was implemented on 27 February 2004.

The Lead Party of a BM Unit is required (pursuant to Section K3.4.1b) to notify to the Central Registration Agent (CRA) the expected maximum magnitude of the negative BM Unit Metered Volume  $(QM_{ij})$  for each BM Unit for each BSC Season<sup>2</sup>. By dividing this value by the Settlement Period Duration (SPD), pursuant to Section K3.4.8, the  $QM_{ij}$  value is converted into the Demand Capacity (DC) for the BM Unit for that BSC Season.

P123 introduced the ability for Lead Parties to notify to the CRA a lower maximum magnitude of the negative value of  $QM_{ij}$  (following a loss of customers, for example), which they believe is a more appropriate estimated peak value for the remainder of the BSC Season; hence, the DC value for the remainder of the BSC Season would be reduced as a result.

The inconsistency addressed under P166 arises as a result of Section K3.4.5, which was part of the Code before and after P123 was implemented. This paragraph obliges Parties to notify to the CRA, as soon as reasonably practicable, when they became aware that tolerances detailed in Section K3.4.3 have been exceeded. These tolerances are that the  $QM_{ij}$ , divided by the SPD (to equate the units), will be less than the DC value by 0.5MW or 1% of the magnitude of DC for <u>any</u> Settlement Period in the relevant BSC Season. These tolerances are therefore applied retrospectively, as well as prospectively, across the BSC Season.

If a Party has decreased its DC during the BSC Season, and has already achieved a  $QM_{ij}$  greater than the revised value, the Party is immediately obligated to inform the CRA of this greater value, which results in its DC being linked to the value for the peak  $QM_{ij}$  value for the entire BSC Season.

The fact that the tolerances in Section K3.4.5 apply to Settlement Periods across the whole BSC Season, rather than across the remainder of the BSC Season after a revised DC value has been accepted (pursuant to section K3.4.2A), means that the intention of Approved Modification P123 may not be realised in some cases. Some DC decreases, allowed by P123, would need to be immediately revised upwards by virtue of Section K3.4.5.

Panel paper 71/023 (Reference 2) was presented to the Balancing and Settlement Code Panel (the Panel) at its meeting on 15 January 2004, describing the inconsistency and its effect on the implementation of P123. The paper notes that the intent of P123 was made clear in the Modification Report (Reference 1), but that this inconsistency was such that the Panel was unable to raise a Modification Proposal to remedy the defect. The Panel invited a Party to raise a Modification Proposal. The Proposer of P123 (Bizzenergy) consequently raised P166 to address this inconsistency.

The Initial Written Assessment (Reference 3) was submitted to the Panel at its meeting on 8 April 2004. The Panel recommended that P166 be submitted directly to the Report Phase, with a provisional recommendation that P166 be made. In addition, the Panel provisionally recommended that if the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> References to QM<sub>ii</sub> within this document refer to negative QM<sub>i</sub>

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Authority determined that P166 be made, then the Implementation Date should be 10 Working Days after the Authority's decision.

# 1.2 Proposed Modification

The Proposed Modification is to give full effect to P123 by removing the unintentional circular obligations on Parties re-declaring their  $QM_{ij}$  values mid-BSC Season in accordance with the mechanism introduced by P123.

P166 seeks to amend the Code, such that the tolerances are applied for the Settlement Periods in the <u>remainder</u> of the BSC Season, if DC has been reduced mid-BSC Season. This would put the intention of P123 into full effect.

# 1.3 Issues raised by the Proposed Modification

Since the purpose of P166 is to give full effect to P123 by addressing the clear inconsistency in the legal drafting, it is the Panel's opinion that there are no new issues arising that require further assessment.

# 1.4 Assessment of how the Proposed Modification will better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives

The Panel agreed that P166, by removing the unintentional effects caused by the implementation of P123, would better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable BSC Objective (d), in that it would increase efficiency in the administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements.

# 1.5 Governance and regulatory framework assessment

Were P166 to be made, it is believed that there would be no impact on the governance, regulatory framework or contractual issues, and there would be no wider implications of the Modification Proposal to take into account.

#### 2 COSTS<sup>3</sup>

## PROGRESSING MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Demand Led Cost	£ 0	
ELEXON Resource	15 Man days	
	£ 2,870	

### **IMPLEMENTATION COSTS**

		Stand Alone Cost	P166 Incremental Cost	Tolerance
Service Provider <sup>4</sup> Cost				
	Change Specific Cost	£O	£ 0	n/a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Clarification of the meanings of the cost terms in this section can be found in annex 7 of this report

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> BSC Agent and non-BSC Agent Service Provider and software Costs

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	Release Cost	£ 0	n/a	n/a
	Incremental Release Cost	£0	£O	n/a
	Total Service Provider Cost	£ 0	£O	n/a
Implementation Cost				
	External Audit	£ 0	£ O	n/a
	Design Clarifications	£ 0	£O	n/a
	Additional Resource Costs	£ 0	£O	n/a
	Additional Testing and Audit Support Costs	£O	n/a	n/a
Total Demand Led Implementation Cost		£O	£O	n/a

ELEXON Implementation Resource Cost	5 Man days (£2,000)	5 Man days (£2,000)	+/- 10% +/- £200
Total Implementation Cost	£2,000	£2,000	+/- 10%

# **ONGOING SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE COSTS**

	Stand Alone Cost	P166 Incremental Cost	Tolerance
Service Provider Operation Cost	£ 0 per annum	£ 0 per annum	n/a
Service Provider Maintenance Cost	£ 0 per annum	£ 0 per annum	n/a
ELEXON Operational Cost	£ 0 per annum	£ 0 per annum	n/a

#### 3 RATIONALE FOR PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Panel recommends that Proposed Modification P166 should be made, as it will give full effect to Approved Modification P123. P123, and therefore the principle associated with P166, has previously been considered and agreed by a Modification Group, the Panel and the Authority.

The Panel believes that P166 better faciliates the achievement of Applicable BSC Objective (d) in that if P166 were made the administration of the balancing and settlement arrangments would be more efficient. P166 removes the obligation on BSCCo to inform Parties they are required to increase their DC values if they have utilised the P123 mechanism but have breached the tolerances retrospectively.

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The Panel recommends that the Implementation Date for P166 should be 10 Working Days following an Authority decision that P166 should be made, in order to allow time for BSCCo Local Working Instructions to be amended, and to enable the amendments to the Code to be made and prepared for distribution.

#### 4 IMPACT ON BSC SYSTEMS AND PARTIES

An assessment has been undertaken in respect of BSC Systems and Parties and the following have been identified as potentially being impacted by the Proposed Modification.

## 4.1 BSCCo

An assessment has been undertaken in respect of BSCCo and the following area has been identified as being impacted by Modification Proposal P166.

Area of Business	Potential Impact of Proposed Modification
BSCCo Systems	No impact
BSCCo Procedures	BSCCo Local Working Instructions are impacted by the amendment to remove the circularity in the obligations in respect of declaring DC for a BSC Season.
BSCCo Contracts (Excluding BSC Agent Contracts)	No impact
Other (e.g. costs, staffing, etc.)	No impact

## 4.2 BSC Systems

An assessment has been undertaken in respect of all BSC Systems and processes and no impact has been identified from the implementation of Modification Proposal P166.

## 4.3 Parties and Party Agents

Suppliers may be beneficially impacted by the removal of the obligation to increase DC to reflect the peak  $QM_{ij}$  for the entire BSC Season, even where they have been allowed to decrease their DC mid-BSC Season in accordance with the P123 mechanism.

An impact assessment was issued to Parties during the Assessment Procedure for P123 (Annex 6). The responses indicate Parties expected minimal impact from the implementation of P123, and since P166 remains within the same scope, it is believed that this impact assessment is equally valid for P166.

#### 5 IMPACT ON CODE AND DOCUMENTATION

#### 5.1 Balancing and Settlement Code

Section K3.4.2A was introduced into the Code with the implementation of P123, and gives Parties the ability to voluntarily re-declare DC values (outlined in Section K3.4.1) twice during a BSC Season. This paragraph would require amendment to remove a reference to Section K3.4.5 that is not appropriate for reasons detailed below. The further amendments to this paragraph, have already been included as part of a housekeeping Modification Proposal (P164), which the Authority is currently considering.

Section K3.4.3 sets out the tolerances, which if breached, result in an obligation on a Party to redeclare its DC upwards. The obligation to re-declare (as more fully described in section 1.1 of this

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document) is due to the fact that the tolerances apply to Settlement Periods across the whole BSC Season, and are applied retrospectively. This paragraph would require amendment to make the tolerances only apply to the remainder of the BSC Season if a Party has made a mid-BSC Season downward revision to its DC in accordance with Section K3.4.2A.

Section K3.4.5 places the obligation on a Party to re-declare upwards its DC if it becomes aware that it has breached the tolerances in Section K3.4.3. This paragraph would require amendment to remove reference to Section K3.4.2A, as this is unnecessary. It is only necessary to refer to Section K3.4.1 in this section, as that is the paragraph that outlines what is required to be notified for a DC value to be declared.

In addition, the final sentence has been removed from Section K3.4.5, as it refers to a right that has expired.

Section K3.4.8 has been amended such that the definition of DC has been expanded to include a value of  $QM_{ii}$  divided by SPD declared mid-BSC Season in accordance with Section K3.4.2A.

# 5.2 Code Subsidiary Documents

An assessment has been undertaken in respect of all Code Subsidiary Documents and no Code Subsidiary Documents are impacted by Modification Proposal P166.

#### 5.3 BSCCo Memorandum and Articles of Association

An assessment has been undertaken in respect of all the BSCCo Memorandum and Articles of Association and no impact has been identified as a result of Modification Proposal P166.

# 5.4 Impact on Core Industry Documents and supporting arrangements

An initial assessment has been undertaken in respect of Core Industry Documents and no Core Industry Documents are impacted by Modification Proposal P166.

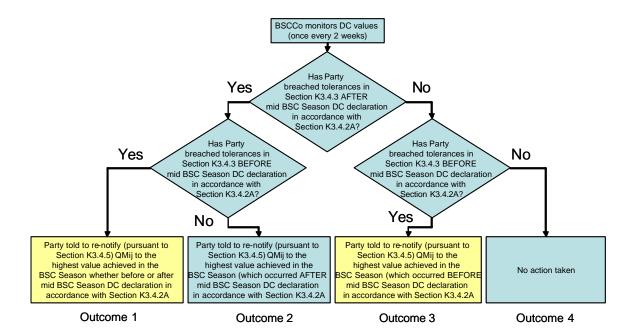
#### 6 SCENARIOS

The following flow diagrams show two scenarios: the current situation, whereby P123 can not be fully realised, and the process were P166 to be made.

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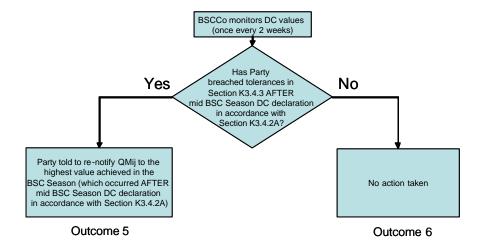
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#### 6.1 Scenario 1: Without P166



Outcome 1 and 3 are the unintentional processes, which P166 was raised to remedy.

#### 6.2 Scenario 2: With P166



The requirement on a Party to increase  $QM_{ij}$  to the peak value for all Settlement Periods in a BSC Season has been removed. For Scenario 2, BSCCo would only instruct a Party to re-notify its  $QM_{ij}$  if it breached the tolerances at any time during the remainder of the BSC Season.

#### 7 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATIONS

Views on the following questions are being sought via consultation.

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Consultation question	Respondent agrees	Respondent disagrees	Opinion unexpressed
Do you agree with the Panel's views on P166 and the provisional recommendation to the Authority contained in the draft Modification Report that P166 should be made?			
Do you agree that the legal text provided in the draft Modification Report correctly addresses the defect or issue identified in the Modification Proposal?			
Do you agree with the Panel's provisional recommendation concerning the Implementation Date for P166?			

#### 8 SUMMARY OF TRANSMISSION COMPANY ANALYSIS

# 8.1 Analysis

As P166 seeks to enable the full realisation of P123, the scope of P166 and P123 are the same. For this reason the Transmission Company analysis carried out during the Assessment Procedure for P123 has been attached to this report for information (Annex 4). To summarise, the Transmission Company did not believe that any of its systems or processes would be impacted by P123.

#### 9 IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

The Panel recommends an Implementation Date of 10 Working Days after the Authority decision. This would provide sufficient time to make the required changes to the Code.

It is estimated that making the recessary changes to the Code will require 5 man days of ELEXON effort.

#### 10 DOCUMENT CONTROL

### 10.1 Authorities

Version	Date	Author	Reviewer	Change Reference
0.1	16/04/04	Change Delivery	Tom Bowcutt (TAD Consultant) Sarah Parsons (TAD Manager)	Technical review
0.2	19/04/04	Change Delivery	Richard Hall (TAD Consultant)	Quality review
0.3	19/04/04	Change Delivery	Industry	Consultation
0.4	04/05/04	Change Delivery		Technical review
0.5	05/05/04	Change Delivery		Quality review
0.6	07/05/04	Change Delivery	The Panel	For Decision
1.0	20/05/04	Change Delivery	The Authority	For Determination

#### 10.2 References

Ref	Document	Owner	Issue date	Version
1	P123 Final Modification	The Panel	15 August 03	Final/1.0
	Report			

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2	Panel Paper 71/023 'Operational Issue in Application of Section K: 'Classification and Registration of Metering Systems and BM Units''	BSCCo	10 January 2004	Final/1.0
3	P166 Initial Written Assessment	BSCCo	2 April 2004	Final/1.0

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#### ANNEX 1 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

Draft legal text for Proposed Modification P166 is contained in Attachment 1.

#### **ANNEX 3 CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

#### ANNEX 4 TRANSMISSION COMPANY ANALYSIS

The response made by the Transmission Company during the Assessment Procedure consultation for P123 is provided in full, as follows:

Q	Question	Response
1	Please outline any impact of the Proposed Modifications (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modifications) on the ability of the Transmission Company to discharge its obligations efficiently under the Transmission Licence and on its ability to operate an efficient, economical and co-ordinated transmission system.	We believe that the implementation of P122 and P123 has no impact on the ability of the Transmission Company to discharge its obligations under the Transmission Licence.
2	Please outline the views and rationale of the Transmission Company as to whether the Proposed Modifications (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modifications) would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives.	We believe that the two modifications better facilitate applicable BSC objective (c) namely "promoting effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity" by removing a barrier to certain Industrial and Commercial Suppliers.
3	Please outline the impact of the Proposed Modifications (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modifications) on the computer systems and processes of the Transmission Company, including details of any changes to such systems and processes that would be required as a result of the implementation of the Proposed Modifications (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modifications) P122 or P123.	There is no direct impact on our systems and processes as a result of the proposed modifications. We do not believe that there is a specific lead-time required for us to implement P122 or P123.
4	Please provide an estimate of the development, capital and operating costs (broken down in reasonable detail) which the Transmission Company anticipates that it would incur in, and as a result of, implementing the Proposed Modifications(and, if applicable, any Alternative Modifications).	None identified.
5	Please provide details of any consequential changes to Core Industry Documents that would be required as a result of the implementation of the Proposed Modifications (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modifications).	None identified.
6	Any other comments on the Proposed Modifications (and Alternative Modifications if applicable).	None.

## ANNEX 6 PARTY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The Party Impact assessments carried out during the Assessment Procedure consultation for P123 are included below. They have been cropped to show only the options (included in the P123 Assessment Report) that were chosen as the solution, and which was approved by the Authority when it made its determination on P123.

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Organisation	Comments	
Rachael Gardener	No comment	
Aquila Networks		
Dave Morton	P123 Portfolio Change Options:	
LE Group Supply	Option 2: Timescale for implementation: Effort for ongoing operation:  P122/P123 Material Doubt Options:	Immediate Minimum
	Option B: Timescale for implementation: Effort for ongoing operation:	Immediate Minimum
Ros Parsons	P123 Portfolio Changes:	
Npower Direct Ltd, Npower Yorkshire Ltd, Npower Yorkshire Supply Ltd	Option 2: Timescale for implementation: Effort for ongoing implementation:	No impact 5 man days per year
	P122/P123 Material Doubt Options:	
	Option B: Timescale for implementation: Effort for ongoing implementation:	No impact No impact
Margaret	P123 Portfolio Changes:	
Brunton Npower Northern	Option 2: Timescale for implementation: Effort for ongoing implementation:	No impact 5 man days per year
	P122/P123 Material Doubt Options:	
	Option B: Timescale for implementation: Effort for ongoing implementation:	No impact No impact

#### ANNEX 7 CLARIFICATION OF COSTS

There are several different types of costs relating to the implementation of Modification Proposals. ELEXON implements the majority of Approved Modifications under its CVA or SVA Release Programmes. These Programmes incur a base overhead which is broadly stable whatever the content of the Release. On top of this each Approved Modification incurs an incremental implementation cost. In order to give Stakeholders a feel for the estimated cost of implementing an Approved Modification the templates shown in Attachment 1 have three columns:

- Stand Alone Cost the cost of delivering the Modification as a stand alone project outside of a CVA or SVA Release, or the cost of a CVA or SVA Release with no other changes included in the Release scope. This is the estimated maximum cost that could be attributed to any one Modification implementation.
- Incremental Cost the cost of adding that Modification Proposal to the scope of an existing release. This cost would also represent the potential saving if the Modification Proposal was to be removed from the scope of a release before development had started.

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• **Tolerance** – the predicted limits of how certain the cost estimates included in the template are. The tolerance will be dependent on the complexity and certainty of the solution and the time allowed for the provision of an impact assessment by the Service Provider(s).

The cost breakdowns are shown below:

PROGRESSING MODIFICATION PROPOSAL	
Demand Led Cost	This is the third party cost of progressing a Modification Proposal through the Modification Procedures in accordance with Section F of the Code. Service Provider Impact Assessments are covered by a contractual charge and so the Demand Led cost will typically be zero unless external Legal assistance or external consultancy is required.
ELEXON Resource	This is the ELEXON Resource requirement to progress the Modification Proposal through the Modification Procedures. This is estimated using a standard formula based on the length of the Modification Procedure.

SERVICE PROVIDER⁵ COSTS	
Change Specific Cost	Cost of the Service Provider(s) Systems development and other activities relating specifically to the Modification Proposal.
Release Cost	Fixed cost associated with the development of the Service Provider(s) Systems as part of a release. This cost encompasses all the activities that would be undertaken regardless of the number or complexity of changes in the scope of a release. These activities include Project Management, the production of testing and deployment specifications and reports and various other standard release activities.
Incremental Release Cost	Additional costs on top of base Release Costs for delivering the specific Modification Proposal. For instance, the production of a Test Strategy and Test Report requires a certain amount of effort regardless of the number of changes to be tested, but the addition of a specific Modification Proposal may increase the scope of the Test Strategy and Test Report and hence incur additional costs.

IMPLEMENTATION COSTS		
External Audit	Allowance for the cost of external audit of the delivery of the release. For CVA BSC Systems Releases this is typically estimated as 8% of the total Service Provider Costs, with a tolerance of +/- 20%. At present the SVA Programme does not use an external auditor, so there is no External Audit cost associated with an SVA BSC Systems Release.	
Design Clarifications	Allowance to cover the potential cost of making any amendments to the proposed solution to clarify any ambiguities identified during implementation. This is typically estimated as 5% of the total Service Provider Costs, with a tolerance of +/- 100%.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A Service Provider can be a BSC Agent or a non-BSC Agent, which provides a service or software as part of the BSC and BSC Agent Systems. The Service Provider cost will be the sum of the costs for all Service Providers who are impacted by the release.

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Additional Resource Costs	Any short-term resource requirements in addition to the ELEXON resource available. For CVA BSC Systems Releases, this is typically only necessary if the proposed solution for a Modification Proposal would require more extensive testing than normal, procurements or 'in-house' development.  For SVA BSC Systems Releases, this will include the management and operation of the Acceptance Testing and the associated testing environment.  This cost relates solely to the short-term employment of contract staff to assist in the implementation of the release.	
Additional Testing and Audit Support Costs	I test environment and audit activities. Includes such activities as the	

#### TOTAL DEMAND LED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

This is calculated as the sum of the total Service Provider(s) Cost and the total Implementation Cost. The tolerance associated with the Total Demand Led Implementation Cost is calculated as the weighted average of the individual Service Provider(s) Costs and Implementation Costs tolerances. This tolerance will be rounded to the nearest 5%.

#### **ELEXON IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCE COSTS**

Cost quoted in man days multiplied by project average daily rate, which represents the resources utilised by ELEXON in supporting the implementation of the release. This cost is typically funded from the "ELEXON Operational" budget using existing staff, but there may be instances where the total resources required to deliver a release exceeds the level of available ELEXON resources, in which case additional Demand Led Resources will be required.

The ELEXON Implementation Resource Cost will typically have a tolerance of +/- 5% associated with it.

ONGOING SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE COSTS		
ELEXON Operational Cost	Cost, in man days per annum multiplied by project average daily rate, of operating the revised systems and processes post implementation.	
Service Provider Operation Cost	Cost in £ per annum payable to the Service Provider(s) to cover staffing requirements, software or hardware licensing fees, communications charges or any hardware storage fees associated with the ongoing operation of the revised systems and processes.	
Service Provider Maintenance Cost	Cost quoted in £ per annum payable to the Service Provider(s) to cover the maintenance of the amended BSC Systems.	