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1 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Recommendation

On the basis of the analysis, consultation and assessment undertaken in respect of this Modification Proposal during the Modification Procedures, and the resultant findings of this report, the Balancing and Settlement Code Panel (the Panel) recommends that:

Proposed Modification P114 should be made;

- **The Implementation Date for Proposed Modification P114 should be 4 November 2003, should the Authority determination be received before 2 May 2003. Should an Authority determination be received on or after this date, but prior to 22 August 2003 then the Implementation Date should be 24 February 2004;**

It is noted that P114 has an interaction with P102, "Entitlement of Licence Exemptable Generators ("LEGs") to BSC Membership without Evidence of Trading", should Proposed Modification P114 be made Alternative Modification P102 would not be required.

1.2 Background

Modification Proposal P114 'Entitlement of Licence Exemptable Generators ("LEGs") and other non-trading Parties to BSC Membership Without Evidence of Trading' (P114) was submitted on 2 December 2002 by Slough Energy Supplies Ltd. P114 proposes to provide any person with access to data that is currently available to all BSC Parties.

P114 proposed three potential methods of providing access to information;

1. Removal of paragraph 2.6, Section A, of the Code "Withdrawal of a Party which does not commence trading" such that non-trading BSC Parties would be entitled to remain BSC Parties, notwithstanding that none of the steps specified in paragraph 2.6.3 of Section A has been taken;
2. Creation of a new category of BSC Party, registered with a "Non-Trading" status and thereby excused the necessity to commence trading; or
3. A licence, under the Code, whereby non-BSC Parties could sign up to receive access to data currently available to all BSC Parties.

The Settlement Standing Modification Group (SSMG) has assessed Modification Proposal P114, and the detail of the assessment is provided in the Assessment Report for Modification Proposal P114 (Reference 4).

It was the view of the SSMG that there were issues surrounding the use of BSC Party status as a means of accessing information. The SSMG concluded that through the creation of a data licensing arrangement, under the Code, issues raised by allowing non-trading BSC Parties to remain within the Code would be addressed. A data licensing approach forms Proposed Modification P114.

During the Assessment Procedure the SSMG considered a further solution involving publication of data on the public access BMRS Website. However the majority of the SSMG concluded that this approach failed to address cost recovery issues and provided insufficient control over access to data. Therefore

the SSMG agreed that this solution would not better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives, as compared to the Proposed Modification. There is no Alternative Modification P114.

The Panel considered the Assessment Report at its meeting of 13 February 2003, and agreed to provisionally endorse the recommendations of the SSMG, that the Proposed Modification should be made. Therefore, the Panel agreed to submit P114 to the Report Phase.

The Panel considered the draft Modification Report and the consultation responses made in respect of the report at its meeting of 13 March 2003 and agreed to confirm its provisional recommendation that the Proposed Modification should be made.

1.3 Rationale for Recommendations

The Panel unanimously supported the rationale for the recommendations made by the SSMG with regards to Proposed Modification P114 and on the basis of this rationale, the Panel recommended that Proposed Modification P114 should be made.

P114 aims to allow any interested person to access information that is available to all BSC Parties. The Panel agreed with the SSMG view that the provision of information would better facilitate Applicable BSC Objective (c), as it would promote effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity.

The Panel supported the view of the SSMG that a data licensing approach would address several of the issues surrounding the use of BSC Party status as a method of providing access to information. Therefore the Panel supported the view of the SSMG that, on balance, Proposed Modification P114 would better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives and should be made.

2 INTRODUCTION

This Report has been prepared by ELEXON Ltd., on behalf of the Panel, in accordance with the terms of 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.

This Modification Report is addressed and furnished to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority') and none of the facts, opinions or statements contained herein may be relied upon by any other person. An electronic copy of this document can be found on the BSC Website, at www.elexon.co.uk.

3 HISTORY OF THE MODIFICATION

Modification Proposal P114 'Entitlement of Licence Exemptable Generators ("LEGs") and other non-trading Parties to BSC Membership Without Evidence of Trading' (P114) was submitted on 2 December 2002 by Slough Energy Supplies Ltd. P114 proposes to provide any person with access to data that is currently available to all BSC Parties.

The Initial Written Assessment for P114 (Reference 1) was presented to the Panel on 12 December 2002, where it was agreed that P114 be submitted to a 2-month Assessment Procedure. Due to the similar issues addressed the Panel agreed that P102 and P114 should be assessed by the SSMG in parallel.

During the Assessment Procedure for P114, the SSMG met twice, to assess P114 against the assessment criteria identified, consider the consultation responses and impact assessments and to agree recommendations to the Panel in respect of P114.

To assist in the assessment of P114:

An Assessment Consultation on the Proposed Modification and a potential alternative (involving publication of data on the public access BMRS Website) was issued on 17 January 2003, with responses received by 27 January 2003.

A request for an Impact Assessment, based on the Requirements Specification, was issued on 17 January 2003 for industry high level impact assessment (MC00036), with responses received by 27 January 2003, and in parallel to the BSC Central Service Agent for impact assessment.

The SSMG met on 29 January 2003 to consider responses in respect of the Assessment Consultation, finalise assessment of P114, and to agree the Assessment Report and the Group's recommendations in respect of P114.

The majority of the SSMG agreed that Proposed Modification P114 should be made.

The Panel considered the Assessment Report at its meeting of 13 February 2003, and agreed to provisionally endorse the recommendations of the SSMG, that the Proposed Modification should be made. Therefore, the Panel agreed to submit P114 to the Report Phase.

The Panel further agreed that, if the Authority determined that the Proposed Modification should be made, the Implementation Date should be 4 November 2003, should the Authority determination be received before 2 May 2003. Should an Authority determination be received after this date, but prior to 22 August 2003 then the Implementation Date should be 24 February 2004.

The Panel noted the development and implementation costs associated with Proposed Modification P114, which comprise a BSC Agent Total Cost of £137,637 (Total Cost = Change Specific (£26,533) + Project Overhead (£111,104)) and 142 man-days of BSCCo effort.

The Panel noted the interaction with P102 and that, should Proposed Modification P114 be approved, P102 Alternative would no longer be required.

The draft Modification Report, containing the provisional recommendations of the Panel, was provided to Industry for consultation on 19 February 2003, allowing 8 working days for responses (due 3 March 2003).

The consultation responses made in respect of the Draft Modification Report were received on 3 March 2003. The majority of the respondents indicated support for the provisional recommendation contained within the draft Modification Report, namely that the Proposed Modification should be made.

The Panel considered the draft Modification Report and the consultation responses made in respect of the report at its meeting of 13 March 2003 and agreed to confirm its provisional recommendation that the Proposed Modification should be made.

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

4.1 Proposed Modification

Proposed Modification P114 seeks to provide access to information that is available to all BSC Parties through a data licensing arrangement outside the Code. This approach addresses issues surrounding

the use of BSC Party status to access information. Signing of the licence would involve payment of a licence fee to recover the costs of making this data available. The licence would also include the legal responsibilities of non-Parties in regards to publication and use of data acquired. Although the licence would be under the Code a Modification would be required to allow specific reports (Annex 2) to be made available to non-Parties.

The proposed process is outlined below:

- Interested persons sign a license.
- BSCCo collect payment from signatories.
- Reports made available through BSC Agents.
- BSCCo manage these licensees. Including initial registration in BSC Systems and, if required operational support, which includes manual provision of historic reports.
- Each new signatory is registered in CRA with a newly created role of "licensee".
- Licensees obtain access to data that is available to all BSC Parties (Annex 2).

Alternatively licensees would be able to nominate a third party, also licensed, to receive data on their behalf. It was envisaged that this would lead to data processing agents being set up. These data processing agents would download and pre-process data on behalf of several licensees. The SSMG believed that pre-processing would be desirable due to the extensive nature of the reports to be made available under P114 (Annex 2). Nominated third parties would be bound by the conditions of the licence and would only be able to provide data to fellow licensees. Responses to the Assessment Consultation indicated that uptake of the licence approach via a third party would be the preferred route to access data.

5 RATIONALE FOR PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Panel unanimously supported the rationale for the recommendations made by the SSMG with regards to Proposed Modification P114 and on the basis of this rationale, the Panel recommended that Proposed Modification P114 should be made.

The SSMG identified a set of issues that were the key areas to be considered in the assessment of P114, and therefore to be considered when assessing whether P114 better facilitates achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives. The discussions and considerations of the SSMG with respect to these issues are set out in full in the Assessment Report (Reference 4) and are summarised in this document (section 8)

P114 aims to allow any interested person to access information that is available to all BSC Parties. The SSMG agreed that, in general, the provision of information to any interested person would better facilitate BSC Objective (c).

'Promoting effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) promoting such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity'.

However it was the view of the SSMG that there were several issues surrounding the use of BSC Party status as a means of accessing information. Particular points considered include:

- The fact that the Code was drafted for trading Parties;
- Control of the data to be made available;

- Creation of a subset of the Code;
- Dilution of Party Status
- Submission of Modification Proposals.

On consideration of the issues the SSMG agreed that a licensing approach should form the Proposed Modification P114. It was the view of the SSMG that a licensing approach could address several of the issues surrounding the use of BSC Party status as a method of providing access to information. Therefore it was the unanimous view of the SSMG that Proposed Modification P114 would better facilitate BSC Objective (c).

It was recognised that there are increased implementation costs associated with the licensing approach in comparison to other solutions considered. However the SSMG believed that these costs were justified to avoid issues surrounding the use of BSC Party status to provide access to information and also to protect the interest of BSC Parties.

One member of the SSMG believed that publication of data via the BMRS would better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives, as compared to the Proposed Modification, and that this approach should form Alternative Modification P114. However the majority view of the SSMG was that this approach failed to address cost recovery issues and would provide insufficient control over access to data. Therefore it was the majority view of the SSMG that publication of data via the BMRS would not better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives, as compared to Proposed Modification P114.

In conclusion the SSMG agreed that Proposed Modification P114 would better facilitate the Applicable BSC Objectives and should be made.

6 LEGAL TEXT TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Proposed Modification P114 requires changes to Sections V and X-2 of the Code. For a summary of the changes and a detailed red-lined version of the legal text see attached document.

Changes to the Code to give effect to Proposed Modification P114 can be summarised as follows:

Section V: This section will be updated to allow for provision of specific reports to any person on request.

The legal drafting included with this report is drafted against the version of the Code current on the date of the Panel meeting (07 March 2003). The legal drafting was checked against all Modifications that had been approved by the Authority on the date of the Panel meeting, including those that have not yet been implemented. If the baseline of the Code changes prior to implementation of P114, or if other Modification Proposals are to be implemented at the same time as P114, the legal text may need to be amended.

7 LICENCE

A licence would be drafted and approved by the Panel as part of the implementation of Proposed Modification P114. The SSMG agreed the following high level requirements for the licence, although it was recognised that the Panel would decide the final content.

- **Confidentiality**

The confidentiality obligations of non-BSC Parties signed up to the licence will be similar to those of BSC signatories. Therefore the confidentiality terms within the licence would mirror

similar obligations within the Code. This would include the requirement to use data only for the purpose of supply and generation of electricity in England and Wales.

- **Information Provided**

This would include reports detailed in Section V of the Code that are currently available to all BSC Parties (Annex 2). Historic versions of this data would be made available using the manual process currently used for BSC Parties.

- **Cost recovery**

Licensees would be required to pay an annual fee covering the costs of providing data. It was the view of the SSMG that this fee should initially be set at an annual value of £3,000, to be agreed by the Panel as an Implementation Activity for Alternative Modification P102 if approved.

- **Termination**

BSCCo will have the ability to terminate the agreement with any licensee on any breach by that licensee. BSCCo will also be able to terminate the agreement on reasonable grounds (For example a Modification affecting licensing is to be implemented). However if BSCCo requires termination, without agreement from the licensee and for any reason other than a breach on behalf of the licensee, Panel approval would be necessary.

Licensees will have the option not to renew the licence agreement at the end of its duration and the power to terminate in the event of a material breach by BSCCo. No Panel approval required shall be required in either case.

- **Changes to Licence agreement**

Panel approval will be required for any changes to the standard licence agreement.

- **Third party access**

Facility will be included in the licence for provision of data via a third party. This will allow data provision services to be set up such that data can be pre-processed on the behalf of licensees. A potential benefit of this approach is that there would be fewer licensees physically accessing Central Systems and therefore a reduction of the impact on service infrastructure. It should be noted however that each end user of the data is required to be a licensee.

8 ASSESSMENT ISSUES FOR MODIFICATION PROPOSAL P114

The SSMG identified a set of issues considered to be key in the Assessment of P114. The discussions and views of the SSMG, with respect to these issues, are set out in full in the Assessment Report (Reference 1) and are summarised in this section.

8.1 Use of BSC Party status to access information

During assessment of P114 the SSMG considered whether endorsing the use of BSC Party status in order to obtain access to information was desirable and the areas considered are outlined within this section.

The SSMG considered the obligations and rights of a non-trading Party signing up to the Code in order to access information.

Concern was expressed at the ability of non-trading BSC Parties to submit Modification Proposals that affect a market in which they are not directly involved. The view was presented that the costs of the Modification Procedures are mainly recovered from trading BSC Parties. Therefore allowing non-trading BSC Parties to remain signatories to the Code and submit limitless Modification Proposals would present a cost to trading BSC Parties. It was noted that there are existing methods whereby non-BSC Parties can submit Modification Proposals, for example through a written request from a representative body. However it was the view of the SSMG that there is a certain element of control over these processes that would not be present for non-trading BSC Parties.

Under the Code BSCCo is obliged to send notifications to, or consult with, Parties in relation to budgets, reviews of trading issues and business plans. It was the view of the SSMG that it would be undesirable for non-trading Parties, purely interested in accessing information, to be involved in these processes.

During the Assessment Procedure the SSMG also considered the Entry Process required to achieve Party status and whether this could act as a barrier to some of the individuals that P114 aims to benefit. The Entry Process includes Accession, Authorisation, Registration and Qualification. Details of the entry process are available on the BSC Website, as follows:

http://www.elexon.co.uk/ta/market_entry/generator.html

In order to receive data a non-trading Party would be required to undergo Qualification testing, whereby data is sent to or received from BSC Systems. This testing is necessary in order to ensure corrupt data does not enter BSC Systems. Under the Proposed Modification licensees would have read only access to BSC Systems and would not require the ability to encrypt/decrypt nor validate sequence numbers, or send response files. Therefore it is not envisaged licensees would be required to undergo Qualification testing. It was the view of the SSMG accessing data via BSC Party status would be unnecessarily complex. Furthermore it was noted that consultation responses from non-BSC Parties had indicated that taking on BSC Party status in order to obtain access to information would prove too onerous.

In conclusion the majority of the SSMG agreed that the use of Party status to access information was undesirable.

8.2 Costs

Initial costs indicated by BSC Agents (Specifically CRA, SAA and CDCA) for the changes required to BSC Systems to support the Proposed Modification are summarised below:

- **Change Specific Costs = £26,533**

Change Specific Cost is the marginal cost of including these changes in a standard BSC Systems Release.

- **Project Overhead = £111,104**

If the Modification is not implemented as part of one of the standard BSC Systems Releases then the 'Project Overhead' must be added to the Change Specific Costs to arrive at the Total Cost.

- **Total Cost = £137,637**

Total Costs = Change Specific + Project Overhead. The actual cost of implementing a change where included as part of a standard BSC Systems Release is normally made up of the Change Specific costs plus some fraction of the Project Overhead.

- **Annual Maintenance cost = £19,269**

Annual Maintenance costs is calculated as a standard percentage (14%) of the Total cost.

- **Annual Operational costs = £250 per licensee per annum**
- **Project Duration = 9 Weeks**

In addition to the BSC agent costs there would be a total of 142 man-days effort to implement the Proposed Modification, broken down as follows:

- **Market Entry:** Estimated effort 30 man-days required implementing updates to local working instructions and processes in support of the Proposed Modification.
- **CVA Operations:** Estimated effort 40 man-days required implementing updates to local working instructions in support of the Proposed Modification. Up to one quarter full time equivalent would be required to cover the licensing process, to manage operational issues and to deal with the ongoing administration.
- **CVA Programme:** Estimated effort 65 man-days effort to implement documentation updates. An implementation time-scale of 27 weeks, after an Authority decision, required for the Proposed Modification. This timescale includes BSC Agent Development time and BSCCo testing activity.
- **Legal:** Estimated effort 6 man-days to complete drafting of the licence.

In order to implement the Proposed Modification a total lead-time of 27 weeks would be required, including both BSC Agent development time and BSCCo testing activity.

It was the view of the SSMG the cost of the Proposed Modification would be justified in order to provide a transparent and easy route to access data, not requiring the use of Party status. It was noted that the majority of BSC Parties, responding to the second Assessment Consultation which included associated costs, had indicated a preference for the Proposed Modification in comparison to potential alternative solutions.

It was noted by the SSMG that these costs are based on a small number of licensees (less than 20).

8.3 Cost Recover Mechanism

The SSMG agreed that non-BSC Parties should contribute towards the costs of making data available to themselves under P114. The following factors were considered by the SSMG when specifying a charging mechanism under the Proposed Modification:

- The charging level should be of the same order as the Base Monthly Charge for BSC Parties of £250 per month.
- An indicated annual operational charge of £250 per licensee for registration in BSC Systems.
- Estimated uptake of the order of 10 licensees (5 within BSC Systems and 5 receiving data via a third Party).
- Ongoing maintenance of BSC Systems (charged at 14% of the implementation cost).
- Initial implementation costs.
- BSCCo operational costs for managing Licensees, estimated that these costs would be of the order of the annual operational charge of the BSC Agent (£250 per Licensee per annum).

- Reduction of administrative work required for an annual rather than monthly fee.

On consideration by the SSMG of the points above it was agreed that the licence should initially include an annual £3000 fee, payable in advance. This charge would cover the operational costs of an individual licensee to both BSC Agents and BSCCo with any excess contributing to the maintenance and initial implementation costs arising from the changes required to BSC Systems. This charge would be finalised and included in the licence, to be approved by the Panel, prior to implementation of the Proposed Modification.

8.4 Obligation to provide the licence

The SSMG considered the draft legal text and licence. It was the view of the Proposer that that an additional obligation on BSCCo, to make the licence available, should be included in the draft Legal Text. Therefore the SSMG requested that, subject to legal advice, the draft legal text should include this obligation.

Legal advice on whether this obligation should be included in the Code made reference to Section H9.4 of the Code, which provides that Parties do not intend that any third party shall have any "rights, benefits, entitlements or privileges under the Code, the Framework Agreement and the Code Subsidiary Documents". The legal view was that inclusion in the Legal Text, of an obligation on BSCCo to enter into the licence, would undermine Section H9.4. Reference was also made, in the legal advice, to Section C1.3.1, which provides that BSCCo is required to exercise its powers and discharge its functions and responsibilities in order to achieve the objectives in Section B1.2.1. Therefore legal advice indicated that under the Proposed Modification any obligations of BSCCo towards licensees should be included within the licence and should not appear within the Code. It was suggested that BSCCo's high level obligations were sufficient to ensure that such a licence would be made available on request.

Section V of the Code outlines the provisions concerning the reporting obligations of BSC Agents not BSCCo. Although, BSCCo in accordance with its high level obligations, must facilitate the entitlement of Parties and non-BSC Parties to receipt of the relevant reports from the various BSC Agents. The Legal Text is consistent with the approach to reporting requirements and data provision in Section V.

In light of the legal advice received the majority of the SSMG agreed that it was not necessary, or desirable, to include such an obligation in the Code.

8.5 Confidentiality of Data

During the Assessment Procedure the SSMG considered the confidentiality of the data to be made available under P114 (Annex 2). It was noted by the SSMG that there are existing concerns surrounding this information being made available to all BSC Parties. However obligations within the Code on use and confidentiality of this information are considered adequate. The Proposed Modification places identical obligations on licensees and the SSMG believed this would provide adequate protection against misuse of the information. It was noted that any person could become a BSC Party, for up to six months, thereby obtaining access to this information in the short term.

Therefore the SSMG concluded that, although there are concerns surrounding provision of trading data to persons not involved in trading activity, the Proposed Modification provides the same level of protection as is currently provided under the Code.

Concerns were raised by the SSMG that large consumption, directly connected customers might have concerns surrounding BSC Party information being made available to a wider audience. These concerns were based on the fact that large consumer's own consumption data can be identified within this BSC

Party information. The consultation was made available to large demand sites via the Energy Intensive User Group (EIUG). No issues were raised, on behalf of large demand sites, during the consultation process. Furthermore it was confirmed at the Panel meeting on 13 February 2003 that the EIUG had no issues with P114.

During Assessment concern was expressed relating to the provision of trading data to non-BSC Parties, without the explicit agreement of Parties. Therefore the draft legal text for P114 contains a provision whereby BSC Parties agree for certain reports, as identified in Section V of the Code (including the reports detailed in Annex 2), to be provide to non-BSC Parties.

9 SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

A total of 10 responses (41 Parties, 2 non Parties) were received to the consultation on the draft Modification Report.

- 7 responses (33 Parties and 2 non-Parties) agreed with the Panel's provisional recommendation that Proposed Modification P114 should be made;
- 7 responses (37 Parties) agreed that the legal text addressed the defect identified in the Modification Proposal;
- 8 responses (39 Parties) agreed with the Panel's provisional recommended Implementation Date;
- 1 Response had no comment.

A summary of responses to the P114 draft Modification Report consultation is included below:

Respondent:	Approve Proposed	Legal text	Date	Parties	Non Parties
SEEBOARD Energy Limited	✓	X	✓	1	-
Powergen	✓	✓	✓	15	-
LE Group	✓	✓	✓	7	-
NGC	✓	✓	✓	1	-
Aquila Networks	NC	NC	NC	1	-
Scottish and Southern	X	✓	✓	4	-
Scottish Power	✓	✓	✓	6	-
British Gas Trading	✓	✓	✓	1	-
Slough Energy Supplies Limited	✓	X	X	2	2
British Energy (Late Response)	X	✓	✓	3	-
Total	7	7	8	41	2

This report contains a summary of the responses and copies of the actual responses received. A summary of the arguments raised in the responses is given below in sections 9.1 through 9.4. These arguments were all discussed by the SSMG during the Assessment Procedure and are summarised for completeness.

9.1 Views on the Panel's recommendation with regards to the Proposed Modification

The majority, 7 responses (39 Parties) agreed with the Panel's provisional recommendation that Proposed Modification P114 should be made. 2 respondents (7 Parties) did not agree with the view expressed by the Panel in relation to the Proposed Modification.

Arguments expressed in support of the Panel's recommendation that the Proposed Modification should be made:

- Allows for data to be provided in a non-discriminatory manner, whilst addressing customer confidentiality concerns and providing a mechanism for cost recovery;
- Symmetrical provision of data to market participants is desirable and promotes competition. The Proposed Modification also provides a clear targeted mechanism for recovering costs incurred in producing and distributing data to non-BSC Parties;
- Addresses issues surrounding the use of BSC Party Status as a method of accessing information; and
- Allows distribution of data in a controlled manner by introducing a robust cost recovery mechanism with confidentiality obligations that mirror those in the BSC.

Arguments expressed opposed to the Panel's recommendation that the Proposed Modification should be made.

- One response (3 Parties) suggested that the benefits do not justify the significant cost indicated for the Modification. The SSMG considered the indicated costs for Proposed Modification P107 during the Assessment Procedure (sections 8.2 and 8.3) and agreed that the costs were justified to provide a transparent means of accessing information not requiring the use of Party status. Furthermore the SSMG agreed that P114 would provide a cost recovery mechanism whereby a suitable amount could be recovered from non-Parties.
- 1 response (4 Parties) rejected P114 on the grounds that no defect had been identified and there was no justification for provision of data to a wider audience. Modification Proposal P114 (Reference 4) included a paper outlining why non-Parties may require access to BSC data. The SSMG considered the rationale provide in this paper during the Assessment Procedure.

9.2 Views on the Legal Text

The majority, 7 responses (38 Parties) agreed that the legal text provided in the Modification Report addressed the defect identified in the Modification Proposal.

One response (2 Parties and 2 non-Parties) indicated that the legal text does not provide sufficient obligation to provide information to parties that require it. This issue was considered by the SSMG during Assessment (section 8.4).

One response (1 Party) indicated an issue with the legal text as follows. The legal text allows provision of information to "any person". The view was presented that this should be "any licensed person" to tie into requirements of P114. Furthermore it was suggested that the legal text for Alternative Modification P102 had these definitions so an update to P114 legal text could easily be taken from that legal text.

It was not considered necessary to identify "any licensed person" separately to "any person" during drafting of the legal text. Within the existing Code baseline, paragraph V3.2.7, there is provision to provide certain reports to "any person" on request. This section covers the requirements to enter into a licence agreement with BSCCo and to make a payment to cover the costs of making the data available. It was stated in the consultation response that, under P102, the reports to be made available are specifically identified as separate from those to be made available to "any person". Under P102 this was necessary as these reports would only be available to LEGs and not to "any person". Under P114 there is no need to identify the reports separately.

9.3 Views on the Panel's recommendation with regards to the Implementation Date

The majority, 8 responses (39 Parties) agreed with the recommended Implementation Dates included in the draft Modification Report. Respondents indicated that, if approved, P114 Alternative Modification should be implemented as part of a standard BSC Systems Release, thereby minimising the associated costs.

One response (2 Parties and 2 non-Parties) believed that, as P114 is directed towards improving competition, it should be implemented as soon as possible. The recommended Implementation Date incorporates the necessary lead-time required, following an Authority decision, to complete Development and Implementation work required by both BSCCo and the BSC Agents. In light of the lead times required the recommended Implementation Date presents the earliest opportunity to incorporate the changes within a standard BSC Systems Release, thereby minimising implementation costs.

9.4 Further Comments

One comment was received relating to the recovery of costs from any person receiving data via a third party (sections 6 and 7). It was suggested that it would not be appropriate for persons receiving data via a nominated third party to pay the licence fee. During the Assessment Procedure the SSMG agreed that the charge would be aimed at recovering the costs of making the information available rather than the specific costs generated by an individual licensee (section 8.3). Therefore, while it was recognised that any licensee not receiving reports directly may not generate the same operational costs, it was considered appropriate that they should be contributing at the same level as other licensees to the cost of making the data licensing service available.

ANNEX 1 – REPRESENTATIONS

For representations received in response to consultation on the draft Modification Report see attached document.

ANNEX 2 – BSC PARTY INFORMATION

The table below details the reports that are currently available to all Parties and that would be available to any interested person under Proposed Modification P114.

Report	IDD Ref.	Contents
Settlement Reports	SAA-I014 (Sub flow 2, see IDD part 2)	Bid-Offer Data, Acceptance Data and Trading Charges for each Party. Volumes and Prices for the whole system. (See the IDD for further details)
Aggregated Data Report	CDCA-I042	Metered Volumes for each BM Unit, Interconnector or GSP Group. (See the IDD for further details)
Meter Period Data Report	CDCA-I030	Metered Volumes for all Distribution Systems Connection Points. (See the IDD for further details)
Total Gross Demand per GSP	CDCA-I029	Aggregated meter flows for each Grid Supply Point in each GSP Group per Settlement Period. (See the IDD for further details)

Table A2-1: BSC Party Report Contents.

For full details of the reports in the table above please refer to the Interface Definition and Design (IDD) (Reference 2), the current versions of which are available on the BSC Website:

http://www.elexon.co.uk/ta/bscrel_docs/ursidd.html