

<p align="center"><b>Draft Change Proposal – BSCP40/01</b></p>	<p>DCP No: 0039</p> <p><i>Version No: 1.0</i> <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i></p>
<p><b>Title</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> Supplier Agents - Access to Meter Protocols</p>	
<p><b>Description of Problem/Issue</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>With advanced metering Suppliers' Party Agents will require access to Settlement Outstation protocols in order to read Settlement Outstations remotely, as in the current Half Hourly market. Currently Settlement Outstation protocols are provided to Party Agents on a commercial basis.</p> <p>The proposed modification to the Standard Conditions of the Electricity Supply Licence condition requires that all Profile Classes 5 to 8 (PC5-8) sites will be metered using advanced metering by 2014. It is anticipated that there will be a variety of Outstation types being used, each with different protocols.</p> <p>Suppliers will only be able to employ the services of their preferred Party Agents if the Party Agents are in possession of the relevant Outstation protocols.</p>	
<p><b>Justification for Change</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>This change has been developed as part of the Advanced Metering Operational Framework: PC5-8. The purpose of the above framework is to facilitate effective market operation and interoperability for PC5-8.</p> <p>This change will facilitate interoperability on a Change of Supplier where the new Supplier is in a position to employ the services of their preferred Party Agents as the Party Agents will be able to obtain access to the relevant Outstation protocols.</p>	
<p><b>Proposed Solution(s)</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>Meter manufacturers should make their protocols available to Suppliers (market experience suggests that it would be in their interests to do so) who could then provide the protocols to their Party Agents.</p> <p>A change would be required to BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing'. This would mean that as part of the compliance testing process the Meter manufacturer should agree to make protocols available to Suppliers (subject to non-disclosure agreements).</p> <p>The change should be part of the compliance testing rather than the protocol approval process. This is due to the fact that it is the manufacturer who submits the Meter for compliance testing whereas it is the Party Agents who undergo the protocol approval process – implying that they would have the protocols already at this stage.</p> <p>BSCP601 will be updated in February 2009 to include provisions for CoP10<sup>1</sup> but use of BSCP601</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Code of Practice for Whole Current Metering of Energy via Low Voltage Circuits for Settlement Purposes.

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<p>is not mandated for CoP10 Meters. A change will also be needed to CoP10 to mandate the use of BSCP601 for CoP10 Meters.</p>	
<p><b>Version History</b> <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i></p> <p>Version 1.0 for impact assessment</p>	
<p><b>Has this DCP been raised for discussion by a Working Group</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i>: N (delete as appropriate)</p>	
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