

Draft Change Proposal – BSCP40/01

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Amendments to timescales and requirements of the BSCP515 processes to Disconnect, Energise and De-energise a SVA Metering System

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

This DCP0031 primarily concerns the process for disconnection of a SVA Metering System, and also seeks to address process issues around energisation and de-energisation of SVA Metering Systems. These processes are all found in BSCP515 'Licensed Distribution'.

A concern has been raised by the SVG that there are insufficient timescale requirements in the 'Disconnection of a SVA Metering System' process. At present there are no timescales around LDSOs responding to disconnection requests, and no requirement for the Supplier to be notified of any problems occurring in the disconnection process. Following report of the findings and recommendations of issue 0001 'Disconnection Review Workshop' ([SVG79/05](#)), the SVG requested that ELEXON progress a change to introduce appropriate timescales and obligations.

The absence of these requirements in the SVA disconnection process results in a situation where, if for any reason the disconnection does not occur on the date originally agreed, there is no obligation to inform the Supplier, and there is no way for the Supplier to know if the disconnection will then occur soon (e.g. within 5 days) or after an extended period (e.g. 6 months). This means that discrepancies in the number of MSIDs registered can occur, impacting the integrity of Settlement - this issue was noted to the SVG in the SAF78 Headline Report ([SVG86/04](#)).

The SVG were also concerned about the 'Energisation of a Metering System (SVA only)' and 'De-energisation of a Metering System (SVA only)' processes. They believe that the steps defining energisation/de-energisation by the LDSO are not sufficiently associated with the dates originally requested by the Supplier when initiating the respective processes and that it is not clear that the Supplier retains control of the initiation of these processes; this change therefore seeks to address these concerns.

The proposed change clarifies that the LDSO may act as the result of a direct request from the Customer associated with the Metering System, and add provisions to accommodate this situation. Note that [CP1236](#) was raised to address BSC Audit issues by amending these processes, but did not seek to resolve the issues DCP0031 aims to address.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

The proposed change would add timescales and obligations to the SVA disconnection process in BSCP515. Addition of these requirements clarifies the process and therefore reduces the possibility of discrepancies arising in the number of MSIDs registered. Such a reduction in the instances of registered MSID discrepancies would improve the integrity of Settlement

The energisation and de-energisation processes would benefit from improved clarity.

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<p>Proposed Solution(s) <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>Add timescale requirements and process obligations into BSCP515 section 3.7 ‘Disconnection of a SVA Metering System’. Add requirements and clarifications into BSCP515 sections 3.5 ‘Energisation of a Metering System (SVA only)’ and 3.6 ‘De-energisation of a Metering System (SVA only)’. The proposed changes are detailed in the attached redlining.</p> <p>The changes to 3.7 would result in the Supplier being better informed of the progress of a disconnection, and therefore be better able to manage it (e.g. Suppliers would know if a disconnection is not performed and what the revised disconnection date is, and would be able to decide if they should have further input into the process). The ultimate aim is that this would reduce instances of discrepancies in the number of MSIDs registered, thereby improving the integrity of Settlement.</p> <p>The changes to 3.5 and 3.6 would introduce requirements for the Supplier to be informed if the LDSO is unable to energise/de-energise on the date requested by the Supplier. A lack of clarity around the meaning of requested date of energisation/de-energisation contributed to the raising of CP1236; it is therefore proposed that footnotes are added to remove any ambiguity in this area.</p> <p>Input is encouraged from industry respondents as to whether they believe that the proposed timescales and obligations are appropriate. Respondents who propose alternative requirements should explain why they believe these to be more appropriate.</p>	
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