Change Proposal – BSCP40/02	CP No: 1355 Version No: v1.0

Title:

Update to BSCP537 Qualification Appendix 2: Testing Requirements

Description of Problem/Issue:

P197 'SVA[1] Qualification Processes Review' (implemented in 2007) introduced the SVA Qualification process to replace and improve upon the preceding Certification, Accreditation and Entry Processes. The SVA Qualification Process is a streamlined version of its predecessor, and is intended to make it easier for new entrants to enter the market whilst maintaining an appropriate level of assurance.

The SVA Qualification process requires applicants to demonstrate their readiness to enter the market (submitted as evidence in their self assessment document and by performing their own entry testing in the areas they consider necessary). Part of this requires applicants to perform testing on the functionality and ability of the system software and hardware and the supporting business and operational processes.

Appendix 2 of BSCP537 states that:

'Test data will be provided by BSCCO for the purposes of performing the arithmetic testing, the Applicant will be required to format, validate and processes [sic] this data through its systems and processes. The output from the arithmetic testing will be compared against the expected results held by BSCCO.'

This is contrary to the intention of P197 which advocates self assessment and requires applicants to perform their own entry testing. In addition this data is not currently available. The only test data that BSCCO has is data that it provided under the old Certification, Accreditation and Entry Process processes. This data has not been maintained or updated for SVA Qualification (it is simply what was previously provided by the Entry Process Co-ordinator). The reference to this provision of test data by BSCCO should have been removed as part of P197. This is an oversight that has now been identified and needs to be rectified.

Proposed Solution:

Remove the paragraph from BSCP537 Appendix 2 Section 1. 'Overview to Testing'.

'Test data will be provided by BSCCO for the purposes of performing the arithmetic testing, the Applicant will be required to format, validate and processes (sic) this data through its systems and processes. The output from the arithmetic testing will be compared against the expected results held by BSCCO'.

Justification for Change:

Given that one of the intentions of P197 was for applicants to be free to perform their own testing, we believe it is not in keeping with the spirit of the SVA Qualification process for ELEXON to fulfil this obligation; therefore it is necessary to remove it.

To which section of the Code does the CP relate, and does the CP facilitate the current provisions of the Code?

The CP better facilitates the provisions of Section J 3.3 of the BSC. The proposed changes are intended align testing requirements with the intent of P197 and benefit applicants by subjecting them to less

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onerous and costly entry procedures.
Estimated Implementation Costs:
The estimated ELEXON implementation cost is 2 man days of effort, which equates to £480.
Configurable Items Affected by Proposed Solution(s):
BSCP537 Qualification Appendix 2: Testing Requirements.
Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code:
None.
Related Changes and/or Projects:
None.
Requested Implementation Date:
28 June 2012 (June 2012 BSC Release).
Reason:
The proposed changes would align testing requirements with the intent of P197, implemented in August 2007, and therefore if approved should be implemented in the next possible Release.
Version History:
We raised version 1.0 of this CP on 30 September 2011.
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Attachment A – Redlined Changes to BSCP537 Appendix 2 *(2 pages)*