Draft Change Proposal – BSCP40/01

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Version No: 1.0 (mandatory by BSCCo)

Title (mandatory by originator)

Changes to BSCP515 'Licensed Distribution' to remove non functional information and add clarity

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

Since the implementation of P62, a number of new LDSOs have acceded to the Code, completed Entry Processes and become operational in the market. These LDSOs have used BSCP515 to carry out the activities required of them to become operational in the market, and have provided feedback to ELEXON in which they have expressed concern about the accuracy, sequencing, complexity and inconsistent terminology within BSCP515.

As a result of the concerns, ELEXON produced a guidance note in April 2006 providing details relating to market entry and setting up a new Distribution Business for LDSOs. The guidance note is available to download from the <u>ELEXON website</u>. ELEXON has asked the new LDSOs to review this guidance note and have received feedback that it is much more useful than BSCP515.

While the guidance note has been useful to LDSOs, BSCP515 is still considered confusing by new LDSOs. This DCP seeks to add clarity to BSCP515 and remove unnecessary guidance sections of BSCP515 (which generally reference processes in other BSCPs).

This Draft Change Proposal (DCP) does not seek to change any of the obligations on LDSOs.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

Adding clarity and removing unnecessary information from BSCP515 will make it easier for LDSOs to understand their obligations. These changes will be particularly beneficial to new LDSOs entering the market.

This DCP arises from a review of BSCP515 that was requested by SVG and with the co-operation of an SVG sponsor.

Proposed Solution(s) (mandatory by originator)

This Draft Change Proposal recommends that BSCP515 is updated to remove unnecessary sections, which simply reference processes set out in other BSCPs and that the remaining sections are clarified, where necessary.

It is proposed that BSCP515 should be amended to:

- 1. remove sections 3.1 and 3.2 (relating to Distribution Business Beginning to Operate and Distribution Business beginning Operations for a New Distribution System) should be removed as all of the processes mentioned in these sections are set out within other BSCPs and guidance provided within the existing guidance note; it is considered that these sections are unnecessary for this BSCP and should be removed;
- 2. remove section 3.9 (Operational Requirements) which summarises ongoing obligations on LDSOs, mostly by referring to processes in other BSCPs (this section is included in full in the existing guidance note). The two obligations relating to performing emergency de-energisations and liaising with other LDSOs to help establish the correct LLFs and Aggregation Rules, are not included in other BSCPs and should be moved to sections 3.6 and 1 respectively;
- 3. update the other parts of section 3 to clarify text and processes, reducing the number of references to other BSCPs where sensible;

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In particular:

- section 3.3 and 3.7 should be updated to include additional text from BSCP501 to describe the processes more fully;
- section 3.4 and 3.8 should be updated to include additional text from BSCP75 to describe the processes in more detail; and
- sections 3.5 and 3.6 should be updated to include information on prepayment meters which is currently included in the appendix. In addition 3.6 should be updated to include reference to de-energising meters in emergency situations (this information is currently included in section 3.9).
- 4. remove almost all of Appendix 4, as most of the information included is for guidance purposes rather than providing additional obligations and is already included in the existing guidance note; and
- 5. update section 1 (Introduction) to in line with changes described above and to include a requirement for LDSOs to liaise with one another to ensure LLFs and Aggregation Rules are correctly established (this obligation is currently in section 3.9).

These changes are set out in detail in the attached redlined text.

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