Draft Change Proposal – BSCP40/01

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Version No: 1.0 (mandatory by BSCCo)

Title (mandatory by originator)

Changes to the Change of Profile Class Process set out in BSCP516

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

History

A number of issues with the change of Profile Class process were identified by an ELEXON Project to investigate erroneously large Estimated Annual Consumptions (EACs) and Annualised Advances (AAs); and by Technical Assurance checks carried out in 2006 on the change of Profile Class process. Some of the issues with the change of Profile Class process are considered to be root causes of the erroneously large EAC/AA issue. Mention of issues around the calculation of EACs and AAs has been included in all BSC Audit Reports from 2002 onwards.

The issues identified were initially discussed by the SVG in 2003 (SVG/26/303), an update on the current extent of issues around Profile Classes was presented to the SVG in October 2006 (SVG69/04). As a result CP1177 (version 2.0) was raised by ELEXON.

<u>Version 3.0 of CP1177</u> was recommended for rejection by ELEXON, due to the number of concerns raised by participants in the Impact Assessment. ELEXON therefore suggested that a CP issue group be convened to discuss the concerns raised by participants. SVG duly rejected the CP and agreed that ELEXON should set up a CP issue group to further consider proposed changes to the change of Profile Class process.

An issue group meeting was held on 18 April 2007 and this DCP sets out the changes suggested as a result of this meeting. More information on the discussions of the group is available in the SVG meeting 76 section of the ELEXON website.

Issues with the Change of Profile Class Process

The CP issue group noted the following issues with the Change of Profile Class Process:

- 1. The current 3WD timescale for Suppliers to send a D0052 (if required) following the NHHDC review is too short, given that reviewing the suggested Profile Class changes can be a manually intensive process. Consideration should also be given to the wording of this requirement, to reflect the review process undertaken by Suppliers, which may include contact with the customer.
- 2. Carrying out the review in February may not be the best time of year as this is a particularly busy time of year for both NHHDCs and Suppliers (BSC Audit site visits, contract rounds and the end of the financial year).

It is felt that, short timescales and the requirement to carry out the review at a particularly busy time of year are making it unnecessarily difficult for participants to meet their obligations, with little or no benefit.

3. The P0206 flow could contain additional information to make it easier for Suppliers to review and action the suggested Profile Class changes.

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4. The review of Profile Class process is currently split between sections 3.1 and 3.2 of BSCP516, this is not as clear as it could be, this is making it difficult for participants (and in particular new entrants) to understand the review process.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

Metering Systems on the wrong Profile Class will be profiled incorrectly and energy will be allocated to the wrong periods, this will lead to inaccuracy in settlement.

The results of a set of Change of Measurement/Change of Profile Class Technical Assurance checks (which were performed in March 2006) indicated that the current timescales for Suppliers to review and action the annual submissions received from NHHDCs could be considered unrealistic. A non confidential version of the results of these checks has been published on the Technical Assurance section of the ELEXON website.

In 2003, the SVG (SVG/26/303) agreed that Change of Profile Class errors are a contributor to the problem of erroneous EAC/AAs, as shown by the approximately 60,000 genuine instances of consumption for Metering Systems in Profile Classes 5-7 identified in the original SVG paper that would not have breached the erroneously large EAC/AA thresholds if the Metering System had been in the correct Profile Class. This means that time is spent reviewing consumption which is genuine, when this time could be better spent resolving erroneous values.

The proposed solution addresses timing and clarity problems around the Change of Profile Class process. Allocation of Metering Systems to the correct Profile Class should result in a significant reduction in the number of Metering Systems Suppliers are reviewed on a monthly basis.

Proposed Solution(s) (mandatory by originator)

BSCP516 should be updated to:

- 1. extend the Supplier timescales for responding to the NHHDC review from 3 to 20 WDs and update the wording of this requirement to better reflect the review process undertaken by Suppliers;
- 2. move the annual review from February to May;
- 3. add 2 mandatory fields to the P0206 flow (the current Profile Class and the value of the meter advances); and
- 4. move the parts of the annual Profile Class review process currently included in section 3.1 of BSCP516 to 3.2.

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