

## Change Proposal – BSCP40/02

CP No: 1320

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(mandatory by BSCCo)

**Title** (mandatory by originator)

### Replacement of erroneous Change of Supplier Readings

**Description of Problem/Issue** (mandatory by originator)

#### Background:

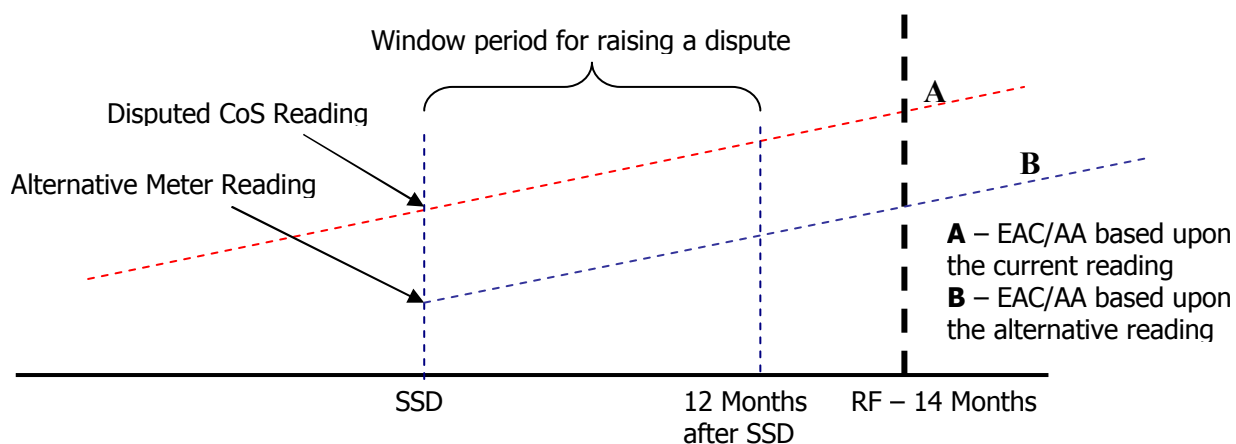
We presented a paper to the SVG ([SVG92/06](#)) on 30 September 2008. This paper provided an update on issues relating to Suppliers and their agents making changes to Settlement data after the Final Volume Allocation (RF) Run has been performed. The SVG agreed that ELEXON should convene a working group to consider clarification of the use of Gross Volume Correction (GVC) and guidance<sup>1</sup> on the retrospective correction of errors.

Two workshops were held in November 2008 and January 2009. One of the issues raised at the workshops was that it was unclear how corrections should be made, as part of a Trading Dispute, where erroneous EAC/AA values were the result of an invalid Change of Supplier (CoS) reading.

#### What were the group's findings?

The group recommended that clarifications should be made, both in terms of when the CoS reading could be replaced and the method used to agree and carry out the replacement.

If Suppliers want to dispute a CoS reading before the RF Run they must do so no later than 12 months after the Supply Start Date (SSD). This requirement is set out in [BSCP504](#) 'Non-Half Hourly Data collection for SVA Metering Systems registered in SMRS (section 3.2.6.33 for readings disputed by the new Supplier and in section 3.2.6.34 for readings disputed by the old Supplier).



The reason for the 12 month limitation (see diagram above) is to allow the process to complete within Final Reconciliation (RF) timescales.

The MRA Agreed Procedure [MAP08](#) ('The Procedure for Agreement of Change of Supplier Readings and Resolution of Disputed Change of Supplier Readings') includes a provision (in section 2.1.2) that a CoS reading can only be raised when:

*"Twelve months have not passed since the Supply Start Date (SSD) for the disputed MRoCoS. Disputes greater than twelve months should be resolved by bi lateral agreement outside settlements".*

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the following link for Guidance on GVCs ([GVC Guidance](#))

However, BSCP504 states in paragraph 4.14.5 that:

*"If the change of Supplier reading has crystallised<sup>2</sup>, then the Change of Supplier reading shall not be altered without the support of an upheld Trading Query or Trading Dispute".*

This implies that a Change of Supplier reading can be changed after the 12 month time limit, where it is subject to a Trading Dispute.

The group believed that this should be made more explicit within BSCP504 and that this change should be reflected within the MRA Agreed Procedure MAP08.

**Proposed Solution** *(mandatory by originator)*

Add clarity to BSCP504 Sections 3.2.6.33 and 3.2.6.34 to the effect that a CoS reading can be disputed no later than 12 months after the Supply Start Date (SSD), **except** where erroneous consumption values associated with the CoS reading are subject to an authorised Trading Dispute and a Post-Final Volume Allocation Run (PFVAR) has been scheduled. Where this exception applies a CoS reading can be disputed no later than 26 months after the Supply Start Date (SSD).

If CP1320 is approved by the SVG we will raise a change against MRA Agreed Procedure MAP08 (section 2.1.2) to enable the disputed MRoCoS process to be used in the circumstances described in the paragraph above. This change will follow on from the change agreed as part of CP1320.

**Justification for Change** *(mandatory by originator)*

The inclusion of erroneously large AA/EAC values in Settlement remains one of the most significant issues reported in the BSC Audit. PFVAR have been carried out in relation to this issue since 2000. Suppliers and agents report that a significant proportion of the erroneous values are associated with CoS readings.

Restricting the ability to replace erroneous CoS readings to 12 months after the SSD would prevent correction of a substantial part of the current EAC/AA error. Arguably, BSCP504 places no such restriction, but the view of the Gross Volume Correction Working Group was that the rules would benefit from clarification.

It would be possible for Suppliers to reach a bilateral agreement to replace invalid CoS readings under the umbrella of a Trading Dispute, without using the detailed processes defined in MRA Agreed Procedure MAP08. However, MAP08 offers a "ready-made" process for agreeing and notifying replacement readings. As such, restricting use of the process to 12 months, where the relevant Metering System is subject to an unauthorised Trading Dispute, is inefficient.

**To which section of the Code does the CP relate, and does the CP facilitate the current provisions of the Code?** *(mandatory by originator)*

**Section S** - In particular section S-2 relating to 'Supplier Volume Allocation Rules'

CP1320 facilitates the current provisions of the Code by ensuring that the procedures associated with a disputed Change of Supplier reading are clearly defined, thereby making the process more efficient and effective.

**Estimated Implementation Costs** *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

CP1320 will take approximately 1 Working Day (equivalent to £240) for ELEXON to implement.

**Configurable Items Affected by Proposed Solution(s)** *(mandatory by originator)*

BSCP504 Non-Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS.

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<sup>2</sup> Data that has already entered RF

**Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code** *(mandatory by originator)*

None

**Related Changes and/or Projects** *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

The following CPs were approved by the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) as part of the February 2010 release:

[CP1310](#) 'Clarifications to Gross Volume Correction Process'

[CP1311](#) 'Replacing Erroneous Forward Looking EACs'

[CP1312](#) 'Use of Gross Volume Correction in Post Final Settlement Runs'

**Requested Implementation Date** *(mandatory by originator)*

June 2010

**Reason:**

Next available release

**Version History** *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

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**Attachment:**

Attachment A - Redline changes to BSCP504 version 23.2 conformed (2 Pages)