

Change Proposal – BSCP40/01

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Title *(mandatory by originator)*

Creation of a generic Party Service Line

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

The Code Subsidiary Document (CSD) review has highlighted that there is a large amount of duplication between the requirements contained in Party Service Lines (PSLs) and the corresponding Balancing and Settlement Code Procedures (BSCPs).

During a consultation as part of the CSD review, industry participants were asked whether the non functional requirements of PSLs should be merged into the appropriate BSCP and a single PSL created containing non functional requirements relevant to all Party Agents. The majority of respondents to the consultation agreed with this recommendation. The Panel were asked to agree the recommendations of the CSD review and the CSD Architecture Principles Document at their meeting on 8 June 2006 (Panel 115/08). The Panel agreed that a single PSL should be created containing the non-functional requirements for all Parties, SVA Party Agents and CVA MOAs.

Therefore a single generic PSL should be created containing participants non-functional requirements.

The following Party Agents already have a PSL associated with their role. These Party Agents should fall into the scope of the new generic PSL:

- Supplier Volume Allocation Meter Operator Agents (SVA MOAs);
- Non-Half Hourly Data Collectors (NHHDCs);
- Half Hourly Data Collectors (HHDCs);
- Non-Half Hourly Data Aggregators (NHHDA);
- Half Hourly Data Aggregators (HHDA);
- Supplier Meter Registration Services (SMRSs);
- Meter Administrators (MAs); and
- Central Volume Allocation Meter Operator Agents (CVA MOAs).

The BSC Audit Report for the Audit year 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 highlighted that there are no requirements on Licensed Distribution Systems Operators (LDSOs) and Unmetered Supplies Operators (UMSOs) around non-functional requirements such as maintaining audit trails. This was raised as a BSC Audit issue. It is therefore proposed that LDSOs and UMSOs are added to the scope of the generic PSL.

Whilst there are currently only PSLs for Party Agents, it is valid to introduce Parties into the scope of the generic PSL since the definition of a PSL is ‘a document of that title, established or adopted and from time to time modified by the Panel in accordance with the Code, setting out the requirements as to particular services which are to be performed by Parties and Party Agents’.

It is considered logical that Suppliers should also fall under the scope of the new PSL.

It is recommended that Generators do not sit under the scope of this PSL as most of the areas covered by this PSL (e.g. data provision and the associated system controls) will, for Generators, sit under the Grid Code rather than the BSC.

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

A generic PSL should be drafted. The following participants should fall in the scope of this generic PSL:

- SVA MOAs
- NHHDCs
- HHDCs
- NHHDAAs
- HHDAAs
- SMRSs
- MAs
- CVA MOAs
- LDSOs
- UMSOs
- Suppliers.

This generic PSL will cover all non functional requirements set out in the current PSLs:

PSL 110 – SVA Meter Operation;

PSL 120 – Non Half Hourly Data Collection;

PSL 130 – Half Hourly Data Collection;

PSL 140 – Non Half Hourly Data Aggregation;

PSL 150 – Half Hourly Data Aggregation;

PSL 160 – Supplier Meter Registration Service;

PSL 170 – Meter Administrator; and

PSL 180 – CVA Meter Operation.

The ultimate aim (although this does not form part of this CP) is that all functional requirements in the existing PSLs will be incorporated into a relevant and corresponding BSCP and all the existing PSLs withdrawn. Therefore it is not expected that non-functional requirements will be removed from the existing PSLs as part of this process. This means that during the transition from many to one PSL, there may be duplication between the generic PSL and the existing ones.

It is noted that where there are references to PSLs in the Code, it is anticipated that these references would be updated using a Housekeeping Modification when the PSLs are withdrawn.

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Justification for Change <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> This change will mean that Parties and Party Agents will only have to look in one place to find the requirements relating to a particular aspect of their role. This will reduce the time spend reading documents. This may be particularly useful to new entrants as the extent of documentation that they will need to ready will be lower. It will also reduce the cost associated with preparing and maintaining numerous and duplicated PSLs.	
Is the Change being proposed a Housekeeping Change? <i>(optional by originator)</i> Y /N ¹	
Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) <i>(optional by originator)</i> 	
Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code <i>(optional by originator)</i> 	
Related Changes and/or Projects <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i> None	
Requested Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> November 2007 Reason: Next available release.	
Agreed Release/Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i> 	

¹ The relevant Panel Committee will decide whether a Change Proposal can be progressed as a Housekeeping Change Proposal.

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<p>Attachments: Y/N* (<i>delete as appropriate</i>) (If Yes, No. of Pages attached: 15) Attachment A (14 pages) - Draft version of the new PSL. Attachment B (1 page)- Spreadsheet showing how the requirements included in the new PSL (PSL100) map onto the requirements included in PSL110, PSL120, PSL130, PSL140, PSL150, PSL160, PSL160, PSL170 and PSL180.</p>	