

Change Proposal – F40/01

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Title *(mandatory by originator)*

Revision to the minimum registration/de-registration period for Metering Systems and associated BM Units on CVA sites.

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

A discrepancy exists between the minimum period of notice required for a change of supplier for a SVA registered site (1-2 days) and the minimum period of notice required for a change of supplier for a CVA registered site (30WD).

Customers with large CVA registered sites who wish to change supplier will have to go through the parallel processes of registration/de-registration of Metering System (detailed in BSCP20 as requiring 20WD notice) and registration/de-registration of BM Unit (detailed in BSCP15 as requiring 30WD notice).

As BSCP 15 states that this notice period may be reduced if there is an agreement between the Parties, CRA, BSCCo and the TC, in practice these processes can be completed in much shorter timescales (within 24 hours) if the criteria below is met:

- The New or Gaining Supplier had Acceded to the BSC and completed Party registration in the role of Supplier;
- Had attained Qualification as a Supplier and qualification in Metering scripts (for CVA Metering);
- Had appropriate registration on NGC Systems and use of a qualified Trading Agent and Trading Point;
- The BM Unit should not be associated with a Trading Unit except a Sole Trading Unit – This may not be an issue if the Trading Unit does not change configuration – however if we were to remove this as a restriction we may need to make some changes to BSCP 31; and
- Submission of the de-registration form and registration forms from the respective Suppliers with consecutive Effective To and From dates (in order to demonstrate that both the outgoing and incoming Supplier are aware of the change of ownership and agree with it).

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

It is proposed that the minimum period for change of supplier be reduced from 30WD to 5WD if all the criteria defined above are met.

There are seven key sections in the BSCPs that relate to change of supplier:

BSCP15 'BM Unit Registration' - Sections 1.3, 1.7, 3.1 and 3.5

BSCP20 'Registration of Metering Systems for CVA' - Sections 1.3, 3.1 and 3.2

I would suggest that Section 1.7 of BSCP15 would be the best place to explain that if the above criteria are met then the minimum period for change of BM Unit ownership (we would need to make it clear that this criteria only applies to the Change of BM Unit Ownership of a directly connected supply site) and associated change of Metering System Registrant will be 5WD. The criteria should also be listed in full in section 1.7

Footnotes could then be attached to the timescales in the other 6 sections referring back to BSCP 15 section 1.7.

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This solution requires the approval of the Transmission Company, who are also involved in the registration/de-registration of BM Units and Metering Systems and will also have to reduce their minimum timescales for the processes.	
Justification for Change <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> The discrepancy between the CVA and SVA arrangements is perceived to be unfair to CVA registered customers, who have to sign contracts with suppliers over a month in advance of SVA registered customers. The change will formalise the existing operational practice of reducing the timescales for change of BM Unit ownership and change of registrant in defined circumstances, but will enable the customer to request more precise transfer dates from the outgoing/incoming supplier.	
Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) <i>(optional by Originator)</i> BSCP15 BSCP20 CRA Local Working Instructions As noted above, BSCP 31 may be affected if we wish to remove the TU restriction.	
Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by originator)</i> None	
Related Changes and/or Projects <i>(mandatory by BSSCo)</i> CP906 'Revision to the minimum registration period on Change of Supplier only within the Central Registration Agent (CRA) / Central Meter Registration Service (CMRS) systems and procedures' <i>This CP was withdrawn on 29 August 2003.</i>	
Requested Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> 5WD after Panel Sub-committee decision Reason: It is important that this discrepancy is corrected before the end of the financial year, when contracts are up for renewal.	
Agreed Release/Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>	
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