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CP No: 909  
(mandatory by BSCCo)

### Title (mandatory by originator)

Use of Deemed Reads where Initial Reads invalid or unobtainable

### Description of Change (mandatory by originator)

Raised from SIR2832.

Whilst there are defined procedures for deeming reads where valid Final Reads are unobtainable, there is currently no equivalent process for the situation where valid Initial Reads are unobtainable.

A number of instances of missing or invalid Initial Reads have been reported and this has been noted as an operational issue.

An agreed principle was that " where data is missing or incorrect and processes cannot be operated without this data, estimates can be utilised, preferably using a deemed reading process" .

This principle is already embodied in the case of Final Readings in SL120 1.5.3.3 (on rectification of faults), BSCP504 3.3.5.3 (where reading unobtainable on disconnection), BSCP504 3.3.7.3 (where a final reading is unobtainable on reconfiguration or replacement of a meter) and BSCP504 3.3.8.2 (where a final reading is withdrawn and no valid replacement reading can be obtained. However, there is no defined process to correct invalid initial reads.

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

Amend BSCP504 and SL120 (as appropriate) to enable readings to be deemed when a valid Initial Reading cannot be obtained.

Where possible the Deemed Reading should be calculated from an Annualised Advance (which in turn is calculated from two subsequent valid readings), otherwise the Deemed Reading should be calculated using an Initial EAC.

The solution should be extended to all NHHDCs who are unable to obtain valid Initial Readings and not just those where system constraints prevent the processing of subsequent readings without a valid Initial Reading.

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

The effect of having no valid Initial Read for a new connection system or a new meter is that settlement will be on the basis of an Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) rather than an Annualised Advance (AA). Once subsequent AAs have been processed, an exception will be reported to the registered Supplier for that meter advance period via the NHH Data Aggregation Exception report.

This, in itself, is not a significant problem. However, some NHH Data Collection systems are unable to process subsequent readings without an Initial Reading and hence have developed backlogs of unprocessed readings. Unless a further change of metering takes place, actual metered data will never be processed for the metering systems in question. Settlement will continue to be on the basis of an Initial (or Default) EAC.

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**Other Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s)** *(optional by BSCCo)*

**Impact on Core Industry Documents** *(optional by originator)*

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

This has been raised from SIR2832.

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