

**Change Proposal – F40/01 (Page 1 of 2)**CP No: 637  
(mandatory by BSCCo)**Title** (mandatory by originator) Meter Serial Number Field Length (CDCA)**Description of Change** (mandatory by originator)

The field length of Meter Serial Numbers (for Half-Hourly and non-Half-Hourly meters) permitted by NETA was originally set at 10 characters long, but the increase in the number of new meter owners has required an extension of up to 12 characters. As a result, the CDCA's systems, which were designed in accordance with the NETA requirements, cannot accept some of the newer serial numbers that use more than 10 characters. This causes problems for the CDCA when collecting and registering meter technical details and needs to be resolved.

*This change proposal addresses Workaround 013 and NETA Issue 106.*

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

One solution would be to alter the CDCA systems to accept longer meter serial numbers. However, a change such as this would have massive implications and is not considered cost-effective, since there are only a few of these meters in existence (which have already been registered) and it is not expected that many new serial numbers with excess lengths will arise in the future.

Instead, the system that was set up for Workaround 013 should be used by the CDCA as an enduring solution to this problem.

The CDCA's procedures should be amended so that, in the event that a Meter Serial Number (MSN) is found to exceed 10 characters, the CDCA shall inform BSCCo immediately. With the agreement of the impacted Party, BSCCo will then instruct the CDCA to reduce the MSN down to 10 characters by removing any non-significant characters from the MSN as appropriate.

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

This proposal will allow the CDCA systems to cope with exceptional Meter Serial Numbers more than 10 characters long.

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

CDCA Service Description and URS

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

None

**Related Changes and/or Projects** (mandatory by BSCCo)**Originator's Details:****Name**...Stephen Francis.....**Organisation**...ELEXON.....**Email Address**.....steve.francis@elexon.co.uk.....**Date**.....13<sup>th</sup> June 2001.....**Organisation**.....

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