

Change Proposal	CP No: 1379 <i>Version No: v1.0</i> <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
Title <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> Service Review of the Technical Assurance of Metering Systems	
Description of Problem/Issue <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>The Technical Assurance of Metering Systems (MS) is designed to detect and correct errors in the metering set up of Half Hourly (HH) MS and with the associated paperwork (Meter Technical Details, etc.).</p> <p>The Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) is appointed by the BSCCo as a BSC Agent to deliver HHMS audits on a representative sample of the HHMS market place determined by the Performance Assurance Board in accordance with the Risk Operating Plan (ROP). Some of the considerations for sample selection include Grid Supply Point (GSP), Meter Operation Agent (MOA), Code of Practice (CoP), Metering Equipment.</p> <p>The role of the TAA is to monitor Parties compliance of the BSC, Codes of Practice and BSCPs requirements. The TAA will inspect these HHMS and identify cases where requirements are not being complied with and will also ensure that the required actions are taken to rectify and clear any non-compliance. The TAA does this in accordance with BSCP27¹.</p> <p>ELEXON have completed a service review of the Technical Assurance of Metering Systems and identified some changes to be made to the process steps in BSCP27.</p>	
Proposed Solution <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>There are various updates to be made to BSCP27 to reflect the process as it is currently operating and what is most effective for the process itself.</p> <p>The largest change, and therefore effect, is the inclusion into BSCP27 of a query process. This allows parties to query the TAA's decision on his inspection of the Metering System. The query process is already in place and has been since 2007. However, we think it would be beneficial to recognise the process in the BSCP for accuracy.</p> <p>The query process limits the number of formal appeals made to the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) and encourages open and respectful dialogue between impacted parties, the TAA and the BSCCo. To date there have been no appeals raised since 2007 as all issues have been dealt with effectively through the query process.</p> <p>Additionally, Attachment A includes information on the background of this change and details on the additional changes we recommend. These changes are ordered into three sections;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Housekeeping changes 2 - Changes to reflect the requirements of the TAM technique as it stands, and 3 - Changes that will add value. <p>Attachment B contains the BSCP27 redlining.</p>	

¹ 'Technical Assurance of Half Hourly Metering Systems for Settlement Purposes'

Justification for Change *(mandatory by originator)*

The actual process is operating slightly differently than is currently prescribed by BSCP27 and is operating in a more effective, efficient and therefore economic manner.

These proposed changes have been discussed with and are supported by the Technical Assurance of Metering Expert Group (TAMEG).

These changes will also ready the service and BSCP27 for the re-procurement of the TAA service in 2013. These changes will not favour any one potential bidder during the re-procurement process, nor will they limit the type or number of potential bidders.

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

The high level requirements for Technical Assurance of Metering Systems are defined in Section L of the BSC, with the TAA functions set out in the CVA and SVA, TAA Service Descriptions. These documents all defer to BSCP27 for the detail of the process, and nothing in the draft redlining suggests that either a Code Modification or a change to the two Service Descriptions would be required.

Estimated Implementation Costs *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

3 ELEXON mandays required to implement this change, which equates to £720 (£240 per manday).

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

None

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

None Identified

Requested Implementation Date *(mandatory by originator)*

November 2012

Reason:

This could hold up the Re-Procurement process next year.

Version History *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

We raised v1.0 of this CP on 3 August 2012

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Attachment A: TAM Service Review Information

Attachment B: Draft redlined changes to BSCP27