Modification Proposal – BSCP40/03

MP No: P309 (mandatory by BSCCo)

Title of Modification Proposal (mandatory by originator):

Facility to enable BSC Parties to select either replacement contract notifications or additional contract notifications

Submission Date (mandatory by originator):

26th June 2014

Description of Proposed Modification (mandatory by originator)

It is proposed that BSC parties should have the ability to select either replacement contract notifications or additional contract notifications under the BSC as part of an ECVNA Authorisation.

The new arrangements would apply from a specified date (an effective date). Once parties have submitted a relevant ECVNA Authorisation the settlement systems would only allow for either replacement contract notifications or additional contract notifications (as the case may be) to be applied. This means that

- additional notifications will be disregarded in settlement for parties that have elected to authorise replacement notifications; or
- replacement notifications will be disregarded in settlement for parties that have elected to authorise additional contract notifications.

If the relevant parties choose not to elect to authorise replacement contract notifications or additional contract notifications then the current arrangements would prevail (noting that this retains the risk of an inadvertent change between replacement and additional contract notifications).

The new arrangements would apply from the effective date for any authorisation submitted by the relevant parties.

The arrangements could apply to all contract notifications for settlement periods where gate closure has already occurred at the effective date but where the final settlement run has not yet been completed. The earliest effective date that parties can submit could be the date that the modification proposal is submitted for consideration by the BSC Panel to a Modification Group.

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Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address (mandatory by originator)

An inadvertent error in contract submissions after a software upgrade by a BSC party has highlighted that the current code and associated systems enable a BSC party to unintentionally replace overwrite energy contract notifications with additional energy contract notifications (or vice versa). This creates a risk for Parties with the energy contract submission process that could affect competition in the GB electricity market. The proposed modification will address this issue by enabling parties to prevent an unintentional switch between replacement contract notifications (overwrite) and additional contract notifications (additive).

Impact on Code (optional by originator)

Change to Section P(2) to enable an ECVNA Authorisation to include an ability to select additional contract notifications or replacement contract notifications as the case may be.

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

Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties (optional by originator)

Impact on other Configurable Items (optional by originator)

Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives (mandatory by originator)

Removing the risk for BSC parties of an inadvertent switch between replacement contract notifications and additional contract notifications the modification proposal would better meet Objective (c) and promote effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as consistent therewith) promoting such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity.

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Is there a likely material environmental impact? (optional by originator)	
Urgency Recommended: No (delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)	
Justification for Urgency Recommendation (mandatory by originator if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal)	
Self-Governance Recommended: No (delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)	
Justification for Self-Governance Recommendation (mandatory by originator if recommending progression as Self-Governance Modification Proposal)	
Fast Track Self-Governance Recommended: No (delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)	
Justification for Fast Track Self-Governance Recommendation (mandatory by originator if recommending progression as Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal)	
Should this Modification Proposal be considered exempt from any ongoing Significant Code Reviews? (optional by originator in order to assist the Panel decide whether a Modification Proposal should undergo a SCR Suitability Assessment)	

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