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| Modification Proposal | MP No: P343 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i> |
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| Title of Modification Proposal: Increase to the number of Supplier IDs that can be held by a Supplier | |
| Submission Date: 29 April 2016 | |
| Description of Proposed Modification: <p>Multiple Supplier IDs were formalised in the Balancing Settlement Code (BSC) by the implementation of Modification Proposal P106 'Amendments to the BSC to allow Multiple Supplier IDs', with the restriction that a Supplier may hold no more than three Supplier IDs in relation to which the Supplier is the first holder of such Supplier ID. This Modification proposes that this limit should be reviewed, with a view to increasing the number of Supplier IDs that a Supplier may hold.</p> | |
| Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address: <p>The adoption of multiple Supplier IDs has been adopted as an efficient way for Suppliers to manage their internal business requirements. For example where a Supplier wishes to separate half-hourly and non half-hourly volumes. Suppliers may wish to hold additional Supplier IDs as an efficient way of managing volumes for a particular group of customers, but they are currently restricted under BSC Section S1.3.5 to holding no more than three where they are the first holder of such Supplier ID.</p> <p>It is particularly important to uniquely identify the volume in central Meter Point Administration Service systems and the Third Party Licensed Supplier systems for those supplied by a Licence Lite supplier. It will be necessary, for example, to accurately assign environmental and social obligations. This is best achieved via allocating these Metering Systems to a separate Supplier ID.</p> <p>The reasoning for imposing such a limit is described in Modification Proposal P106 as follows:</p> <p><i>"7.1 Limit to Multiple Supplier Ids</i></p> <p><i>The VASMG identified that BSC Systems impose a limit on the availability of additional Supplier Ids. The most restricting factor is that of the Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) system which has a design limit of 200 Supplier Ids.</i></p> <p><i>Currently, there are approximately 40 Parties with 50 Supplier Ids. It is anticipated that this number will naturally increase over time with new entrants to around 50 Parties with 60 Supplier Ids. As BSC Systems are restricted to 200 Supplier Ids this gives a spare capacity of 140 Supplier Ids. This therefore allows each of the 50 Suppliers to have an additional 2 Supplier Ids. This leaves 40 Suppliers Ids (13</i></p> | |

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| <p><i>Suppliers) in reserve for further new entrants. The VASMG agreed that this approach would not allow one Party to have a number of Supplier Ids that could not be given to another. The VASMG therefore concluded that Parties should be limited to a maximum of 2 additional Supplier Ids.”</i></p> <p>The key constraint identified at the time was the SVAA system ‘design limit’ of 200 Supplier IDs. SVAA was designed in 1996/97 and clearly hardware has moved on a lot since then. Software that was designed to support 200 Market Participant Identifiers (MPIDs) in 1996 could well be capable of supporting many more when running on modern hardware.</p> <p>This Modification seeks a review of the limit imposed in Section S1.3.5, with a view to amending the BSC to increase the number of Supplier IDs that a Supplier may hold.</p> | |
| <p>Impact on Code <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>BSC Section S1.3.5 should be amended to allow a Supplier to hold more than three Supplier IDs where they are the first holder of that ID.</p> | |
| <p>Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None anticipated.</p> | |
| <p>Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>To be determined.</p> | |
| <p>Impact on other Configurable Items <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>To be determined.</p> | |
| <p>Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>The Modification promotes customer choice by removing barriers to future innovation and products, such as those offered through a Licence Lite arrangement. This is consistent with BSC Objective C.</p> | |
| <p>Is there a likely material environmental impact? <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>No material environmental impact has been identified.</p> | |

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| Urgency Recommended: No <i>(delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)</i> | |
| Justification for Urgency Recommendation <i>(mandatory by originator if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal)</i> | |
| Self-Governance Recommended: No <i>(delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)</i> | |
| Justification for Self-Governance Recommendation <i>(mandatory by originator if recommending progression as Self-Governance Modification Proposal)</i> | |
| Fast Track Self-Governance Recommended: No <i>(delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)</i> | |
| Justification for Fast Track Self-Governance Recommendation <i>(mandatory by originator if recommending progression as Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal)</i> | |
| Should this Modification Proposal be considered exempt from any ongoing Significant Code Reviews? <i>(optional by originator in order to assist the Panel decide whether a Modification Proposal should undergo a SCR Suitability Assessment)</i> Yes – this change has no interaction with the ongoing Next Day Switching SCR. | |

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