

<p align="center">Change Proposal – BSCP40/02</p>	<p>CP No: CP1490</p> <p><i>Version No: V1.0</i></p> <p><i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i></p>
<p>Title (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>Changes to BSCP27 and TAA Service Descriptions to remove constraints to service improvement.</p>	
<p>Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>Both the ‘Service Description (SD) for CVA Technical Assurance’ and the ‘Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) Technical Assurance Service Description’ exceed the necessary purpose of the Technical Assurance Agent’s (TAA) role as set out in BSCP27 ‘Technical assurance of Half Hourly Metering Systems for Settlement Purposes’. They extend to specifying types of technology to be used by the TAA for the purposes of reporting and evidence capturing following an Inspection Visit. They also specify the hosting and operational requirements of the technology used. This is not necessary for Meter inspections, assurance or to articulate the reporting obligations. The consequence is that it restricts the TAA in its ability to deliver the service in improved or new ways. It also requires that the TAA provide the IT solution as well as conducting Inspection visits. In reality these two functions may be carried out by two separate companies.</p>	
<p>Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>Amend both SDs so that the TAA is not required to provide an online management tool for accessing and amending information. Instead, the TAA should be required to provide Management Information. All references to “the online management tool” should be by “the software system”. Amend BSCP27 so that it makes reference to the software system ‘used’ by the TAA instead of provided by the ‘TAA’.</p>	
<p>Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)</p>	

These changes will make the technology used by the TAA generic and enables all other commercial options for service delivery to be considered. Additionally new technology in future will be able to be considered if and when appropriate, with no effect upon BSC obligations, rather than limiting decisions to the specified online management tool.

The current SDs restricts the ability of ELEXON to contract the right service provider for the important role of metering assurance. The market place for contractors holding both specialist metering assurance resources and also IT hosting and development skills is limited. ELEXON already delivers other Agent services using a 2-contract model so that technological support is distinct from the BSC Agent role. An example of this is the Profile Administration system (PrA), with a separate contract for the Enhanced Profile Administration System (EPAS) reporting system, does not specify the IT tool as an essential part of the Agent role.

The proposed change to BSCP27 allows for the separation of assurance and IT service provision.

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

BSC Section L – Metering

BSC Section E – BSC Agents

Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo)

£240 (1 working day) for ELEXON to implement the necessary document changes.

Configurable Items Affected by Proposed Solution(s) (mandatory by originator)

BSCP27 – Technical assurance of Half Hourly Metering Systems for Settlement Purposes

Service Description for CVA Technical Assurance

SVA Technical Assurance Service Description

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

Nil

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSCCo)

Nil

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

22 February 2018

Reason: Supply Chain Management team are tendering for new TAA(s) in autumn 2017. A decision is required by Committee(s) ahead of that, but implementation does not need to be complete before. February 2018 will be the most pragmatic Release date.

Version History (mandatory by BSCTCo)

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