

4.3 CP Form

Change Proposal – BSCP40/02	CP No: CP1504 <i>Version No: 1.0</i> <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
Title (mandatory by originator) Amend BSCP201's references to dual/single pricing following implementation of P305.	
Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator) BSCP201 'Black Start and Fuel Security Contingency Provisions and Claims Processes' describes the steps to be taken if there is a Black Start or a Fuel Security event, and supports the rules in BSC Section G 'Contingencies' . A Black Start, as defined in the Grid Code, is a recovery process for restoring electricity on the Transmission System and thereby on Distribution Systems. In certain Black Start situations, BSC Section G3.2 requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of the normal imbalance pricing calculations; and • Application of a special single imbalance price determined by the BSC Panel in accordance with BSC Section T1.7. A Fuel Security Code (FSC) event occurs when the Secretary of State directs Power Stations and/or the Transmission Company to operate in specific ways. For example, a Power Station with a particular fuel type could generate more or less energy in order to balance the System, rather than a Power Station which would otherwise provide that service. In certain FSC events, the Secretary of State can direct the Panel to determine and apply a special single imbalance price for a specified period, in accordance with BSC Section T1.7. This is recognised in BSC Section G4.2. The last significant changes to BSCP201 were made in March 2014 for the implementation of P276 'Introduce an additional trigger/threshold for suspending the market in the event of a Partial Shutdown' . At that time, the BSC operated dual imbalance pricing (i.e. the System Buy Price (SBP) and System Sell Price (SSP) had different calculations and values). The parts of BSCP201 that cover the determination and application of the special single imbalance price therefore refer to suspending dual pricing and applying a 'single imbalance price'. P305 'Electricity Balancing Significant Code Review Developments' was implemented in November 2015. P305 replaced the dual imbalance pricing with a single imbalance price (it retained the calculation of SBP and SSP but set them to equal each other). This means that, in certain Black Start or Fuel Security situations, the normal single imbalance price calculations will be suspended and replaced with a special single imbalance price determined under BSC Section T1.7. Following the implementation of P305, BSCP201's references to replacing dual pricing with a single imbalance price could cause confusion and should be amended.	

Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)

Change Proposal (CP) CP1504 proposes to amend references to imbalance pricing contained in BSCP201 so that:

- References to suspending dual imbalance pricing should be re-worded to suspending normal imbalance pricing;
- References to applying a single imbalance price should be reworded to applying a Contingency Imbalance Price; and
- Contingency Imbalance Price should be defined in the BSCP as ‘any imbalance price(s) determined in accordance with BSC Section T1.7 for the purpose of BSC Section G’.

Additionally, BSCP201 refers to ‘DECC’, which is out of date. Instead of changing to ‘BEIS’, BSCP201 should refer to activities being conducted ‘on behalf of’ or by ‘a representative of’ the Secretary of State so as to be future-proof. This should be included as a Housekeeping Change.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

These changes will improve clarity and avoid confusion in a Black Start or FSC event. They will also future-proof against any further changes to imbalance pricing or government departments, thus avoiding future CPs needing to be raised.

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 G (Contingencies).

Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo)

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

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

BSCP201 ‘Black Start and Fuel Security Contingency Provisions and Claims Processes’.

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

None.

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSCCo)

The BSC Section G Simple Guide was also last updated in 2014 for P276, and contains similar existing references to ‘dual’ and ‘single’ pricing in the context of contingency events. As this isn’t a Baseline Statement Configurable Item, we will update it in parallel with raising this CP rather than waiting until the CP’s implementation. This means that the Simple Guide (which summarises the BSC provisions) is clarified as soon as possible.

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

1 November 2018 as part of the November 2018 BSC Release.

Reason:

BSCP201 is owned by the Panel and so the CP will require Panel approval.

Although it could be argued that the changes to BSCP201 could meet the definition of Housekeeping, they are numerous and so we will issue them for industry consultation before presenting them to the Panel for approval.

Version History (mandatory by BSCCo)

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