

CP Progression Paper

‘Define the change process in BSCP40 for any changes to the Retail Energy Code’s Energy Market Data Specification.’

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About This Document

You can find the definitions of the terms and acronyms used in this document in the [BSC Glossary](#)¹.

This document provides information on a new Change Proposal (CP) and outlines our proposed progression timetable for this change, including when it will be issued for CP Consultation in the next suitable Change Proposal Consultation (CPC) batch.

We are presenting this paper to the ISG and SVG on 7 May 2024 to capture any comments or questions from Committee Members on this CP before we issue it for consultation.

There are two parts to this document:

- This is the main document. It provides a summary of the solution, impacts, anticipated costs, and proposed implementation approach, as well as our proposed progression approach for this CP.
- Attachment A contains the CP proposal form.
- Attachment B contains the proposed redlined changes to deliver the CP solution.



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¹ <https://www.elexon.co.uk/glossary/?show=all>



Not sure where to start?

We suggest reading the following sections:

- Have 5 minutes?
Read section 1
- Have 15 minutes?
Read sections 1, 4, 5 and 6
- Have 30 minutes?
Read all sections
- Have longer? Read all sections and the annexes and attachments

Why change?

The Retail Energy Code (REC) Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) contains a number of Data Items and Market Message Scenario Variants (hereafter 'EMDS items') used in BSC processes.

Currently, there is no defined process in BSCP40 for creating and/or amending items held in EMDS which are used in BSC or non-BSC code processes.

The REC Professional Services (RPS) change processes specify that changes to EMDS items should be progressed through the governance processes of the owning code body.

As there are currently four different code bodies that own EMDS items, the processes for changing them should be specified in BSCP40.

Solution

This CP seeks to update BSCP40 to define processes for changing EMDS items. Separate procedures for BSC-owned and non-BSC-owned elements are proposed.

- Changes to BSC-owned EMDS items would need to be approved under BSC governance - following the main proposal's review/authorisation - and would be implemented by REC Technical Services (RTS).
- Changes involving non-BSC-owned EMDS items require a parallel change under the governance of another code body and would require sufficient lead time for approval.

Impacts and costs

This is a document-only change and the Elexon central implementation cost is approximately £1k.

This CP would not impact BSC Parties or Party Agents, as it is a clarification of the Change process.

Implementation

This CP is proposed for implementation on **7 November 2024** as part of the November 2024 Standard BSC Release.

2. Why Change?

What is the issue?

The REC EMDS serves as a central repository for EMDS items used in various energy market processes. Currently, BSCP40 lacks processes for creating or amending these elements, particularly for those used in BSC procedures. This CP proposes to address this gap and enhance the efficiency and accountability of the change management process for EMDS modifications.

RPS governance defines ownership and change processes for EMDS items. However, because changes to EMDS could fall under the governance of more than one code body, the change process can be complex and, therefore, needs to be defined clearly in BSCP40.

The absence of a process for managing EMDS changes in BSCP40 leads to several challenges:

- There is a risk of inconsistent application: Different approaches may be applied to similar changes depending on the owning code body. This may, potentially, lead to confusion and delays; and
- Concurrent changes across different code bodies can be poorly coordinated, leading to miscommunication and delays in implementation.

Background

BSCP40 sets out change processes for changing the BSC and BSC configurable items. Changes to EMDS items are crucial components, defining data structures and communication formats for various BSC processes but BSCP40 lacks a process for managing changes to these vital elements.

In 2021, Ofgem introduced modification [P420](#)² to bring the BSC in line with their Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review (SCR). This SCR consolidated a number of existing codes into the REC.

P420 made specific changes to the BSC to reflect this consolidation, including implementing provisions for the Cross-Code Steering Group (CCSG) established under the REC, to better facilitate cross-code change.

As a consequence of these changes, RPS introduced new procedures for managing code changes. With the release of REC version 2.0, the Data Transfer Catalogue was not carried through to the EMDS. This has resulted in complexity which necessitates clarification. This CP seeks to provide such clarification.

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² <https://www.elexon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p420/>

3. Solution

Proposed solution

Amend BSCP40 to include the process for progressing any changes to EMDS items.

Separate processes should be introduced for new or amended EMDS items, which are:

- BSC-owned; and
- Non BSC-owned (usually REC-owned, but could be owned by the 'Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement' (DCUSA) or Smart Energy Code (SEC))

If a BSC CP or Modification involves creating or amending only BSC-owned EMDS items specified in the EMDS, these changes should just follow the same review and authorisation process as the main proposal and RTS will implement the change(s) in the EMDS without the need for a REC Change Proposal.

If a CP or modification to the BSC requires creating or modifying an EMDS item that is not controlled by the BSC, two things must happen:

1. A CP or modification for the BSC needs to be submitted through the usual BSC change process; and
2. A separate change request needs to be submitted through the appropriate process for the non-BSC code. This means following the specific guidelines and procedures of the organisation responsible for managing that code

Both the BSC changes and the changes to the other code must be progressed simultaneously, using their respective change management procedures.

For example, if a change is required for a REC-owned EMDS item, then a REC CP must be raised and progressed in parallel to the BSC CP or Modification, noting that any REC CP to amend the EMDS would need to be approved with a suitable lead time – i.e. if the BSC Change had a 1 November 2025 implementation date, the REC CP would need to be approved by 1 May 2025.

It should be noted that code bodies do not own individual Market Messages, they own Scenario Variants, so a change to a single Market Message, such as the D0148 'Notification of Change to Other Parties', would require changes to both BSC-owned and REC-owned Scenario Variants.

Proposer's rationale

Specification of the processes in BSCP40 would provide clarity in respect of the approval route(s) required for EMDS Changes. This would ensure consistency and standardisation in the Change Management process for EMDS changes.

Efficient coordination would be achieved through concurrent Change Proposals being raised for non-BSC owned EMDS items, minimising miscommunication and delays and to ensure Implementation timings are aligned.

This change would not impact Market Participants' procedures, it would merely clarify the necessary Change processes for EMDS items.

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Proposed redlining

Attachment B contains the proposed redlining to BSCP40

Please note that the redlining includes housekeeping changes to bring the language up-to-date, following implementation of CP1584 'Allow non-BSC Parties to raise Change Proposals, add a CP withdrawal process and remove BCA/PACA concept'.

These revisions eliminate mentions of BSC Parties raising CPs, substituting them with 'interested persons' or 'interested parties' in accordance with the spirit of CP1584, implemented in February 2024.

These changes meet the definition of a housekeeping change, which “involve the correction of manifest errors, minor errors and inconsistencies, including typographical errors (e.g. punctuation errors, spelling mistakes, incorrect font, incorrect capitalisation) incorrect cross-referencing, and the removal of redundant text.”

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4. Impacts and Costs

BSC Party & Party Agent impacts and costs

BSC Party & Party Agent Impacts	
BSC Party/Party Agent	Impact
No impacts identified	

Central impacts and costs

Central impacts

Changes are required to BSCP40 to introduce a process for progressing changes to Data Items and/or Market Message Scenario Variants held in the EMDS

Central Impacts	
Document Impacts	System Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BSCP40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No system impact

Impact on BSC Settlement Risks

Impact on BSC Settlement Risks
No adverse impact on the BSC Settlement Risks have been identified.

Impact on Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS)

Impact on MHHS
None

Central costs

This is a document only change. Changes are required to BSCP40. The central implementation costs for this CP will be approximately £1k.

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5. Implementation Approach

Recommended Implementation Date

This CP is proposed for implementation on 7 November 2024 as part of the November 2024 Standard BSC Release. This will ensure that the processes for changing EMDS items is clarified for the benefit of all BSC parties and party agents at the earliest opportunity.

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6. Proposed Progression

Progression timetable

The table below outlines the proposed progression plan for this CP:

Progression Timetable	
Event	Date
CP Progression Paper presented to ISG for information	7 May 2024
CP Progression Paper presented to SVG for information	7 May 2024
CP Consultation (20 WDs)	13 May 2024 – 10 June 2024
CP Assessment Report presented to ISG for decision	2 July 2024
CP Assessment Report presented to SVG for decision	2 July 2024
Proposed Implementation Date	7 November 2024

CP Consultation questions

We intend to ask the standard CP Consultation questions for this CP. We do not believe any additional questions need to be asked for this CP.

7. Recommendations

We invite you to:

- **NOTE** the proposed progression timetable for the CP; and
- **PROVIDE** any comments or additional questions for inclusion in the CP Consultation.
- **NOTE** that this CP will be presented to:
 - the ISG on 7 May 2024; and
 - the SVG on 7 May 2024.

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