

Modification Proposal – BSCP40/06	MP No: 206 (mandatory by BSCCo)
Title of Modification Proposal <i>(mandatory by originator):</i> Publication of BSC Panel Election Results	
Submission Date <i>(mandatory by originator):</i> Thursday 3 August 2006	
Description of Proposed Modification <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> Annex B-2 of the Code should be amended to require BSCCo to disclose the number of preference votes received in each voting round by candidates standing for election to the BSC Panel. Subject to approval, this amendment should be implemented from the submission date of this Modification Proposal, in order to disclose the 2006 election results. The details of preference votes cast by Trading Parties would remain secret. The option of Trading Parties to require that a BSC Auditor scrutinise the conduct of the election would remain unaffected.	
Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> The BSC Panel exercises judgement on proposed amendments to the Code and makes direct recommendations to the legislated Authority. It is therefore highly influential; and its decisions can affect BSC Parties profoundly. As such, the election of candidates to the Panel should be through an objective and transparent process. The secret ballot is the most widespread measure to ensure that views are known only to the individual voter. The concept is common to virtually all electoral systems. However, there is hardly any precedent for election results, in terms of the actual number of votes cast for candidates, to be kept secret. The current electoral system employed in the BSC comprises a multi-winner system, non-transferable preference votes and a variant on standard quotas. It is unusual to either political or corporate bodies and should be open to scrutiny by BSC Parties. However such scrutiny is made very difficult without disclosure of the voting mechanism. The proposer can see no reason why it should not be possible for Parties to evaluate election results, as it may lead to more efficient governance arrangements. The existing option to require that a BSC Auditor scrutinise the conduct of the election merely allows Parties to validate rather than evaluate the process.	
Impact on Code <i>(optional by originator)</i> Paragraph 3.2.5 of Annex B-2 would be amended: "...or received by candidates..." would be deleted and replaced with "...but will publish the quota calculation and qualifying total for each voting round and the number of preference votes received by candidates in each voting round..."	

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<p>Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None foreseen.</p>	
<p>Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None foreseen.</p>	
<p>Impact on other Configurable Items <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>None foreseen.</p>	
<p>Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>This proposal would better facilitate Applicable Objective (d), “promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements”. It would add transparency to a needlessly undisclosed feature of the Code and allow Parties to consider potentially more efficient governance arrangements.</p>	
<p><u>Urgency Recommended: Yes / No</u> <i>(delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)</i></p>	
<p><u>Justification for Urgency Recommendation</u> <i>(mandatory by originator if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal)</i></p>	

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