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| Modification Proposal | MP No: P29 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i> |
| Title of Modification Proposal <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> Improve Efficiency Of Parmes Reporting Requirements | |
| Submission Date <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> 05 July 2001 | |
| Description of Proposed Modification <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> Request that the Performance Assurance Board amends the PARMS reporting requirement so that Suppliers only need to report each of their Supplier serials as a whole rather than split down into GSP groups. In addition, that PAB also conduct an historical review of PARMS data, and remove any serials which it feels does not provide any significant value to the performance assurance process. (A parallel change request via BSCP40 is being raised proposing an identical request for Supplier Agent serials) | |
| Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by proposer):</i> The PARMS reporting process was original devised in anticipation of the opening of the 1998 market, and due to market start-up it was considered important to allow peer comparison between GSP groups. With the introduction of agent competition, the emphasis has switched from GSP groups to the performance of Suppliers and their agents who provide Suppliers with some of the data required to report Supplier serials. Suppliers are increasing the number of Supplier Hubs in operation so the amount of man days required to complete the PARMS data each month is increasing for both Suppliers and Agents. This is becoming a significant burden, particularly on smaller Suppliers and agents and could be seen as a barrier to increasing competition. This increasing reporting burden could be relieved by removing the GSP group element of PARMS returns, and by removing any serials, where hisotrical data suggests that performance is not an issue. NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, the proposer is seeking to reduce the PARMS workload, and would not support this modification being used to introduce new PARMS serials, which should be submitted as a separate modification. | |
| Impact on Code <i>(optional by proposer):</i> Section S Annex 2 | |
| Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by proposer):</i> BSCP 533 | |
| Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties <i>(optional by proposer):</i> | |
| Impact on other Configurable Items <i>(optional by proposer):</i> | |

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Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives (mandatory by proposer):

The original PARMs reporting requirements were devised before competition was introduced in 1998. The market has now been open to full competition for nearly 3 years, and nearly all Suppliers are active in all E&W GSP Groups. The purpose of PARMs reporting is to ensure the integrity of settlements. The removal of reporting by GSP group and the removal of serials which provide little added value to this process would not put reduce the integrity of performance reporting, but would reduce reporting requirements on Supplier parties and their agents, and promote competition in the market.

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BSCP40 Change request Improve efficiency in Parms Reporting requirements