

MP Form (F76/01)

Modification Proposal	MP No:21 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
Title of Modification Proposal <i>(mandatory by originator):</i> Review of Modification Group and Panel Procedures	
Submission Date <i>(mandatory by originator):</i> Wednesday, 20 June 2001	
Date Logged <i>(mandatory by BSCCo):</i>	
Description of Proposed Modification <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> Review of Modification Procedures and the operation of the Modification Panel and associated Sub Groups to ensure maximum transparency to the Industry and efficient operation of the processes.	
Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> Amerada Hess believes that there are a number of areas in the current drafting of Sections B & F of the Balancing and Settlement Code which potentially limit the transparency of the industry to Trading Parties, particularly new entrants, thus impacting their ability to compete effectively. Areas of particular concern are the following: 1) Modification Panel meetings – we believe that the whole of the Panel meeting should be open to observers by default. We acknowledge concerns that issues may arise requiring discussion of commercially sensitive information, and believe that such concerns may be effectively addressed, for example, by asking observers to leave the room for an agenda item if necessary. In addition, we believe that it would be of benefit to the Panel’s deliberations to encourage input from the floor in respect of the points under discussion, for example, in respect of the debate on opening Panel meetings, Urgent and Non-Urgent modifications. 2) Panel Sub Groups – for example, the SVG and ISG. We believe that these groups should be open to industry observers by default. We do, however, acknowledge the need to hold TDC and PAB meetings in closed session. 3) Formation and Operation of Modifications Groups – as part of a wider debate on the provisions for change to the BSC, we believe that the default position (Open vs. Closed) within code should be reconsidered, together with the way members of the Modification Groups are selected. 4) Modifications process – Since NETA go-live, there has been a large number of post implementation modifications. The operation of the new processes around these modifications has illustrated that a	

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<p>review of the process may be timely.</p> <p>This should include the effectiveness of the process; where it could be streamlined to reduce work for both the Industry and Elexon; how well the provisions and definitions are understood (for example, definition vs assessment); the effectiveness of communications around and related to the modifications process and any gaps which have become evident. This might, for example, cover how issues could be identified prior to a modification being raised.</p> <p>This modification is not intended to be prescriptive, we believe that further definition is required, during which process other issues may well be identified.</p>	
Impact on Code <i>(optional by Originator)</i>	
It is anticipated that Sections B & F of the BSC will be affected	
Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by Originator)</i>	
It is anticipated that Sections B & F of the Balancing & Settlement Code will be affected	
Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
None anticipated	
Impact on other Configurable Items <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
None identified	
Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives <i>(mandatory by originator)</i>	
<p>This modification will better facilitate competition in the Generation and Supply of electricity by enabling BSC Parties, including new entrants, to compete more effectively within the new electricity industry. This is because better information and understanding of a major industry document and its associated processes/effect on the industry will result from increased transparency.</p> <p>In addition, this modification is intended to promote increased efficiency in the implementation and administration of the BSC Modification processes based on the experience gained.</p>	

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