

## Modification Proposal

**MP No: 22**  
(mandatory by BSCCo)

**Title of Modification Proposal** (mandatory by proposer):

The Provision Of Generator Planned Outage Information to All BSC Signatories.

**Submission Date** (mandatory by proposer): 22 June 2001

**Description of Proposed Modification** (mandatory by proposer):

This modification proposes that generator's planned outage information be released to all market participants via the BMRS. At present generators are required, under the Grid Code, to provide their planned outage programmes to NGC. NGC aggregates the information and distributes it only amongst generators. This proposal seeks to introduce a new section within the BSC, which will be referred to as the "Provision of Market Information". Within this new section, generators will be required to provide their planned outage information centrally, to the BSCCo, as well as to NGC. Elexon will be responsible for publishing the data on the BMRS system so it is available to all BSC signatories. The requirements upon generators to provide the outage information, in terms of format and timing, will be the same as required under the Grid Code.

**Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address** (mandatory by proposer):

The outage programme agreed by NGC is currently distributed only among generators creating a clear distortion in the provision of market information. One of the key factors in securing a level playing field on which effective competition can develop is the dissemination of market information between all market participants. Dynegy believe the current asymmetry that exists between generators and other market participants will result in further concentration of market power and less effective competition. It gives some players in the market an unfair advantage and results in a less efficient market than may otherwise be achieved.

It is also vital to ensure that all information available to NGC is also provided to all other market participants. Unlike Transco, NGC, as System Operator (SO), is active in the forward markets and is a monopsony buyer of ancillary services, with significant market power itself. NGC could therefore distort both the forward market and the balancing mechanism by not making information available to all players.

Dynegy would also like to see this new BSC section extended to include other information, for example, NGC unplanned outages, interconnector flows and actual constraints. However, we consider the provision of information on generators outages to be urgent, so would only include these other data items if their provision did not slow down the provision of outage programmes to all players at this time.

**Impact on Code** (optional by proposer):

The introduction of a new section of the BSC known as the "Provision of Market Information". Change to Section C of the BSC requiring Elexon to publish information from this new section.

**Impact on Core Industry Documents** (optional by proposer):

**Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties** (optional by proposer):

BMRS to be extended to publish relevant data.

**Impact on other Configurable Items** (optional by proposer):

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

This modification will promote effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and promote such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity by creating a level playing field for competition. The provision of outage information to all market participants will eliminate the issue of asymmetric information and create a level playing field, thus encouraging effective competition to develop. Dynegy request that this modification be given urgent status.

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