

**Modification Proposal – F76/01****MP No: P183***(mandatory by BSCCo)***Title of Modification Proposal** *(mandatory by originator):***Additional Mechanisms for Obtaining a valid Change of Supplier Read****Submission Date** *(mandatory by originator):* **20th December 2004****Description of Proposed Modification** *(mandatory by originator)*

The Customer Transfer Programme is issuing for industry comment a number of detailed proposals for improving the efficiency of the Change of Supplier process. These changes primarily impact the Master Registration Agreement (MRA), and also those parts of BSCP504 relating to Change of Supplier. However, we believe that one particular aspect of the proposals will require a change to the text of the Balancing and Settlement Code itself.

The CTP proposals aim to increase the robustness of the Change of Supplier process by providing additional mechanisms for obtaining a valid Change of Supplier Read, in the event that the existing processes don't provide one. In particular:

- CTP proposes that an estimate of a Change of Supply read generated by the old Supplier is acceptable for sending to the Data Collector as a Change of Supply read in certain limited circumstances. This requires a change to paragraph 4.2.1 of Annex S-2, which defines the types of meter reading that can be used for BSC purposes. The specific and limited circumstances under which this new type of read will be generated (and therefore subsequently used for settlement purposes) relate to the Supplier and could be specified in the BSC or in an appropriate Code Subsidiary Document (e.g. BSCP504, PSL 120).

- Because the CTP is proposing additional mechanisms by which Suppliers can obtain candidate CoS reads, the situation will in some cases arise where the Supplier has a number of candidate meter readings e.g. a customer own read taken at the point of sale; a customer own read taken later in the Change of Supplier process; and/or an estimated Change of Supplier read provided by the old Supplier. In order to minimise unnecessary change to existing Supplier Agent processes, the CTP proposes that in these circumstances the Supplier should be able to select the most appropriate read for onward transmission to the Non Half Hourly Data Collector. This would require a change to paragraph 2.3.3(b) of Section S, which currently requires the Supplier to forward all customer-provided consumption data to the Data Collector. Again, the specific and limited circumstances in which this requirement was to be relaxed could be specified in the BSC or in an appropriate Code Subsidiary Document (e.g. BSCP504, PSL 120).

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

As stated above, the CTP proposals aim to increase the robustness of the Change of Supplier process by providing additional mechanisms for obtaining a valid Change of Supplier Read.

There are circumstances that exist where a Change of Supplier read is not able to be generated by the Data Collector in a timely fashion. This Modification will facilitate the submission of timely agreed Change of Supply readings by allowing the Data Collector to use valid Old Supplier estimated reads for Change of Supplier in limited circumstances where other reads do not exist.

CTP are also proposing improved mechanisms for Suppliers to obtain and submit candidate CoS Readings for billing or settlement purposes.

**Impact on Code** *(optional by Originator)*

Amendment to Section S Annex 2 paragraph 4.2.1.

Amendment to Section S paragraph 2.3.3.

**Impact on Core Industry Documents** *(optional by Originator)*

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### **Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties** *(optional by originator)*

No impact on BSC Systems

### **Impact on other Configurable Items** *(optional by originator)*

#### **Potential Impact on BSCP504:**

Update Appendix 4.4:

Appendix 4.4 Precedence of Meter Readings - Change of Supplier.

1. All valid actual (MOA, NHHDC, and Customer Own) readings are potential candidates for the CoS reading, provided they are read within the SSD  $\pm 5$  days.
2. The valid actual reading closest to (ignoring sign) or on SSD is used to generate the SSD reading, unless the valid actual reading on SSD or the first valid actual reading after SSD is a Final read in which case the Final read should be used (irrespective of the proximity of other reads prior to SSD).
3. If two valid actual reads fall equally either side of SSD, then the +SSD read is used.
4. If there are multiple valid actual reads on the same day then the precedence (if systems can cope), is MOA Final (1st choice), NHHDC, Customer Own reading (last choice).
5. In the absence of a valid actual reading, a valid estimate of a Change of Supplier read generated by the old Supplier shall be used if available.

#### **Potential Impact on PSL 120:**

Update 1.5.4.1 to include:

“received when estimates of a Change of Supplier read generated by the old Supplier are provided by its Associated Supplier;”

Update 1.5.4.2 a. to include an estimate of a Change of Supplier read generated by the old Supplier.

Consider an update to 1.5.4.3 to include a source indicator for an estimate of a Change of Supplier read generated by the old Supplier.

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

The Proposer considers that this Modification would better facilitate the following Applicable BSC Objectives:

(c) Promoting effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) promoting such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity –

By:

- Improving the efficiency, accuracy and timeliness of the Change of Supplier process;
- improving the accuracy of CoS readings entering settlement;
- improving the timeliness with which Change of Supplier meter readings become available (and hence the accuracy of Initial Settlement); and
- reducing the potential for discrepancies between Supplier billing and settlements.

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**Attachments: Yes / ~~No~~** *(delete as appropriate) (mandatory by originator)*

**If Yes, Title and No. of Pages of Each Attachment:**

Electricity Change Pack Overview

CTP End to End Solution Documentation