

## Modification Proposal

**MP No: 103**  
*(mandatory by BSCCo)*

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

Respecification of Trading Data

### **Submission Date** *(mandatory by proposer):* 7 October 2002

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

To alter Table 1 (BMRS) of Annex V-1 of Section V of the Balancing and Settlement Code (Tables of Reports) so as to include the following additional data –

- Allowing users to download data for multiple BM Units and/or multiple dates at a time. For example this would enable the following services to be provided:
  - o Providing BM bid-offer stack and aggregated information on it;
  - o Providing BM acceptance stack and aggregated information on it;
  - o Providing aggregations by fuel type;
  - o Providing the gross volume of long and (separately) short energy imbalance volumes; and
  - o Providing the gross volume of long and (separately) short information imbalance volumes;
- Extending the minimum period for which data is stored on the BMRS from the existing 12 months. A data archive service could be provided for data that is eventually removed from the BMRS;
- Providing tools to allow users to perform simple queries - e.g. to download daily averages/totals, totals by company etc. This could be achieved by allowing users to access the data through (for example) a simple database interface such as Microsoft Access, allowing users to build their own data queries;
- Data items should be updated in accordance with subsequent reconciliation runs (e.g. imbalance price data, initial out-turn system demand, etc.);
- Providing identifiers to accepted BM trades that are 'arbitrage' trades;
- Identifying bids, offers and acceptances which have been tagged 'excluded' or 'included' in the process of calculating prices;
- Half-hourly transmission loss multiplier data;
- Half-hourly residual cashflow value in £/MWh;
- Half-hourly metered output data by BM Unit;
- Net system imbalance before NGC's non-BM balancing actions; and
- Net energy imbalance position by Party account.

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

With the advent of NETA, consideration was given as to how market data should be made available, both publicly and to BSC Parties. LEGs, although they may not be BSC Parties have need for access both to market data which is publicly available (notably the Balancing Market Reporting System) and market information which

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is currently restricted to BSC Parties (notably the "SO142" reports). In relation to the latter class of information, reference is made to proposed modification entitled – "Entitlement of Licence Exemptable Generators ("LEGs") to BSC Membership Without Evidence of Trading".

The vast majority of LEGs, as under the Pool, chose to contract under Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) with a licensed supplier, rather than become a BSC Party and trade directly within the NETA markets. This is mainly because of the large fixed costs and administrative burdens that are infeasible for most smaller generators.

Having access to all data currently available to BSC Parties would assist LEGs. In particular, knowing the metered quantities and the imbalance position of potential contracting counterparties would substantially assist LEGs in determining who is in a position to contract with them and to better understand the trading position of that counterparty.

However, to the extent that this information is or could be made available to LEGs (see the proposed modification referred to above) the data lacks accessibility and transparency for them, taking into account the resources of most smaller generators to process such information.

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

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

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

**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):

The Applicable BSC Objectives are set out in paragraph 3 of Condition C3 of the Transmission Licence, as follows:

(a) The efficient discharge by the Transmission Company of the obligations imposed under the Transmission Licence;

N/A

(b) The efficient, economic and co-ordinated operation by the Transmission Company of the Transmission System;

N/A

(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;

Making available crucial market information to LEGs with more transparent and usable content will assist in creating a fairer negotiating position for these LEGs. It will also help LEGs to verify independently the benefits of particular supplier contracts or consolidation benefits where the counterparty is a BSC Party and is in possession of such information.

The effect of lack of transparency in market information (to the extent it is available to LEGs and given the resources of most smaller generators to process such information) is one of a range of barriers faced by LEGs. The unavailability to LEGs of usable market information has, with other barriers, contributed to the disproportionate and damaging effect which NETA has had on LEGs. This has resulted in withdrawals from the LEG sector and extreme financial consequences for that sector which threaten its continued participation in the generation market and its contribution to competition.

(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements.

N/A

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