Change Proposal – BSCP40/02	CP No: 1307 *Version No: v1.0* *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

Title *(mandatory by originator)*
Minor Changes to the Long Term Vacant Site Process

Description of Problem/Issue *(mandatory by originator)*

A number of issues around the Long Term Vacant site process were discussed under BSCP40 issue 00004 'Improvements and Clarifications to the Long Term Vacant site process'. This CP aims to resolve issues discussed by the group as follows:

1. To enter the Long Term Vacant site process a number of checks must be made including that the Supplier must not have received any data flows containing the J0040 'Register Reading' in the proposed Long Term Vacant period. In reality, Suppliers do not check each incoming data flow that contains the J0040 data item to see if this field is populated. Instead they check whether they have any readings for the proposed Long Term Vacant site in their systems, i.e. they look at the output of the Data Flow as opposed to the flow input.

BSCP504 'Non-Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS' should be updated to reflect the process adopted by Suppliers.

2. BSCP504 contains the requirements around choosing the start and end dates of the Long Term Vacant period. BSCP504 currently states that where a Meter reading has been obtained at the end of the Long Term Vacant period, the date that the reading was obtained should be used as the end date of the Long Term Vacant period. The Long Term Vacant site review group felt that this was incorrect as the Meter reading is defined to be taken at midnight at the start of the day the reading is taken, i.e. at the start of Settlement Period 1. This means that the zero Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) for the Long Term Vacant period should end the day before the Meter reading is taken and the new non-zero EAC should start on the day that the Meter reading is taken.

As an example, if a reading was taken on a Long Term Vacant Site on the 8 June 2009, then the Long Term Vacant Period and the associated Annualised Advance (AA) for the Long Term Vacant period would end on the 7 June 2009 and the Meter reading and forward looking EAC would start on the 8 June 2009.

3. Where a Meter reading is obtained for a Long Term Vacant site, which removes it from the Long Term Vacant site process, this is often less than the reading deemed at the start of the Long Term Vacant process. This is generally due to the initial deemed reading being based on a non-zero EAC which often includes a period where the site was not occupied. If the reading taken at the end of the Long Term Vacant period creates an erroneously large AA for the Long Term Vacant Period then it can be withdrawn under BSCP504. If it creates an incorrect, e.g. negative AA which is not erroneously large, then it cannot be withdrawn under the current rules. This creates problems validating future readings. The Long Term Vacant site review group therefore agreed that it would be useful to be able to withdraw the initial deemed Meter reading for a Long Term Vacant site where this is greater than a future actual reading, provided that the reading had not passed the Final Reconciliation Run.

The Supplier should be able to choose whether or not they wish their NHHDC to withdraw this Meter reading, and if it is withdrawn, the Supplier should be able to choose whether to replace it

with the reading taken at the end of the Long Term Vacant period or not to replace it at all.

Proposed Solution *(mandatory by originator)*

1. Sections 4.15.1, 4.15.2, 4.15.3 and 4.15.4 of BSCP504 should be amended to remove any references to the J0040 Data Item and replace it with reference to a Meter reading having been obtained.

2. Section 4.15.5 of BSCP504 should be amended to state the end date for a Long Term Vacant period should be the date before the date of the Meter reading obtained to end the period.

3. A new process should be introduced to section 3.3.8 of BSCP504 to allow the withdrawal of an initial Long Term Vacant site reading. Consequential changes will need to be made to Section 4.5 (q) to allow the entering of a new initial Long Term Vacant site Meter reading, equal to the reading taken at the end of the Long Term Vacant period (if required). If the new initial reading entered is equal to the reading taken at the end of the Long Term Vacant period, then there will be a zero AA for the whole Long Term Vacant period. If the reading is withdrawn and no new reading is entered, the site will be treated as if it was never in the Long Term Vacant process.

The proposed changes are included in the attached red-lined version of BSCP504.

Justification for Change *(mandatory by originator)*

The Technical Assurance Check carried out in November / December 2007 and the BSC Audit highlighted a number of clarifications that could usefully be made to BSCP504 to aid the processing of Long Term Vacant sites. In addition Suppliers and Non-Half Hourly Data Collectors have highlighted other issues with the process.

The three issues above have been included in one CP as they are felt to be minor clarifications to the process (points 1 and 2) and a useful addition to ensure the integrity of Settlement following a Long Term Vacant period (point 3). The Long Term Vacant site review group are in support of the changes.

To which section of the Code does the CP relate, and does the CP facilitate the current provisions of the Code? *(mandatory by originator)*

These changes relate to Section S 'Supplier Volume Allocation' of the Code, in particular S2.8 and Annex S-2, 4.3.19 - 4.3.22 which describe the Long Term Vacant site process.

The CP facilitates the current provisions of the Code. The Code contains the high level requirements for the Long Term Vacant site process and BSCP504 contains the detail. The changes above add further clarification to the detail contained in BSCP504 and are consistent with the high level requirements in the Code.

Estimated Implementation Costs *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

CP1306 will take approximately 1 Working Day (equivalent to £220) for ELEXON to implement.

Configurable Items Affected by Proposed Solution(s) *(mandatory by originator)*

BSCP504 'Non-Half Hourly data collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS'

Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code *(mandatory by originator)*

None

Related Changes and/or Projects *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

This Change Proposal is one of a package of five changes recommended by the issue 0004 working group, including:

CP1304, 'Exclusion of certain Site Visit Check Codes (SVCC) within the Long Term Vacant (LTV) site process'

CP1305, 'Use of Site Visit Check Code (SVCC) 20 with additional information in the Long Term Vacant (LTV) process'

CP1306, 'Removal of second criterion for identifying a site a Long Term Vacant (LTV)'

CP1308 (Previously issued as DCP44), 'Changes to Long Term Vacant Site process where a reading is obtained via a warrant'

Requested Implementation Date ***(mandatory by originator)***

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Reason: Next available release

Version History ***(mandatory by BSCCo)***

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Attachment A - Redlining for CP1307 v1.0, extract taken from BSCP504 v22.1 (8 pages)