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Title *(mandatory by originator)Disconnection of Energised Metering Systems*

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

BSCP515 section 3.7 sets out the process to be followed in the event of a disconnection. It requires that before a metering system can be disconnected it must first be de-energised in accordance with section 3.6 of BSCP515.

Although the requirement to de-energise prior to disconnection can be complied with in most cases there are occasions when the LDSO is requested to disconnect at very short notice, typically when the LDSO is advised of the imminent demolition of a property. In such cases the LDSO's priority is to make the supply safe and there is insufficient time for the de-energisation process to be followed before the supply is disconnected.

BSCP515 does not currently recognise that there are cases where a supply needs to be disconnected at very short notice. This has led to LDSOs failing the BSC audit because they have disconnected energised supplies without first following the de-energisation process.

Proposed Solution(s) *(mandatory by originator)*

Amend BSCP515 section 3.7 to permit an LDSO to disconnect a supply that is in an energised state. In these cases the LDSO will be required to liaise with the appointed MOA, either before or after the disconnection, so that final readings and removal of the meter can be communicated.

Amend BSCP514 sections 5.3 and 6.3 to specify that when an MOA is informed of a disconnection by the LDSO of an MPAN where a meter was still present they should liaise with the LDSO to recover the meter where possible and then proceed as though they had removed the meter themselves.

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Justification for Change *(mandatory by originator)*

There are occasions when LDSOs must disconnect at short notice and failure to do so will have adverse safety implications and disrupt developers/customers. When the LDSO disconnects in such cases the result should not be an audit failure.

Version 2 of this CP contains revisions to the original as suggested in responses to version 1 issued in December 2006. Changes incorporated include:

1. Proposed implementation date moved from June 2007 to November 2007.
2. Removal of step in BSCP515 requiring the MOA to send flows following notification of the disconnection by the LDSO & replacing this with a change to the MOA BSCP514.
3. Specifying that where a LDSO disconnects an MPAN where a meter was still present they should notify the MOA of this within 10 working days. Adding Email, Fax and Post as acceptable communication methods for this notification.
4. Amending the note at the top of the page to retain the reference to section 3.6 of the BSCP and specifying that disconnection of energised supplies should only occur when there is insufficient time to follow the de-energisation process first.

Other suggested changes to the CP have not been included as they would have placed new obligations on participants. The aim of this CP is limited to removing an existing BSC Audit market issue, by making the BSCP reflect current practice when a meter point is disconnected at short notice and there is insufficient time for the de-energisation process to be followed before the disconnection takes place. Suggested changes not incorporated

1. Obligation on LDSO to send D0139 and D0150 flows to MOA when they de-energise and remove a meter. The current practice is to reunite the meter with its MOA so that the MOA can send the necessary flows to other parties. Significant LDSO system changes would be needed to communicate with MOA by DTC flow.
2. Obligation on LDSO to send D0125 to Supplier – this flow is currently optional and the CP does not seek to change this. Suppliers will continue to receive the D0171 which is mandated by the reference to BSCP501 in both the current and proposed, amended BSCP.

We agree with suggestions that there should be a review of the disconnection process and think this should cover the entire end to end process and include potential changes to the DTC flows used. However, we believe this will be a lengthy process which could potentially result in significant change to participants system and processes and a later implementation. We do not see any reason to delay this limited change pending such a review

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Is the Change being proposed a Housekeeping Change? *(optional by originator)* Y/N [1] No	
Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) *(optional by originator)* **BSCP515** **BSCP514**	
Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code *(optional by originator)*	
Related Changes and/or Projects *(mandatory by BSSCo)*	
Requested Implementation Date ***(mandatory by originator)*** ***November 2007*** **Reason:**	
Agreed Release/Implementation Date ***(mandatory by BSCCo)***	

[1] The relevant Panel Committee will decide whether a Change Proposal can be progressed as a Housekeeping Change Proposal.

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