

Change Proposal – F40/01

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Title (mandatory by originator)

Inclusion of new approved meter types in BSCP601 – Meter Protocol Approval & Compliance Testing

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

Recently two new meter types were approved for use in the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) market – 'CM32' and the 'POREG'. However because these have not yet been listed in BSCP601 Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) are unable to advise Data Collectors that they have in fact installed these meter types. Historically it has required a Supplier to sponsor a Change Proposal to BSCP601 to add new meter types. However this causes delays in the meter types being adopted by MOAs or they are installed under a pseudonym.

To prevent this occurring in the future it is proposed that ELEXON facilitate a process that enables new approved meter types to be automatically added to BSCP601.

Proposed Solution(s) (mandatory by originator)

This could be facilitated is by removing the 'Compliance Test List' and 'Protocol Approval List' (Appendices 3.2 and 3.3 respectively) from BSCP601 and placing them on an area of the BSC Website (e.g. Market Data). Then, when ELEXON issue the certificate of compliance or approved protocol they could also issue an ELEXON Circular notifying market participants of the new approved protocol or compliance test and amend the approved list on the BSC Website. This would mean that parties would be advised of the update in a timely manner and without the need for a Supplier to sponsor a Change Proposal to amend BSCP601.

Section 2 of BSCP601 'Interface and Timetable Information' would need to be updated to reflect this approach.

It is also proposed to change the 'Protocol Approval List' and 'Compliance Test List' tables to be placed on the BSC Website to remove unnecessary information. The 'Compliance Test List' table would have the following headings:

BSCCo Reference,
Manufacturer,
Meter Model,
Meter Type,
Date of Approval.

The 'Protocol Approval List' table would have the following headings:

Data Collection System;
Code of Practice,
Manufacturer,
Outstation Type,
Meter Type,
Date of Approval.

Furthermore, it is proposed to add the 'CM32' and the 'POREG' to the list of Approved Protocols.

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Justification for Change *(mandatory by originator)*

Currently it is suspected that new approved meter types are being registered under pseudonyms and therefore potential issues with fault rectification could ensue as any D0001 'Request Metering System Investigation' or D0005 'Instruction on Action' flow sent by a Data Collector will be referring to the meter type that it believes is on site. Thus if any issues occur with the meter there will be confusion as to which meter type is installed on a site. This issue could impact on the quality of data submitted to Settlements and also could impact the Supplier in respect of billing its Customer.

Also the adoption of new meter types by MOAs is being held back by the fact that the new meter types are not being added to BSCP601 in an efficient manner.

The proposed change will enable MOAs to advise Data Collectors of the correct new meter type, enable new meter types to be more easily into the market and minimise the potential impact on data quality submitted to settlements.

In addition, the proposed change will avoid any further maintenance type changes being required to BSCP601.

Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) *(optional by Originator)*

None

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

None

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

None

Requested Implementation Date *(mandatory by originator)*

As soon as possible

Reason:

Agreed Release/Implementation Date *(mandatory by BSSCo)*

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