

Change Proposal – BSCP40/02

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(mandatory by BSCCo)*

Title (mandatory by originator) Service Descriptions and other CSD Inconsistencies

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

As part of the procurement phase of Project Isis, ELEXON drafted detailed business requirements for the CVA, SVA and FAA Agent Services. The Business Requirements were reviewed against the BSC and Code Subsidiary Documents as part of a due diligence exercise.

As a result of this review inconsistencies were discovered in a number of BSCPs, the CVA/SVA Data Catalogues and the Communication Requirement Document.

The majority of these issues have been resolved by CP1223 'Inconsistencies within the Code Subsidiary Documents regarding Business Requirements', which was implemented in the June 2008 Release. However a small number of inconsistencies remained that required more detailed analysis; these are being resolved by this CP.

Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)

Changes are proposed to BSCP20, the SAA and CDCA Service Descriptions (SD). Changes are also required to the CDCA User Requirement Specification (URS) and SAA URS to reflect the changes proposed to the CDCA and SAA SD

BSCP20 'Registration of Metering Systems for Central Volume Allocation'

BSCP20 requires the Central Data Collection Agent ('CDCA') to verify that the Meter Technical Details ('MTD') provided by a Meter Operating Agent ('MOA') or Registrant when registering a new metering system, complies with the relevant Code of Practice. In determining compliance, the CDCA is required by BSCP20 to take into account any dispensation awarded against a Code of Practice prior to the commencement of the registration process pursuant to BSCP32.

The CDCA does not currently perform this function at the point of registration. Rather the CDCA checks the technical details of Metering System for completeness against the application requirements.

The Code does not require the CDCA to verify that the MTD complies with the relevant Code of Practice nor does the BSC Service Description under the CDCA's registration obligations.

Change: amend step 3.1.10 of the process for the Registration of a New Metering System contained in Section 3 of BSCP20 to correctly reflect the role of the CDCA in the registration process.

The details of the changes to BSCP20 are included in Attachment A.

SAA Service Description

The Arbitrage Flag is a system parameter which determines whether arbitrage should be carried out. The SAA Service Description does not contain any mention of this flag, yet it has been confirmed as a specific SAA requirement.

Change: add a new paragraph 2.6.7 to the SAA Service Description to reference the receipt and usage of Arbitrage Flag.

SAA Service Description section 2.3.1 should state the timescale in which the SAA can expect to receive ECVN/MVRN information from the ECVA; it should be within the next business day.

Change: Modify 2.3.1 to include the relevant timescale.

ELEXON has confirmed that the SAA is required to be able to carry out Historical Settlement Runs using data that was valid at the time of the original run. This requirement is contained in the current SAA Operational Service Manual but is not included in the SAA Service Description.

Change: Add the requirement to the SAA Service Description for the SAA to carry out Historical Settlement runs.

CDCA Service Description

BSCP25 contains detailed requirements for CDCA data validation that are not reflected in the CDCA Service Description. Step 4.1.5 requires that the CRA forwards Transmission System Boundary Registration Forms to the CDCA in order to confirm that all other necessary data has been submitted.

Change: Amend section 4.5 of the CDCA Service Description to reflect that the CDCA also validates the registration data on behalf of the CRA, for BM Units and Boundary Points

CDCA SD section 5.1 uses wording that implies an Outstation is separate from a Metering System. The Code definition of Metering System includes Outstations and any other ancillary equipment.

Change: modify section 5.1 to ensure the description of Outstations and Metering Systems is consistent with the definitions in the Code.

The CDCA regularly submits data into PARMS, the Performance Assurance Reporting and Monitoring System operated by BSCCo. Section 19 of the CDCA SD sets out the reporting requirements of the CDCA; while it makes reference to the submission of performance reports to BSCCo relating to data collection and aggregation functions, the data for PARMS relates to the activities of MOAs, specifically meter fault resolution and the performance of Proving Tests.

Change: modify the text in section 19.6 to reference the submission of performance reports relating to meter operator functions.

CDCA and SAA User Requirement Specifications

The CDCA URS and the SAA URS will require amending to reflect the changes to the CDCA and SAA SDs.

Category 2 Document Redlining

The CDCA SD, SAA SD, CDCA URS and SAA URS are category 2 CSDs, and therefore the changes to them do not have a direct impact on the Industry. The redline changes to these documents will be produced and consulted on during implementation if CP1255 is approved.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

The proposed amendments will ensure consistency between the contracts and the business requirements.

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

BSC Section K 'Classification and Registration of Metering Systems and BM Units'

Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo)

The estimated ELEXON implementation cost is 5 man days, which equates to £1,100. CP1255 also involves a Service Provider Demand Led cost is £870.

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

BSCP20, SAA Service Description, CDCA Service Description, SAA User Requirement Solution and CDCA User Requirement Solution

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

None

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSCCo)

None

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

February 2009

Reason: To align with the effective date of the revised BSC Agent contracts

Version History (mandatory by BSCCo)

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