

Change Proposal – F40/01	CP No: 1146 Version No: 1.0
Title Clarification of timescales for SMRS Refreshes	
Description of Problem/Issue <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>Data Aggregators are required to conduct a full refresh of SMRS data 'at least once every year' (BSCP 503 3.2.2.1, BSCP 505 3.2.3.1). This is, in itself, unclear. 'Once every year' could be interpreted in several different ways (e.g. once in every calendar year, once in every rolling 12 months period or some other way).</p> <p>This requirement has been interpreted differently within the market. The interpretations are as above, i.e., one is once in every calendar year and the other is once in every 12 month period. These need not be consistent, e.g. a refresh could be conducted in January one year and in December the next. This would satisfy the first interpretation but not the second.</p> <p>From a settlements perspective, the second interpretation would seem the most appropriate to mitigate risk. This, however, presents further problems. Data Aggregators are entitled to only one free full refresh every year (MRA Schedule 8, clause 22), which Distribution Businesses interpret as meaning that a full 12 months must have passed since the previous request was made. This means that, due to timing issues, if Data Aggregators wish to refresh once in every 12 months they have to pay for the refresh.</p> <p>The requirement to perform full refreshes periodically was introduced by CP800. The CP does not provide any further information as to which interpretation was intended.</p> <p>This issue was discussed at the Supplier Agent Forum on 17 August 2005, and SVG agreed on 30 August that a Change Proposal should be raised and submitted for industry assessment (SVG/55/003).</p>	
Proposed Solution(s) <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>The intention of CP800 was that every Settlement Date should undergo a Full Refresh prior to being aggregated for Final Reconciliation. In order to achieve this, it is proposed to change steps 3.2.2.1 of BSCP503 and 3.2.3.1 of BSCP505 to require that the Data Aggregator request a Full Refresh at least once in every rolling 13 month period. This will achieve the original intent of CP800 by ensuring that (barring difficulties in applying the refresh that take over a month to resolve) all Metering Systems are subject to Full Refresh prior to Final Reconciliation.</p>	
Justification for Change <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>The requirements lack clarity; consequently they may not achieve the originally desired objectives. Furthermore, if they are interpreted in one, possibly the most appropriate, way then Agents can not satisfy the requirements without incurring costs, which might be considered unnecessary and disproportionate to the benefits to settlements.</p> <p>This issue has been raised by the SAF. The Agents want the requirements clarified in such a way that they may satisfy them without incurring undue costs.</p>	

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Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) <i>(optional by originator)</i> Minor change to BSCP 503 and BSCP 505.	
Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
Related Changes and/or Projects <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>	
Requested Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> As soon as possible. Reason: This is only a minor change to two BSCPs.	
Agreed Release/Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>	
Originator's Details: BCA Name: Organisation: ELEXON (on behalf of the SAF) Email Address Date: 1st September 2005	
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