

Change Proposal – F40/01

CP No: 1145

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Title

Removal of particular requirements pertaining to register readings in the Half Hourly Market to improve Settlement efficiency (part 3 of 3)

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

The objectives of the BSC are not being fulfilled to the expected standard; these requirements have been discussed at various Industry forums in order to determine their: - value to the Settlement process, the practicalities of the requirements and the feasibility of performing each process.

Following initial discussion at the Supplier Agent Forum and subsequent discussions with other DCs, this CP (one of three) has been raised to address each of the requirements and the issues surrounding these.

Issue:

BSCP502 "Half Hourly Data Collection, describes various situations where an "initial" or "final" meter readings are required to be obtained and processed under different circumstances.

1. HHDC Agent to receive initial/final Meter readings from the MOA on a D0139 flow (optional field within the flow)
 - Section 3.3.3&4 and also 3.3.9 & 10. – Change of Energisation Status
2. HHDC Agent to receive the final Meter register reading from the old HHDC
 - Section 3.2.4 – Change of HHDC Agent
 - Section 3.2.7 – Concurrent Change of Supplier and HHDC Agent
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However these requirements, when applied to all instances, cannot be justified in terms of system and resource cost as, other processes may achieve the same objective.

- *A register read obtained during a site visit (either by an MO or SVA) will be exactly the same as the register read obtained during automatic retrieval of data, i.e. on dial up as, they are both generated by the same source within the meter. To summarise - there can be no difference in these figures other than human error in recording such.*
- *Mini-mar is performed on data from all meters with cumulative registers, including those with separate outstations.*
- *Mini-mar is performed every time a site is dialed; the data is subject to validation within a tolerance of 5%.*
- *Mini-mar is also performed on data retrieved manually.*
- *Mini-mar is a fully automated process and therefore provides a more reliable method of validation than the comparison of a register read retrieved and recorded by a manual process: e.g. there are a significant number of failures in the MAR process resulting from this same manual processes.*
- *The only meters on which Mini-mar is not performed are those without cumulative registers however, a MAR is conducted in each of these instances: to summarise **all meters are subject to either MAR or Mini-mar.***
- *The only meter with a recognized drift between the register reads and the actual data recorded is the FCL, however all FCLs are subject to the MAR process.*

With reference to Point 1 and in addition to the above, it should also be noted that a DC will already be in receipt of a meter reading at the point in time at which the meter is energised/de-energised as, prior to this scenario the DC will have been collecting data (and meter reads) on a regular basis.

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<p>Proposed Solution(s) <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) HHDC Agent to receive initial/final Meter readings from the MOA on a D0139 flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 3.3.3&4 – Change of Energisation Status 2) HHDC Agent to receive the final Meter register reading from the old HHDC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 3.2.4 – Change of HHDC Agent - Section 3.2.7 – Concurrent Change of Supplier and HHDC Agent <p>Remove these mandatory requirements from BSCP 502 as, it incurs unnecessary cost for Agents and ultimately Suppliers: please note that the sending of the actual D0139 flow should remain as a requirement however, the inclusion of the register reading should not be obligatory.</p> <p>It is proposed that an HHDC should have responsibility for determining whether they require register readings on a case-by-case basis. In the instance that it is required, they should raise a request to the other Agent, who should be obliged to respond within a specified timeframe, either by sending the data or by advising that it is not available. It is proposed that this option is referenced in both BSCPs 502 and 514, in order to ensure adherence by all Parties, if required to the process. Discussions on this subject suggest that the instances will be minimal and therefore can be supported by such an approach accompanied by local agreement regarding the method of communication, i.e. telephone, email, fax or letter.</p>	
<p>Justification for Change <i>(mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>The benefit to Settlements resulting from both of these requirements is not justified against the costs in both actual value and also system and resource time.</p>	
<p>Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) <i>(optional by Originator)</i></p>	
<p>Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by originator)</i></p> <p>BSCPs: - 502 and 514.</p>	
<p>Related Changes and/or Projects <i>(mandatory by BSSCo)</i></p>	

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