

CP Form

Change Proposal – F40/01	CP No: 1113 Version No: 0.1
Title <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> Receipt of an acknowledgement when notifying using the ECVAAs web reporting service	
Description of Problem/Issue <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>P98 was delivered as part of the November 2004 release schedule at considerable expense to the industry. British Gas Trading (BGT) believes it is appropriate for market participant to have the ability to submit contract notifications via the ECVAAs web based reporting functionality and for this system to be robust. Whilst it is possible under the current baseline to submit contract notifications, only a positive acknowledgement is provided by central systems and not a negative acknowledgement. The current arrangements for using the web based system to notify contracts also requires a participants' file transfer system also to be available, the web based system needs to operate independently as a stand alone system to enable utilisation.</p> <p>If a participant is experiencing technical problems and cannot receive the ECVAAs IO09, IO10, IO28 and IO29 flows, submitting contract notifications via the screen-based system introduces a significant risk profile. Parties who submit contract notification will only be notified via the web-based system if the notification has been received by the ECVAAs and if it is being processed. Whilst the solution does provide a positive acknowledgement via the ECV Notification Selection screen it does not provide a time and date stamp. BGT therefore believe the current system design does not provide the appropriate level of assurance required which will mean Parties will not utilise the functionality delivered as part of the P98 solution.</p>	
Proposed Solution(s) <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>BGT believes that a screen based acknowledgement system needs to be developed to allow Parties to effectively manage the risk of making contract notifications via the web-based service.</p>	
Justification for Change <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> <p>P98 was implemented as part of the November 04 release at significant cost to BSC signatories. While the primary intent of the proposal was to introduce the ability for parties to submit dual contract notifications, BGT understands that no authorisations have been put in place to utilise this functionality. The implementation solution also delivered as a secondary effect a web based reporting system that contains the functionality to submit contract notifications. BGT would like the ability to use the screen based system, however this is currently not viable because of the risks faced by users of the system. BGT believe making this change to the design may encourage parties to utilise the functionality.</p> <p>BGT acknowledge that there has already been a significant amount of money invested by all BSC Parties in</p>	

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<p>funding the development of the central arrangements to implement P98. However, BGT believe there may be merit in making a further small incremental investment to enable the participants to get some benefit from the initial investment. BGT anticipate that the cost of making this amendment should be relatively small and recognise that, if the change is to be implemented and supported by the industry it must be a relatively low cost change.</p>	
Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) <i>(optional by Originator)</i>	
Impact on Core Industry Documents <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
Related Changes and/or Projects <i>(mandatory by BSSCo)</i>	
Requested Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by originator)</i> BGT would like to see the solution implemented as part of the first CVA batched release schedule that is viable in terms of the changes required to central systems. Reason: To minimise the cost implications of making the change it would seem sensible to align the change as part of a scheduled release. The current web-based notification process is unusable due to the risk profile that parties are exposed to. Implementation of the change would enable Parties to utilise the functionality , therefore an early release optimises the money already spent.	

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Agreed Release/Implementation Date (<i>mandatory by BSCCo</i>)	
<i>Originator's Details:</i> <i>BCA Name</i> <i>Organisation British Gas Trading</i> <i>Email Address</i> <i>Date 15/03/05</i>	
Attachments: N <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	