

**Change Proposal – BSCP40/02**

CP No: 1213

*Version No: 1.0*  
*(mandatory by BSCCo)*

**Title** *(mandatory by originator)*

Improvement to Proving Test process: Audit trail

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

The Proving Test process is currently susceptible to failure/non-completion due to various generic Supplier Agent non-compliances (Market Issue 1654) and also the current procedures used to administer and support the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) arrangements requirements for Proving Tests.

Two Change Proposals (CPs) (CP1142 ‘Changes to the Proving Test Process’ and CP1171 ‘Improvements to the Proving Process’) relating to improvements to the Proving Test process have been rejected by the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG). When the SVG rejected CP1171, it noted that there were elements of both CP1142 and CP1171 that could be beneficial. Therefore, the SVG requested that a working group meeting was held to discuss the beneficial elements of these Change Proposals and to decide the best way forward.

At a working group meeting on 24 January 2007, a review of CP1142 and CP1171 was undertaken. It was attended by members of the Supplier Agents’ Forum (SAF) (primarily Half Hourly Meter Operator Agents (HHMOAs) and Half Hourly Data Collectors (HHDCs)), a SVG representative and the originator of CP1171 (NPower). The Group reviewed the issues and solutions of CP1142 and CP1171 (that had been rejected by the SVG) in order to determine whether any beneficial changes could be made to the proving process.

One of the Group recommendations was to implement an audit trail for tracking failed Proving Tests (drafting changes based on the solution to Issue 4 of CP1142).

The issue is that when a HHMOA fails a Proving Test they are required to notify the HHDC of this via a D0002 flow (Fault Resolution Report or Request for Decision on Further Action). In such instances the information contained within the D0002 is frequently found to be poor or, relevant information is missing. Therefore, a HHDC is unable to make an informed decision as to whether this data should be submitted to Settlements or to apply the relevant estimation techniques. It is believed that one of the possible reasons for this poor quality of information, is that a HHMOA could send a D0002 response and fail the proving test, solely to meet the HHMOA Service Levels and avoid a non-compliance. There is a possibility that in these instances the site may not have “genuinely” failed a Proving Test which could lead to less accurate data entering Settlements.

Similarly some HHDC’s “fail” Proving Tests when data cannot be retrieved remotely instead of issuing a hand held read to collect the data, again this also may be to meet the prescribed timescales in the BSCP and avoid a non-compliance being raised.

**Proposed Solution** *(mandatory by originator)*

Amend Section 4.6.5 of BSCP502 ‘Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS’ and Section 8.3.5 of BSCP514 ‘SVA Meter Operations for Metering Systems Registered in SMRS’ to read:

“In the event that timescales are exceeded and the Proving Test is not completed, the process shall proceed to completion and an audit trail will be maintained by Supplier Agents in order to explain the delay.”

**Justification for Change** *(mandatory by originator)*

The Group believed that the issue, where a Meter Operator Agent (MOA) may fail a Proving Test in the interests of maintaining its performance, was still valid. The solution is to require the HHMOAs and HHDCs to maintain an audit trail to explain a delay to the completion of a Proving Test. This audit trail would provide further information regarding instances where Proving Tests were not successful due to incomplete status in prescribed timescales.

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

Section L ‘Metering’ 2.3 ‘New Metering’

**Estimated Implementation Costs** *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

Estimated ELEXON Implementation costs for CP1213 is £220 (1 ELEXON Man Day)

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

BSCP502 ‘Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems registered in SMRS’  
BSCP514 ‘SVA Meter Operations for Metering Systems Registered in SMRS’

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

No impact.

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

No related changes or projects

**Requested Implementation Date** (*mandatory by originator*)

February 2008 BSC Systems Release

**Reason:**

The February 2008 BSC Systems Release is the next available Release date.

**Version History** (*mandatory by BSCCo*)

DCP0009 'Improvement to Proving Test process: Audit trail' was raised on 6 July 2007 by ELEXON, when it was issued for Industry Impact Assessment. Industry responses supported the progression of DCP0009, so CP1213 was raised on 7 September 2007.

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Attachments: Yes

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CP1213 Attachment B – BSCP514v10.0 redlined (1 page)