



Final Minutes – Meeting 75

Meeting Name	BSC Panel	Meeting No	75
Date of Venue	8 April 2004	Time	10:00 am
Venue	ELEXON Ltd, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1		

In Attendance			
Nicholas Durlacher	ND		Chairman
Richard Brealey	RB		Independent Panel Member
Mary McAnally	MM		Independent Panel Member
Neil Menzies	NM		Consumer Appointee
Katharine Morrison	KM		Consumer Appointee
Tony Bramley	TB		Industry Member
Nigel Cornwall	NC		Industry Member
Malcolm Taylor	MT		Industry Member
Graham Thomas	GT		Industry Member
Barbara Vest	BV		Industry Member
John Greasley	JG		Transmission Company Appointee
David Lane	DL		DSO Appointee
David Edward	DE		Ofgem Representative
Nick Simpson	NS		Ofgem
Dorcas Batstone	DB		ELEXON
Laone Roscorla	LR		ELEXON
Chris Rowell	CR		ELEXON
David Ahmad			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Tom Bowcutt			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Richard Hall			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Melanie Henry			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
David Jones			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Beverley Kimble			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Anna Kneafsey			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Adam Lattimore			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Elizabeth Lawlor			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Rachel Lindstrom-Thomas			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Geraldine Morgan			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Sarah Parsons	SP		ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Christina Ryan			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Roger Salomone			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Michelle Spurden			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Rajita Suxena			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Dave Warner			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Anna Weston			ELEXON (Part meeting only)
Joanne Ellis			Cornwall Consulting (Part meeting only)

5. BSC MODIFICATION PROCEDURES: ISSUES REGISTER – 75/014

ELEXON has reviewed its operational experience of the Modifications Process and has produced a register of issues. The Panel was invited to consider the issues contained in the ELEXON Issues Register attached to this paper.

ELEXON presented the paper to the Panel for information. A Panel Member commented that the paper was a good starting point but there was still a lot of work to be done and recommended that the issues, either individually or as a package, be submitted to a standing Modification Group before any Modification Proposal be raised. Another Panel Member suggested that the list should include the ability to vary the Code as in the gas world and the use of standing Modification Groups. ELEXON noted that as they were all governance issues, it was not within ELEXON or the Panel's gift to submit the issues to a standing Modification Group.

A Panel Member noted the importance of being very clear as to what the desired outcome was, given that a Modification Proposal may result. There was an underlying problem with flagging issues in the hope that some Party would raise them. He agreed they were all sensible changes and noted that there should be some mechanism for the Panel to get them onto the table for consideration. ELEXON noted that one of the suggestions in the paper was an ability for the ISG and SVG to raise Modification Proposals. This was an ability that the TDC already had, although the TDC operated in closed session. Another option was to include the table in the Panel's Annual BSC Report. A Panel Member suggested that the delegation of the authorisation of Post-Final Settlement Runs should be added to the list for consideration.

A Panel Member commented it would be useful to define the criteria and progress the work to the stage that the answer was self-evident and the Modification Proposal could be submitted directly to the Report Stage. The Chairman noted the importance of due process.

A Panel Member noted his concern about retrospection as it created market uncertainty and queried whether the issue had been bottomed out. The Chairman explained that there was a general presumption against the use of retrospection but that each instance was treated on a case by case basis. The Panel also suggested that the table of issues include the use of standing groups with the recommendation that they should be used as the standard route to raising non-urgent Modification Proposals.

ELEXON noted the initiative to iron-out the implementation of contradictory Change Proposals.

The Panel:

- NOTED and CONSIDERED the Modification Process issues contained in the ELEXON Issues Register.