

4.7 Issue Form

Issue Form - BSCP40/04	Issue Number - 45 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
<p>Issue Title <i>(Mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>Introduction of Change of Supply Agreed Read Principle to correct all errors in Settlements.</p>	
<p>Issue Description <i>(Mandatory by originator)</i></p> <p>MAP CP 0135 was approved by MDB in June with an implementation date of February 2013. The CP introduced the following into MAP 08.</p> <p><i>Suppliers shall use all reasonable steps to abide by the following principles:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- "Where an error exists in settlement the error should be corrected" 2- "Where the error has resulted from incorrect metering details being used, the correct metering set up should be reflected in the Change of Supplier Agreed read" 3- "On evidence, the appointed supplier during which the error existed shall resolve the error for the period they were appointed and agree a suitable read that reflects the correct meter set up" <p>Under the new principles agreed above the old supplier will now have an obligation to use reasonable steps to correct the error in settlement</p> <p>Where a dispute has arisen between suppliers as to the correct number of dials that should be used for calculating energy used for settlement purposes there is currently no mechanics that exist within the BSC to allow suppliers and their agents to correct settlement data as required by MAP CP 0135</p>	

Justification for Examining Issue (*Mandatory by originator*)

The implementation of MAP CP 0135 could have a number of implications for suppliers and their agents as follows:

1. Although the principle to correct errors in settlement is correct, currently where meter technical details are incorrect such as 5/6 meter errors, the mechanics or processes to correct the error do not exist within the BSC
2. No process currently exists within the BSC to enable liability to be apportioned across suppliers without amending Meter Technical Details and re-issuing D86s.
3. New Suppliers and their agents have no mechanism to send and update metering data within a previous supplier's appointment period therefore either new dataflows are needed or amendments made to existing flows (D0150 / D0149). The ability to do this could open up risks that poor data could be inadvertently sent by the new Supplier / agent (human error / system glitches) to an old suppliers agents, affecting the integrity of data and settlements.
4. Suppliers and their agents are unlikely to have systems capability to accept amendments in the metering data once the supply period has ended
5. We do not believe DC's currently would be able to validate a 6 dial meter read (D0086 on loss) if its metering system indicates it is a 5 dial meter therefore no D19 would be created and therefore no corrected energy would be applied to Settlements.
6. Trading Imbalance will increase
7. Small suppliers will be exposed to excessive costs relating to errors prior to their market entry
8. It has been suggested that photographic evidence could be used to prove the number of dials but no processes exist within the BSC to administer this

Potential Solution(s) (*Optional by originator*)

The Issue Group is asked to examine the above implications of MAP CP 0135 and propose potential solutions to enable suppliers to meet their obligations under MAP 08

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