CP1396

About this document:

This is an Assessment Consultation document, which provides details of the background, solution, potential impacts and costs associated with CP1396 'Clarifications and formalising scenarios for the BSCP509 Market Domain Data Change Request process'. This document is for information only, to be used in line with the Consultation Response form, to which this document is attached.

1. Why Change?

Background

Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Procedure (BSCP) 509 'Changes to Market Domain Data' sets out the process steps and timescales for submitting, progressing and obtaining the approval of changes to Market Domain Data (MDD).

The MDD handbook is a guidance document that provides:

- an overview of the role of MDD in the electricity market;
- guidance on how to prepare and submit changes to MDD;.
- describes MDD changes, the constraints on data input into MDD and the validation rules that apply to MDD changes; and
- explanations the impact assessment and publishing processes associated with MDD.

What is the issue?

Smartest Energy has submitted CP1396 'Clarifications and formalising scenarios for the BSCP509 Market Domain Data Change Request process' as it had encountered issues where a Distributor submits an MDD change request (CR) with new Line Loss Factor Classes (LLFCs), but no associated Meter Timeswitch Class (MTC). An invalid, or a lacking, MTC/LLFC combination causes problems for Suppliers when billing customers as they cannot validate against MDD.

The Proposer has considered a solution, which would amend BSCP509 to capture the need for LLFC MDD CRs to have a corresponding MTC combination. However, such a change would need to be very specific and would be out of place within BSCP509, which is focused on the MDD CR processes and associated timescales (rather than the technical content of MDD changes).

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2. Solution

The CP proposes to clarify the requirements of all parties involved in changing MDD (including ELEXON as the BSCCo) when completing and submitting MDD CRs.

However, rather than amend BSCP509 to capture a single specific scenario, the CP intends to update and convert the MDD Handbook ('handbook') into a new BSCP509 Appendix. BSCP509 will then be amended to include cross references requiring parties raising MDD CRs to use the information in the new appendix when completing the MDD CRs, in order to ensure all the necessary information is provided.

ELEXON has reviewed the handbook to make sure the information about completing MDD CR forms is clear and up-to-date.

It is also proposed to remove any guidance contained in the handbook that duplicates information already in the main BSCP509 document, such as guidance on the MDD CR process.

In addition, it is proposed to amend BSCP509 to capture the initial validation and feedback process carried out by BSCCo on receipt of a new MDD CR or housekeeping MDD CR.

Question 1
Do you agree with the proposed change?

3. Impacts and Costs

Potential Central Impacts and Costs

The impacted documents and systems are set out below:

Potential Impacts	
Document Impacts	**System Impacts**
BSCP509	None
BSCP509 Appendix 'MDD Entity Change Request Forms'	
MDD Handbook – conversion into new BSCP509 appendix	

The CP will amend BSCP509 to capture the initial check carried out by BSCCo when a new MDD CR or housekeeping MDD CR is submitted and include a cross references to the new BSCP509 Appendix 2. The proposed redlined changes to BSCP509 are provided in Attachment B.

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BSCP509 Appendix 'MDD Entity Change Request Forms' will be renamed Appendix 1. Attachment C contains the proposed revisions to the BSCP509 appendix.

A new BSCP509 Appendix 2 will be created and added to the BSC baseline statement containing the examples covered by the current handbook. The proposed new Appendix 2 (provided as Attachment D in a 'clean' format) has not been converted into full BSCP format, however it does contain all the content and sections that will go into the new appendix from the MDD handbook.

In addition a redlined MDD handbook is provided as Attachment E showing the changes that have been made in order to prepare it for conversion into the new BSCP509 Appendix 2. Finally Attachment F is a list summarising the key changes made to each section of the handbook, made as part of the review process, as Attachment D is in a 'clean' format for ease of review and understanding.

The estimated ELEXON effort to implement CP1396 is set out in the table below:

ELEXON Costs		
ELEXON effort	**Demand Led System Changes**	**Total**
3 Man Days effort, which equates to £720	None	**Approximately £720**

Approval of the new BSCP509 Appendix 2

If the SVG believes that the CP should be approved, including the creation of the new BSCP509 Appendix 2, then it will be required to make a recommendation to the BSC Panel on the changes. This is because the SVG's terms of reference do not permit it to create new items in the BSC baseline statement that are not already defined as being the Committee's responsibility (i.e. new Code Subsidiary Documents or appendices).

Potential Party Impacts and Costs

The changes to BSCP509 will clarify:

- The initial checks that BSCCo undertakes; and

- The initial feedback loop that may be required when a MDD CR is initially received.

The changes will also formalise what information should be provided with a MDD CR, which is currently only guidance in the handbook, which will:

- Reduce the situations where a party raising the MDD CR does not provide the necessary information to enable the efficient progression of the MDD CR; and

- Help affected parties to do any checks that they need to do, such as on MTC/LLFC combinations.

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CP process required to amend the proposed new BSCP509 Appendix 2

By converting the handbook into a new BSCP509 Appendix, future changes to the information contained in the proposed new appendix will need to be progressed through a CP. As the current handbook is only a guidance document it does not require amendments to go through the rigour of the CP process.

Question 2
Is your organisation impacted?

Question 3
How is your organisation impacted?

Question 4
What are the associated costs on your organisation to implement this change?

4. Implementation Approach

CP1392 is targeted for implementation on 27 February 2014 as part of the February 2014 BSC Release.

Question 5
Do you agree with the implementation approach? If not, why?

Question 6
Do you have any other comments?

5. SVG Initial Views

ELEXON presented the New CP Progression paper for CP1396 to SVG at its July 2013 meeting.

The SVG expressed no initial views on the CP.

Attachments:

Attachment A – CP1396 form
Attachment B – BSCP509 redlining v0.
Attachment C – BSCP509 Appendix 'MDD Entity Change Request Forms' redlining v0.1
Attachment D – Proposed new 'BSCP509 Appendix 2'

Attachment E – Redlined MDD handbook

Attachment F – Table summarising the changes made to the MDD handbook in preparation of converting it into the proposed new BSCP509 Appendix 2

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