

CP1430 'Clarification to the ECVA/MVRN processes'



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About This Document

The purpose of this Change Proposal (CP) Consultation is to invite BSC Parties, Party Agents and other interested parties to provide their views on the impacts and the merits of CP1430. The Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) will then consider the consultation responses before making a decision on whether or not to approve CP1430.

There are six parts to this document:

- This is the main document. It provides details of the solution, impacts, costs, and proposed implementation approach. It also summarises the ISG's initial views on the proposed changes.
- Attachment A contains the CP1430 Proposal Form.
- Attachments B – D contains the proposed redlined changes to deliver the CP1430 solution.
- Attachment E contains the specific questions on which we seek your views. Please use this form to provide your response to these questions, and to record any further views or comments you wish to be considered.

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1 Why Change?

About Volume Reallocation Terminations

[Trading Dispute DA618](#) was raised following a Party's unsuccessful attempt to stop a Metered Volume Reallocation Notification (MVRN) reallocating volumes to the Subsidiary Party. The Lead Party submitted a Metered Volume Reallocation Notification Agent (MVRNA) Authorisation Termination Request. They believed this would stop the reallocation, but it only terminated the MVRNA Authorisation between the Lead and Subsidiary Parties, leaving the existing MVRNs in place. The Lead Party subsequently submitted a Volume Notification Nullification Request (VNNR) which terminated the reallocation as originally intended.

There are currently two ways in which a reallocation can be stopped. These are to overwrite the MVRN, or to submit a VNNR.

There are two ways an MVRN can be overwritten to cease reallocations; either giving it an end date, or setting the reallocation amount to zero. Amending the MVRN is the responsibility of the MVRNA. The VNNR terminates all MVRNs and Energy Contract Volume Notifications (ECVN) between the two stated energy accounts. To invoke this, all MVRNA and Energy Contract Volume Notification Agent (ECVNA) Authorisation need to have already been terminated.

The two methods are required as MVRN amendments can only be made by the MVRNA (who could be either the lead or subsidiary Party), whereas the MVRNA Authorisation Termination and VNNR can be done by either Party. This eliminates the possibility of a Party acting as MVRNA refusing to amend the MVRN.

What is the issue?

Following Trading Dispute DA618, a 'Lessons Learned' exercise was conducted. This took account of the views of both BSC Panel Members and Trading Disputes Committee (TDC) Members, and identified numerous instances of unclear advice regarding the termination process within the Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs). It recommended several changes to clarify the ECVN and MVRN processes set out in [Balancing and Settlement Code Procedure \(BSCP\) 71 'Submission of ECVNs and MVRNs'](#), and to align them better with the Energy Contract Volume Allocation Agent (ECVAA) Service Description and User Requirement Specification (URS). The findings of this 'Work Stream 1' were endorsed by the BSC Panel in 2014 ([Panel228/17](#)).

2 Solution

Proposed solution

CP1430 'Clarification to the ECVN/MVRN processes' was raised by ELEXON. It proposed to implement the findings of the 'Lessons Learned' exercise by making the following changes:

- Amend to BSCP71 to:
 - make it clear that form BSCP71/04 does not terminate existing MVRNs and ask the submitter to acknowledge that they are aware of this;
 - redesign form BSCP71/04 to enhance clarity;
 - document the process to amend a VNNR; and
 - remove the requirement to state the number of Authorisation Termination requests on form BSCP71/04.
- Amend the EVCAA Service Description and URS to:
 - clarify that the ECVAAs only nullifies MVRNs after receiving a valid VNNR, and that the Subsidiary Party can terminate an MVRNA Authorisation; and
 - add a requirement in the URS for the ECVAAs to ensure that the Party has indicated whether there is a VNNR.

Proposer's rationale

ELEXON believes that aligning the stated documents and clarifying the procedures for terminating MVRNs will avoid confusion for Parties wishing to perform this action. As a result, Parties' original intentions will be executed without the need for subsequent requests. This will reduce the possibility of a resulting Trading Dispute.

CP Consultation Question

Do you agree with the CP1430 proposed solution?

Please provide your rationale.

We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment E

Proposed redlining

The proposed changes to BSCP71, the ECVAAs Service Description, and the ECVAAs User Requirement Specification (URS) to deliver the CP1430 solution can be found in Attachments B, C, and D respectively.

CP Consultation Question

Do you agree that the draft redlining delivers the CP1430 proposed solution?

If 'No', please provide your rationale.

We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment E

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3 Impacts and Costs

Central impacts and costs

Central impacts

CP1430 will require updates to BSCP71, the ECVAAs Service Description, and the ECVAAs URS. No system changes will be required.

Central Impacts	
Document Impacts	System Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BSCP71ECVAAs Service DescriptionECVAAs URS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None

Central costs

The central implementation costs for CP1430 will be approximately £240 (one ELEXON man day) to implement the necessary document changes.

BSC Party & Party Agent impacts and costs

There are no BSC Party and Party Agent impacts or costs anticipated.

CP Consultation Questions
Will CP1430 impact your organisation? <i>If 'Yes', please provide a description of the impact(s) on your organisation and any activities which you will need to undertake between the approval of CP1430 and the CP1430 Implementation Date (including any necessary changes to your systems, documents and processes). Where applicable, please state which of the roles that you operate as will be impacted and any differences in the impacts between each role.</i>
Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing CP1430? <i>If 'Yes', please provide details of these costs, how they arise and whether they are one-off or on-going costs.</i>
We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment E

4 Implementation Approach

Recommended Implementation Date

The proposed Implementation Date for CP1430 is **5 November 2015** as part of the November 2015 BSC Release, as this is the next available Release that this change can be included in.

CP Consultation Question

Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach for CP1430?

Please provide your rationale.

We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment E

5 Initial Committee Views

ISG's initial views

ELEXON presented CP1430 to the ISG at its meeting on 24 February 2015 ([ISG166/08](#)).

One ISG Member asked whether there were any discussions around changing the processes following the 'Lessons Learned' exercise. ELEXON advised that the changes that the 'Lessons Learned' exercise recommended are the changes proposed by CP1430. The ISG had no other comments.

Appendix 1: Glossary & References

Acronyms

Acronyms used in this document are listed in the table below.

Glossary of Defined Terms	
Acronym	Definition
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code (<i>Industry Code</i>)
BSCP	Balancing and Settlement Code Procedure (<i>document</i>)
CP	Change Proposal
CSD	Code Subsidiary Document
ECVAA	Energy Contract Volume Allocation Agent
ECVN	Energy Contract Volume Notification
ECVNA	Energy Contract Volume Notification Agent
ISG	Imbalance Settlement Group (<i>Panel Committee</i>)
MVRN	Metered Volume Reallocation Notification
MVRNA	Metered Volume Reallocation Notification Agent
TDC	Trading Disputes Committee (<i>Panel Committee</i>)
URS	User Requirement Specification
VNNR	Volume Notification Nullification Request

External links

A summary of all hyperlinks used in this document are listed in the table below.

All external documents and URL links listed are correct as of the date of this document.

External Links		
Page(s)	Description	URL
2	Trading Dispute DA618 Summary document on the BSC website	https://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/DA618_Non-Confidential_Case_Summary.pdf
2	BSCPs page on the BSC website	https://www.elexon.co.uk/bsc-related-documents/related-documents/bscps/
2	BSC Panel 228 page on the BSC website	https://www.elexon.co.uk/meeting/bsc-panel-228/
3	CP1430 page on the BSC website	https://www.elexon.co.uk/change-proposal/cp1430/
5	ISG166 page on the BSC website	https://www.elexon.co.uk/meeting/isg-166/

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