

<p align="center">Change Proposal – BSCP40/02</p>	<p>CP No: CP1448</p> <p><i>Version No: 1.0</i> (mandatory by BSCCo)</p>
<p>Title (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>Changes to allowable software for Method 3 Proving Tests</p>	
<p>Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>Currently, there are ambiguities in the requirements between Method 3 and Method 4 of BSC Procedure (BSCP) 514 ‘SVA Meter Operations for Metering System Registered in SMRS’ and BSCP502 ‘Half Hourly Data Collection For SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS’ for software used by Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) for proving tests.</p> <p>A recent Change Proposal (CP), CP1439 ‘Proving Test Permissible Software’ was raised to allow the MOA to use protocol approved data collection software to collect data for the purposes of carrying out a proving test under Method 4. It was the intention of this CP to empower the MOA to collect data on an automated basis to help with the proving test volumes for Approved Modification P272 ‘Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8’.</p> <p>During the progression of CP1439 it was identified by a respondent to the CP Consultation that under proving test Method 3, any software can be used. CP1439 was approved by the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) at its meeting on 4 August 2015 for implementation on 5 November 2015 as part of the November 2015 Release. However, it was noted that a further change would be necessary to remove the allowable software anomaly between Method 3 and Method 4 (see section 5 of SVG174 minutes).</p>	
<p>Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>This CP proposes changes to BSCP514 and BSCP502 such that it will be a requirement for the MOA to use data retrieval software that is approved under BSCP601 ‘Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing’ for proving test Method 3.</p> <p>This aligns with CP1439 and removes the risk to Settlement where unauthorised software may be used for a proving test. Where MOAs are currently using un-approved software, then either a new approval can be sort via BSCP601 or the MOA may chose an alternative method of proving test.</p>	
<p>Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)</p> <p>If a MOA chooses to use proving test Method 4 after 5 November 2015, then it must choose software that has been approved under BSCP601. This gives assurance that the chosen software does not pose a risk to Settlement as it will have been witness tested by ELEXON and approved by the Panel.</p> <p>However, proving test Method 3 allows the MOA to choose any data retrieval system it chooses</p>	

to use which may not have an approval under BSCP601. This undermines the requirement to use software that has been verified for Settlement use and poses a risk to Settlement.

In addition, ensuring that only protocol approved software is used in proving tests to dial live Meters in Settlement significantly reduces the threat of data corruption.

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', 3.2 'Compliance with Code of Practice'

Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo)

£240 (one ELEXON man day) of effort to implement the necessary document changes.

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

BSCP514 'SVA Meter Operations for Metering System Registered in SMRS'
BSCP502 'Half Hourly Data Collection For SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS'

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

None anticipated.

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSCCo)

[CP1439 'Proving Test Permissible Software'](#)
[P272 'Mandatory Half Hourly Settlement for Profile Classes 5-8'](#)

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

26 February 2016 as part of the February 2016 BSC Systems Release.

Reason: The February 2016 Release is the next available Release that this CP can be included in.

Version History (mandatory by BSCCo)

Version 1.0 of CP1448 was issued on 5 October 2015.

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Attachment A: BSCP502 draft redlined changes v0.1 (2 pages)

Attachment B: BSCP514 draft redlined changes v0.1 (4 pages)