

Housekeeping CP1293 – redline changes to BSCP537 Appendix 1: Self Assessment Document (SAD) v 6.0 Section 17 - UMSO

Objectives of this section

The objective of this section is to consider the controls that have been built into the systems and processes supporting your Unmetered Supplies Operator (UMSO) service to ensure the operational requirements of the BSC and BSCPs are met. Whilst Sections 1 to 7 of the SAD are generic to all Qualified Persons, this section focuses on the specific controls required to operate effectively as an UMSO.

Guidance for completing this section

The UMSO is responsible for establishing new Unmetered Supplies and establishing appropriate Connection Agreements with UMS customers in line with the requirements set out in BSCP520. In addition it is responsible for providing summary inventories to the Meter Administrator (Half Hourly) and issuing Unmetered Supplier Certificates (Non Half Hourly).

Business Processes and Mitigating Controls: This set of questions looks at the controls over the provision of data to other participants, the subsequent processing of information received and the transmission of this updated data to relevant participants.

Exception Management: The section looks at the specific controls you have in place to report on, monitor and resolve exceptions during the processing of your data.

A number of questions in the SAD relate to 'data quality'. This section of the SAD is concerned with the on-going quality of your data when your UMSO service is live and in operation. The quality of the data used to initially populate your service is considered in Section 7 of the SAD. A number of the questions in the service specific sections of the SAD relate to how you will ensure the accuracy of incoming and outgoing data and in the event that poor quality data does enter your UMSO service, how you identify and resolve this to minimise the impact upon other Parties and Party Agents.

Both system and manual controls should be considered when answering the SAD questions as your service will rely on both system and manual processes to effectively fulfil its obligations. Responses should consider the procedures in place for dealing with electronic flows received via the DTN and also manual data flows received via any other means (e.g. email, fax letter). It is recognised that not all UMSOs use the DTN to send and receive information from other participants. Where a question references a specific data flow this should be interpreted to mean the information that would normally be sent/received using that data flow even if the DTN is not used as the method of receipt/delivery. A full response should be provided and the Applicant should indicate for each data flow referenced whether the DTN or an alternative method of communication would be used.

17.1 Business processes and mitigating controls

Question	Guidance	Response	Evidence
17.1.1 What controls do you have in place to ensure that the establishment of new UMS connections is done in accordance with the requirements of BSCP520?	 The UMSO is required to carry out a number of activities when establishing or updating UMS inventories. The response should include the following key events: 1. Receiving/processing applications for new UMS from customers 2. Establishing UMS Connection Agreements with customers 3. Distinguishing between HH and NHH UMS and applying distinct processes The response should address the following areas: a) Controls in place to ensure that applications for new Unmetered Supplies meet the UMS criteria specified in BSCP520. b) Procedures for establishing appropriate UMS Connection Agreements with all customers ensuring that the key clauses defined in BSCP520 (section 1.1) are adhered to as a minimum. Monitoring controls to ensure that all new connections are set up completely and accurately and have a formal connection agreement in place. 		
17.1.2 How do you ensure that once a UMS connection has been	The response should include the following key events:		

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established new inventories or changes to inventories are processed completely and accurately in accordance with the requirements of BSCP520?	 Receiving and processing new/revised UMS inventories from customers and Change of Measurement Class applications from Suppliers. Calculation of EACs for Non Half Hourly UMS Generation of UMS Certificates and data flows (D0052) Generation of summary inventories for Half Hourly UMS The response should address the following areas: Controls and procedures in place to ensure the correct application of initial/revised EAC calculations for each Settlement register is recorded for each MSID for NHH traded UMS (BSCP520 Appendix 4.4). Procedures for generating the required outputs for NHH traded UMS (UMS Certificate and D0052) Procedures for monitoring the required outputs for HH traded UMS (Summary Inventory) Monitoring of compliance against conditions of UMS Certificates) Controls in place to ensure that applications for revised UMS inventories continue to meet the UMS criteria specified in BSCP520. 		
	f) Existence of a trigger upon receipt of updated inventories/Change of Measurement Class/Change of Supplier notifications to re-start the procedures for		

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	establishing a new UMS inventory to ensure that the criteria for UMS detailed in BSCP520 continue to be met.		
17.1.3 How do you ensure that information and data flows relating to Half Hourly Unmetered Supplies are sent or received and processed completely, accurately and in a timely manner, in line with the requirements of the BSC?	 The response should include the following key events: The sending of request to SMRA for a new MSID record via P0171 data flow Sending of UMS Certificates to customer and Supplier on a P0170 flow Provision of Equivalent Meter Technical Details via P0068 data flow Receipt and processing of appointment details on D0155 and D0148 data flows. Provision of UMS summary inventories to the appointed Meter Administrator via P0064 data flow Receiving requests for Equivalent Meter Technical Details and location of PECU arrays (if applicable) via a P0176 data flow All flows are identified, reviewed and authorised prior to processing. The validation of data flows for formats and lengths The validation of data for its internal consistency, for 		

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edestion	completeness and accuracy (e.g. the MSID is valid). a. Where the generating/sending of flows requires the use of MDD the response should reference how it is ensured that this data is valid. b. Where an agreed method other than the standard DTC flow is to be used the response should address: How you manage the approval / agreement of receipt / sending of data in another agreed format,	incaporise	Evidence
	 What records are retained of the agreement of the method as well as the actual data received / sent; and How you ensure that timescales surrounding this data are adhered to. Controls in place to ensure that all data required or expected is received and that all data to be sent is sent in a timely manner. This may be through controls within the update routines or through manual controls. Existence of agreed procedures with the appointed Meter Administrator for the checking and agreement of inventories. 		

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17.1.4 How do you ensure that information and data flows relating to Non Half Hourly Unmetered Supplies are sent or received and processed completely, accurately and in a timely manner, in line with the requirements of the BSC?	 The response should address the following key events: The sending of a request to SMRA for a new MSID record for UMS via P0171 data flow Accurate calculation of EACs according to calculation type (BSCP520 Appendix 4.4). Sending of UMS Certificates to customer and Supplier via a P0170 data flow Receipt and processing of appointment details, from the Supplier on D0155 and D0148 data flows Sending of split EAC/Profile Class and SSC details via a D0052 data flow to the Supplier and NHHDC following a new connection/change of inventory detail. The creation and sending of an annual spreadsheet of all UMS EACs to Suppliers on a P0218 data flow as specified in BSCP520. The response should include: A description of the process by which Supplier UMS registrations are collated; Processes in place for applying the appropriate Average Fraction of Yearly Consumption (AFYC). Submission of the data to Supplier/BSCCo How you ensure that all requests received via a D0310 from the Supplier (or NHHDC) to 		

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	resend correct EACs to the NHHDC are actioned.		
	The response should address the following		
	a) All flows are identified, reviewed and authorised prior to processing.		
	b) The validation of data for formats and lengths, e.g. the MSID is valid.		
	c) The validation of data for its internal consistency, for completeness and accuracy.		
	 i) Where the generating/sending of flows requires the use of MDD the response should reference how it is ensured that this data is valid. 		
	ii) Where an agreed method other than the standard DTC flow is to be used the response should address:		
	 How you manage the approval / agreement of receipt / sending of data in another agreed format, 		
	 What records are retained of the agreement of the method as well as the actual data received / sent; and 		
	 How you ensure that timescales 		

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	surrounding this data are adhered to.		
	d) Controls in place to ensure that all data required or expected is received and that all data to be sent is sent in a timely manner. This may be through controls within the update routines or through manual controls.		
17.1.5 What controls do you have in place to ensure that the requirements of BSCP520 are met when a Change of Supplier (CoS) and/or Change of Agent (CoA) event takes place?	The response should cover how you identify when a CoA/CoS activity has taken place and should address the following: For Half Hourly UMS CoS 1. Receipt and processing of appointment details. D0148 and D0155 flows 2. Sending of latitude and longitude information and inventory details via P0068 data flow. 3. Existence of procedures for agreeing with the Supplier that the existing UMS Certificate continues to meet the requirements of BSCP520 4. Existence of agreed procedures with the appointed Meter Administrator for the checking and agreement of UMS inventories. For NHH CoS 5. Receipt and processing of appointment details. on a D0148 and D0155 data flows		

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	6. Receipt and processing of Termination of Appointment details. from outgoing Supplier on a D0151 data flow 7. Existence of procedures for agreeing with the Supplier that the existing UMS Certificate continues to meet the requirements of BSCP520 Change of MA 8. Receipt and processing of appointment details. flows and D0148 Change of NHHDC Receipt and processing of appointment details. D0148 and D0155		
17.1.6 What controls do you have in place to ensure that the requirements of BSCP520 are met when a change of energisation status takes place?	 The response should address the following: Receipt and processing of energisation status change requests via D0134 data flows Sending of confirmation of energisation status change D0139 data flows to MA/Supplier (HH traded UMS) Sending of confirmation of energisation Status change D0139 data flows to NHHDC/Supplier (NHH traded UMS) The response should also provide details of: How you ensure that a D0139 is sent for each D0134 data flow received 		

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	b) How you receive/process change of energisation requests which are not submitted via a data flow but through other agreed methods.		
17.1.7 What controls do you have in place to ensure that the requirements of BSCP520 are met when a disconnection is required following de-energisation of an MSID?	 The response should address the following: The receipt and processing of disconnection request via D0132 data flow Procedures in place to identify and perform any physical site work required The sending of disconnection request/confirmation via P0175 and D0125 data flows The receipt and processing of termination of appointment date (if NHH). from Supplier via D0151 data flow. The response should also provide details of: How you ensure that a D0125 / P0175 is sent for each D0132 data flow received How you receive/process disconnection requests which are not submitted via a data flow but through other agreed methods. 		
17.1.8.How have you ensured that you have appropriate audit trails in place?	The UMSO should retain data to allow the Supplier to fulfil all its obligations under the BSC. The response to this question should address how such data is stored, including the		

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17.1.9 How have you ensured that you can meet the data retention requirements set out in BSC Section U1.6 and BSCP520 section 1.2.1(j)?	 Section U1.6 sets out the requirements on Parties and their Party Agents to retain Settlement Data for: 28 months after the Settlement Day to which it relates on-line; Until the date 40 months after the Settlement Day to which it relates in an archive; and At the request of the Panel, for more than 40 months if needed for an Extra Settlement Determination. The response should address the following:		

No further changes will be made to BSCP537 in relation to CP1293.