

Change Proposal – BSCP40/02

CP No: 1278

Version No: 1.0
(mandatory by BSCCo)

Title (mandatory by originator) Streamlining the SVA Standing Data Change Process

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

BSCP507 'Supplier Volume Allocation Standing Data Changes' sets out the process by which Suppliers are required to update the SVAA each time any changes occur either to a Supplier's appointment to a GSP Group, or a Supplier's agent appointments (specifically Data Collectors and Data Aggregators) within a GSP Group.

Submitting this information is a manually intensive process and the large amount of paperwork involved can often lead to error. In addition, at the time of the change, Suppliers may not always be in a position to provide a complete set of accurate data, and incorrect assumptions may have to be made in order to meet the submission timescales specified by the BSCP.

In practice, any necessary updates to Standing Data are quickly identified by the SVAA as part of its standard validation procedures, in which it checks incoming Settlement data against its own records. Where a discrepancy is identified, the SVAA automatically updates the Standing Data to ensure that Volume Allocation can proceed. The SVAA then sends Suppliers a monthly report detailing all the updates that have been applied. Following receipt of this report, Suppliers are required to either confirm that the changes are valid or else arrange to correct any invalid associations.

ELEXON believes that this process, introduced by CP1093 in February 2005, is sufficient to ensure that the SVAA maintains an accurate set of standing data without requiring Suppliers to provide manual updates after each change.

Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)

BSCP507 should be modified so that the processes and forms currently used to notify changes to Standing Data should only be used upon a new Supplier's entry into the market. Form BSCP507/01A would be redesigned to show exactly which information is required at the start-up stage, and to allow all the information to be entered into a single form.

Following market entry, all subsequent changes to standing data should be managed by the automatic update process introduced by CP1093. These changes would continue to be authorised by Suppliers using Form BSCP507/01B, which is provided as part of the workbook issued by the SVAA.

A change should also be made to BSCP537 Appendix 1, the Self Assessment Document, to remove references to Suppliers sending Standing Data updates to the SVAA after Change of Supplier and Change of Agent Events.

No changes are proposed to the Supplier BM Unit Allocation process in BSCP507.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

The current Standing Data update process is inefficient and offers little benefit above the automatic CP1093 process. The change would significantly reduce the workload on Suppliers without impacting the accuracy of data held by the SVAA.

To which section of the Code does the CP relate, and does the CP facilitate the current provisions of the Code? (mandatory by originator)

Yes, it does better facilitate the obligations in Section S 5.1 'Supplier Volume Allocation Standing Data'.

Estimated Implementation Costs (*mandatory by BSCCo*)

The estimated ELEXON implementation cost is £825 (equating to 3.75 man days)

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

BSCP507 'Supplier Volume Allocation Standing Data Changes'
BSCP537 Appendix 1 'Self Assessment Document'

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

None identified.

Related Changes and/or Projects (*mandatory by BSCCo*)

None.

Requested Implementation Date (*mandatory by originator*)

June 2009

Reason:

Next available release.

Version History (*mandatory by BSCCo*)

This is version 1.0 for industry impact assessment.

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Attachment A: Redline text for BSCP507

Attachment B: Redline text for BSCP537 Appendix A