

**Change Proposal – BSCP40/01****CP No: 1160****Version No: 1.0**

**Title** (*mandatory by originator*) Recommended changes following an operational review of the Central Volume Allocation (CVA) Qualification requirements

**Description of Problem/Issue** (*mandatory by originator*)

The CVA Qualification testing process applies to Parties and CVA Party Agents. The testing is a way of giving assurance to the industry that new participants are able to communicate with NETA Central Systems using data flows that are determined on the basis of the BSC Party's role or the specific Party Agent. Testing involves sending data to, or receiving data from the NETA Central Systems Agent.

ELEXON noted concern from participants undertaking the CVA Qualification processes, including:

- A concern that the level of testing is inappropriate for certain market participant roles;
- A concern that the testing required does not reflect the activities that a specific participant expects to undertake and therefore does not benefit the Party's business; and
- A view that the risk associated with being unable to communicate appropriately with NETA Central Systems should be associated with the relevant Party and not with the industry as a whole. (Therefore, it was argued that the testing of flows should be optional.)

ELEXON raised this issue with the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) who noted that the degree of testing required at NETA Go Live was high, as participants were interacting with new systems and undertaking new processes. Therefore, the industry required a high level of assurance that Parties and CVA Party Agents could send and receive all flows that could potentially be required for their role. The ISG also noted that four years after NETA Go Live, it is possible that this level of testing may no longer be appropriate. In particular, further analysis should be undertaken to assess the view that the level of testing should be a business decision in those cases when the failure of the relevant flows would not negatively impact other Parties.

As a result the ISG agreed that an operational review of the CVA Qualification requirements would be beneficial. The objectives of the review were:

- To specify the new requirements for the CVA Qualification requirements;
- To identify changes which can be made to improve the transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the CVA Qualification Processes, including streamlining aspects of the procedures; and
- To draft and recommend changes to give effect to any potential improvement identified.

ISG agreed that the review would be managed by ELEXON and would include input from a group of industry experts.

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<b>Proposed Solution(s)</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i>	
<p>In summary the changes agreed by the Expert Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognised that a Party or CVA Meter Operator Agent (MOA) choosing not to complete CVA Qualification testing does so at their own risk and do not provide a risk to the industry Therefore the group concluded that testing should not be mandatory for these participants.</li> <li>• Recognised that the ability of Energy Contract Volume Notification Agents (ECVNAs) and Metered Volume Reallocation Notification Agents (MVRNAs) to communicate with Central systems was vital in order for them to undertake their service to BSC Parties. Therefore, the group concluded that testing should be mandatory for Notification Agents. It was noted that the nature of the electronic flows sent and received by Notification Agents could have far more of a material impact on the Parties they represented than those received by CVA MOAs. All of the flows which CVA MOAs receive are also sent to the Parties concerned. This accounts for the different approach to testing for notification agents and CVA MOAs.</li> <li>• Recognised the need to remove electronic test flows which provide participants with industry data they can easily access from the ELEXON website.</li> <li>• Recognised the need to remove manual test flows (faxes and emails) as by the time qualification testing takes place manual interfaces have already taken place and any communication problems addressed.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed changes are described in more detail in the attached CVA Qualification Review changes document (Attachment A).</p>	
<b>Justification for Change</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i>	
<p>The changes documented in this CP and attachment, as agreed by the industry expert group, will result in a more streamlined and transparent CVA Qualification process which respond to issues raised by new participants undertaking the process. The ISG agreed that the changes should be raised in a CP and progressed through BSCP40 at its meeting on 24 January 2006 (paper ISG/60/004).</p>	
<b>Is the Change being proposed a Housekeeping Change?</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
<p>Y/N <sup>1</sup></p>	
<b>Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s)</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications Requirement Document</li> <li>• BSCP70</li> <li>• Logica CSA - Qualification scripts and working instructions</li> <li>• Simple Guides to Market Entry</li> <li>• Qualification Guide</li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> The relevant Panel Committee will decide whether a Change Proposal can be progressed as a Housekeeping Change Proposal.

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<b>Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code</b> <i>(optional by originator)</i>	
<b>Related Changes and/or Projects</b> <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>  ELEXON considers that it would be efficient to use this opportunity to change the title of BSCP70 to capture the fact that it details processes associated with the CVA Qualification process in order to make the requirements clear and distinct from SVA Qualification.	
<b>Requested Implementation Date</b> <i>(mandatory by originator)</i>  <b>Reason:</b> Next suitable Release	
<b>Agreed Release/Implementation Date</b> <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>	
<b>Originator's Details:</b>  <b>BCA Name</b>  <b>Organisation.....ELEXON.....</b>  <b>Email Address</b>  <b>Date.....27/03/06.....</b>	
Attachments: Y/ <del>N</del> * (If Yes, No. of Pages attached:....18.....) <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	