Change Proposal - F40/01

CP No: 1118

Version No: 1.0

Title (mandatory by originator) Clarification of the Trading Query end-date

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

BSCP11, 'Trading Queries and Trading Disputes', Section 1.4 states that a Trading Query will not be accepted or processed by the Disputes Secretary unless a BSCP11/01 form is submitted, completed with (amongst other things), details of all affected Settlement Periods and Settlement Days claimed. As such, BSCP11 currently requires the Raising Party to supply both a start-date and an end-date for all Trading Queries raised.

In certain circumstances (where an error is ongoing) it will be impossible for the Raising Party to provide an end-date when raising the Trading Query.

Legal advice has suggested that the Code does not allow for a Trading Query to be rejected on the grounds that no end-date has been provided and that specification of an end-date is not mandatory under the Code.

Proposed Solution(s) (mandatory by originator)

Clarify that an end-date need only be specified where known.

I.e. amend the second bullet point of paragraph 1.4 to read (amendment in italics):

 All affected Settlement Periods (and Settlement Days) claimed (where no end-date is specified it should be indicated that the error is on going)

In addition, the Trading Query Form (BSCP11/01) should be amended with a note stating that where no end-date is specified it should be indicated that the error is on going.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

The current wording of BSCP11 is not consistent with the Code. If the inconsistency is not removed then the integrity of Settlement could be compromised as Parties could potentially hold back from raising valid Trading Queries on the grounds that they can not provide an end-date.

The proposed change would introduce clarity and bring BSCP11 in line with the provisions of the Code.

Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) *(optional by Originator)* BSCP11

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Impact on Core Industry Documents (optional by originator) N/A

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSSCo)

- Amendment of BSCP11, 'Trading Queries and Disputes', to address the treatment of "precautionary" Trading Queries which could potentially be resolved outside the Trading Query process prior to Final Reconciliation
- Amendment of the Trading Query Deadline for SVA Half Hourly Trading Queries

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

Next appropriate release

Reason:

The current wording of BSCP11 is inconsistent with the Code and should be amended as soon as possible. The proposed solution does not require any system or process changes so will have no impact on Party or BSC Agents.

Agreed Release/Implementation Date (mandatory by BSCCo)
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Organisation ELEXON (on behalf of the TDC)
Email Address
Date 22 March 2005
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Attachments: ¥/N* (If Yes, No. of Pages attached:.....) (delete as appropriate)