Change Proposal – BSCP40/02

CP No: 1200

Version No: 1.0 (mandatory by BSCCo)

Title (mandatory by originator)

Removal of requirement for Proving Test Out of Timescale Escalation Report

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

BSCP502, 'Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS', Section 4.6.4, 'Reporting', states that 'If the Half Hourly Data Collector (HHDC) receives the Meter Technical Details (MTD), via receipt of the D0268 Half Hourly Meter Technical Details and knows that a proving test should have been performed based on the circumstances defined in Section 4.6., but no successful proving test has been initiated by the Meter Operation Agent (MOA) within the timescales in Section 4.6.5, the HHDC shall report this to the MOA, the Supplier and BSCCo.' This is accomplished using the P0212 'Notification of Failure to Carry Out Proving Test' flow.

The requirement to report regarding this is also included in BSCP502 step 3.5.6. and in BSCP514, 'SVA Meter Operations for Metering Systems Registered in SMRS', step 5.5.6. and section 8.3.4, 'Reporting'.

This obligation was incorporated to facilitate Supplementary Monitoring carried out by ELEXON when BSCP514 was produced (via CP854 'Provision of a new Balancing and Settlement Code Procedure (BSCP) covering Meter Operator Agent processes for Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) Metering Systems'). At that time there were issues surrounding MOAs initiating proving tests.

A related CP(1173) has been approved for implementation in June 07 which will remove the requirement to send a copy of the Proving Test Report to the BSCCo, the justification for this being that "the situation has improved to a sufficient degree that the BSCCo does not need to monitor the process".

Industry response to the above CP and subsequent discussion at SAF with a representation of DCs indicates that a number of Agents do not (and have never) run this report – the situation has therefore improved without the use of this process.

Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)

Removal of the requirement in BSCP502 section 4.6.4 and step 3.5.6. to report that no proving test has been initiated.

Removal of the requirement in BSCP514 step 5.5.6. and section 8.3.4 to report that no proving test has been initiated.

Removal of the P0212 data flow from SVA Data Catalogue Volume 1.

Removal of the following data items, which are contained solely in the P0212 data flow, from SVA Data Catalogue Volume 2:

'Expected Proving Test Completion Date'

'HHMO Responsible for Metering System'.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

The obligation on HHDCs to monitor the performance of proving tests by MOAs was instigated in response to MOAs failing to carry out these tests. The HHDC was required to report to Suppliers and MOAs so that they could arrange proving tests between them; it was necessary to report to BSCCo in order that the situation could be continually assessed, and the progress made by participants in improving the testing process evaluated.

While the issue is not completely resolved, the processes of carrying out proving tests and monitoring testing have improved to sufficient extent that BSCCo has proposed under CP1173 that it no longer requires to receive this report.

Response to the above CP and subsequent discussion at SAF indicates that a number of Agents do not (and have never) run this report. The situation has therefore improved without the use of this process therefore the requirement for this process cannot be justified.

Removal of the requirement would be reflected in its removal from the scope of the BSC Audit work and enable the auditors to focus more attention on processes which have direct impact on the value of data entering Settlements.

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

BSC - Section S

Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo)

Estimated ELEXON implementation costs are 4 Man Days (£880)

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

BSCP502 'Half Hourly Data Collection for SVA Metering Systems Registered in SMRS'

BSCP514 'SVA Meter Operations for Metering Systems Registered in SMRS'

SVA Data Catalogue Volume 1.

SVA Data Catalogue Volume 2.

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

No impact

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSCCo)

CP1173 'Proving Test Out of Timescale Escalation Report' approved for implementation in the June 2007 Release

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

November 2007 Release

Reason:

An associated change has already been approved for inclusion in the June 2007 Release. The November 2007 Release is the next available Release.

Version History (mandatory by BSCCo)

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Attachment A – BSCP502 v13.0 redlined (1 pages)

Attachment B – BSCP514 v9.0 redlined (1 pages)

Attachment C - SVADC_vol.1_redlined (2 pages)

Attachment D - SVADC_vol.2_redlined_for_CP1200 (7 pages)