Modification Proposal – BSCP40/03

MP No: P267 (mandatory by BSCCo)

Title of Modification Proposal:

Consideration of wider industry developments and duration of proposed changes when agreeing progression timetables

Submission Date: 28 January 2011

Description of Proposed Modification

Place a clear requirement on the BSC Panel to consider wider industry developments, e.g. the development of the Smart Metering Arrangements /Smart Energy Code, when agreeing a timetable for progression of a change. In line with current procedure, the BSC panel should be able to set an appropriate progression process and timetable providing for up to 3 months assessment without need for Authority approval. Any progression timetable requiring more than 3 months assessment would require Authority approval.

This new requirement should also apply to the terms of reference of the Panel Committees and Modification Groups.

We believe this could be achieved in **BSC Section F 2.2** by including a requirement in the Panel proceedings that, mindful of wider industry developments e.g. development of the Smart Metering Arrangements, it should consider the potential duration of such a change to industry/party systems and processes (i.e. some proposals may have a limited lifespan due to wider industry developments). An appropriate Modification timetable should be applied to allow for appropriate assessment against wider industry developments. A condition should be added under **BSC Section F2.6** which would allow wider industry developments to be considered as part of the Assessment Procedure. A requirement under **BSC Section F2.1.2** should be placed on the Proposer so that where possible, they should provide considerations against wider industry developments.

For Change Proposals, **BSC Section B5.3** could be applied to facilitate building this new consideration into the terms of reference of the Panel Committees and Modification Groups.

Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address (mandatory by originator)

With the rollout of Smart Metering and the development of the Smart Energy Code within 2011 it will be necessary to develop complex interoperability arrangements and formulate a governance process that will be compatible with a legacy and a Smart world. During 2011 and 2012, the industry will develop a Smart Energy Code (SEC) that may incorporate elements of the existing Codes and Agreements. The industry will have to manage the existing baseline and develop the new SEC. For some time, there will be uncertainty about the scope and content of the SEC and the existing Codes. Whatever architecture is chosen for the Smart Metering Implementation Programme, there will need to be changes to parties' and central systems and processes, and the industry baseline will have to change to cater for these new arrangements.

To ensure that this transitional period is managed in a stable manner, and to allow proper consideration of any future industry developments, it would be beneficial for the Code Panels to take account of likely duration of a proposed change to industry and/or party systems and processes and seek to apply an appropriate timetable accordingly.

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Impact on Code	(optional by origi	inator)			
Impact on Core	Industry Docum	nents or Systen	n Operator-Tran	smission Owner	Code (optional
by originator)					
Impact on BSC	Systems and Oth	ier Relevant Sy	stems and Proce	sses Used by Par	ties (optional by
originator)					
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Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives (mandatory by originator)

Throughout 2011 and 2012 the industry will change to incorporate Smart Metering Arrangements and other developments that may affect elements of the existing industry Codes and Agreements. During the period of transition from the existing baseline to a new Smart Energy Code there will be uncertainty about the scope and content of both the new and existing industry Codes. This may lead to situations where Parties may have to make short term changes under the BSC, only to have to change them again to incorporate provisions for the SEC a short while later.

This Modification meets Applicable BSC Objective (d) by avoiding additional costs on BSC and Industry Parties arising from short term changes, or changes that may be required under the Smart Metering Arrangements.

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Is there a likely material environmental impact? (optional by originator)				
Urgency Recommended: Yes / No (delete as appropriate) (optional by originator)				
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Justification for Urgency Recommendation (mandatory by originator if reco	ommending progression			
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Self-Governance Recommended: Yes-/ No (delete as appropriate) (optional	by originator)			
Justification for Self-Governance Recommendation (mandatory by orig	inator if recommending			
progression as Self-Governance Modification Proposal)				

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Should this Modification Proposal be considered exempt from any ongoing Significant Code Reviews? (optional by originator in order to assist the Panel decide whether a Modification Proposal should undergo a SCR Suitability Assessment)

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