

Modification Proposal – BSCP40/03

MP No: P228
(mandatory by BSCCo)

Title of Modification Proposal (mandatory by originator):

Replace BMRS High Grade Service charge amounts/rates with references to a BSC Website schedule.

Submission Date (mandatory by originator):

13 November 2008

Description of Proposed Modification (mandatory by originator)

Section 3 of Annex D-3 of the Code requires ELEXON to levy three Specified BSC Charges on users of the BMRS High Grade Service.

These are:

- A Dataline Monthly Charge;
- A TIBCO Set-up Charge;¹ and
- A TIBCO Software Support Charge.

This Modification Proposal seeks to:

- 1) Remove the amounts/rates (and the specific words relating to these amounts/rates) for these charges from Annex D-3; and
- 2) Replace them with simple Code references to a schedule which ELEXON will be required to publish on the BSC Website.

The schedule will set out the amounts/rates approved by the Panel for these charges from time to time. A copy of the proposed schedule is provided as Attachment 1.²

Any revisions to the amounts/rates will (as now) require Panel agreement and notification to the industry in accordance with Section 1 of Annex D-3. The only change introduced by this Modification Proposal is that the amounts/rates will be published in a schedule which is referenced in the Code.

The Panel has raised this Modification Proposal as a ‘housekeeping’ change on the recommendation of ELEXON (see Panel paper [149/04](#)).

¹ Use of TIBCO software is optional for High Grade Service users. These charges are therefore only levied on those High Grade users who have requested to be provided with such software via ELEXON.

² This is provided for information, as the Code will not prescribe the exact format of the schedule.

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

Section 1 of Annex D-3 states that the amounts/rates levied by ELEXON for the Specified BSC Charges shall be:

- The initial amounts or rates set out in Annex D-3; or
- Such other amounts or rates which may be determined and notified to Parties by the Panel.

The Panel can therefore revise the amounts/rates at any time without needing to change the Code itself.

The Panel has recently used this ability to revise the amounts/rates levied for the Dataline Monthly Charge, TIBCO Set-up Charge and TIBCO Software Support Charge with effect from 1 April 2009. For a detailed description of these revisions, see Panel papers [144/10](#) and [146/06](#).

The Code itself continues to contain the old ‘initial’ figures which will not reflect the actual amounts/rates levied from 1 April 2009. Although Section 1 of Annex D-3 highlights the possibility that the amounts/rates it contains may be altered by the Panel at any time, this does not help participants determine whether they have actually been revised. This could be confusing (especially for new entrants).

To reduce any potential confusion over the amounts/rates in force at a given time, this Modification Proposal seeks to remove the amounts/rates for these three charges from the Code and replace them with references to a website schedule which will always be up-to-date.

This Modification Proposal should be implemented on or after 1 April 2009, since until 31 March 2009 the current amounts/rates in the Code will continue to be correct. The proposed schedule in Attachment 1 therefore shows the amounts/rates which the Panel has agreed will apply from 1 April 2009.

Impact on Code (optional by originator)

Changes will be required to Annex D-3 Sections 3.1(d), 3.1(e), 3.3 and 3.4.

Draft legal text for these changes is provided as Attachment 2.

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

None.

Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties (optional by originator)

None.

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None.

Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives (mandatory by originator)

This Modification Proposal will better facilitate the achievement of Applicable BSC Objective (d):

“Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the balancing and settlement arrangements.”

Reducing the potential for confusion over the amounts/rates in force for the Dataline Monthly Charge, TIBCO Set-up Charge and TIBCO Software Support Charge will promote transparency and efficiency.

Urgency Recommended: No (optional by originator)**Justification for Urgency Recommendation** (mandatory by originator if recommending progression as an Urgent Modification Proposal)

N/A

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Attachments: Yes (*mandatory by originator*)

If Yes, Title and No. of Pages of Each Attachment:

Attachment 1: Website schedule (4 pages)

Attachment 2: Proposed legal text (3 pages)