

BSC Auditor's Issue Document for the Meter Administrator Market as at 31 March 2011

Issue Title: Miscellaneous UMS Charge Codes	Issue number: 2355	BU: N/A	BSC Report Reference: N/A	First raised: March 2010	Status: Open Closed Rectified in Period	Impact Rating: N/A	Confirmation of Issue Status: Agreed Not Agreed
	Old associated Issue: N/A						
BSC Requirement:							
<p>BSCP 520 Section 1.2.5 notes that the Panel, or its nominated representatives, approve additions or alterations to the categories of Apparatus, Charge Codes and their associated load rating (and dimming level load rating if applicable) and the Switch Regimes.</p> <p>Section 3.1.13 confirms that Within 5 WD validate Summary Inventory against OID. If inventory fails validation the MA should reject the Summary Inventory and await new Summary inventory confirming to the UMISO a list of the invalid charge code items.</p>							
How the organisation is in breach:							
<p>Our work for the year ended March 2010 noted that across the UMS market there is an established practice of using miscellaneous charge codes for local items of equipment. For example, the panel would not issue a charge code for bespoke lighting on the Angel of the North (if such lighting exists and is unmetered); the onus would be on the local UMISO to establish an appropriate charge code for use.</p> <p>Whilst we recognise that this is an established practice it is, as yet, not formalised within BSCP 520 and therefore deviates from the current requirements. We understand that ELEXON will issue further guidance in May 2010 with the inclusion of the following statement within the OID to align the BSC requirements with current practice.</p> <p>“Issuing of Miscellaneous codes; UMISOs may issue Miscellaneous Charge Codes without having them published in the ELEXON Charge Code spreadsheet where the equipment is to be used solely within the UMISOs area. This means that it is important that the nominal watts always equal the circuit watts. If there are any dimmed circuit watts, the dimming percentage must be reflected in the last three digits of the Charge Code.”</p> <p>Our work for the year ended 31 March 2011 confirmed that this guidance has since been implemented (specifically it was formalised on 22 July 2010). The BSC Auditor continues to recognise that one Agent is still using incorrect codes (e.g. unapproved ‘widely’ used codes, or 7 charge digit codes) within their master, however, this is now considered to be an Agent only issue. Accordingly we believe that ELEXON have provided sufficient guidance with regards to both the usage and application of miscellaneous charge codes.</p>							
Total Population	N/A	Sample size	N/A	Number of Exceptions	N/A	Assessed Materiality (MWh)	N/A
Has the Audit Issue improved over the last 12 months?				Yes	No	Stayed the same	N/A
BSC Auditor's recommendation:							
We recommend that this issue be closed.							
ELEXON Use Only							
EFR Complete:							
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							

This issue has been identified during the course of the BSC Audit. The scope of the BSC Audit is focused on considering whether Settlement Processes are operating satisfactorily within the agreed materiality level (currently 1,650,000MWh), and hence (a) may not identify all weaknesses at a specific Audited Entity, and (b) is focused only on areas of non-compliance with the BSC and does not consider the operational effectiveness of the systems and processes in place at individual Audited Entities. This issue is confidential and is intended solely for the use of ELEXON Limited ('ELEXON'), Trading Parties to the BSC and the Panel. The information contained in this document may not be relied upon by any other party.