

Change Proposal – BSCP40/02	CP No: Version No: v1.0
Title Extending the timescales for agreeing Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) Findings Reports	
Description of Problem/Issue <p>Balancing and Settlement Code Procedure (BSCP) 535 'Technical Assurance' section 3.2.6 allows Performance Assurance Parties (PAPs) two Working Days (WDs) to respond to a Technical Assurance of Performance Assurance Parties (TAPAP) audit check findings report. PAPs can either accept the findings, or appeal them. If the PAP appeals the findings, it must provide a reason for the appeal within two WD of receiving the TAPAP results notification. This time frame is insufficient to allow for multiple levels of stakeholder review within the PAP, and therefore Parties are unable to fully consider the findings of the report, and compile a fully justified and evidenced appeal within the allocated time. This results in unnecessary burden in addition to that caused by industry change, and other code body work. The short time frame could result in inaccurate TAPAP reports, as legitimate appeals may not be made.</p> <p>In addition, Elexon has identified a number of inconsistencies in the BSCP regarding response to a TAPAP audit findings report Section 1.4.1 states "In the case of a disputed non-compliance, the PAP must provide details of the dispute to the Delegated Authority within 10 Working Days of notification of the non-compliance.", conflicting with the two WD timescales detailed in 3.2.6 and 3.4.1. This change seeks resolve these issues, ensuring that the document is clear and consistent on this issue.</p>	
Proposed Solution <p>Increase the timescale given in bullet point 10 of BSCP 535 1.4.1 regarding the amount of time allowed for audited PAPS to respond to the results of a TAPAP audit from two to five working days, to read "The PAP in question shall then respond to the results within 5 Working Days".</p> <p>Increase the timescale given in BSCP 535 3.2.6 regarding the amount of time allowed for an audited PAP to respond to the results of a TAPAP audit from two to five working days. In the Information Required section of action c, add a sentence to clarify that reason for the appeal must be included.</p> <p>Increase the timescale given in BSCP 535 3.4.1 regarding the amount of time allowed for an audited PAP to provide evidence in support of an appeal from two to ten working days, and clarify that this time is allocated for preparation of a case supporting their appeal of the finding report. This timescale will be in line with that given in BSCP 1.4.1 bullet point 11. In the Information Required section, clarify that evidence in support of the appeal is required at this stage.</p>	

Justification for Change

Following the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) review, a recommendation was made to increase timescales to respond to TAPAP audit checks, which was approved by the PAB in June 2020 [PAB 233/07](#). The extension of section 3.2.6 and 1.4.1 timescales ensures sufficient time for multiple levels of PAP stakeholder review. The addition of a step after section 3.4.1 provides additional time which would be needed to assemble evidence for the appeal. The evidence would be necessary for the Delegated Authority to determine if the appeal is valid and make a presentation to the Performance Board (PAB) if required. These changes will ensure that BSCP 535 is consistent throughout, and clear on timescales allowed for response to a TAPAP findings report.

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 Z 'Performance Assurance'](#) - Yes

Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo)

£480 to amend the documents required to implement the solution.

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

[BSCP 535 'Technical Assurance'](#)

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

None

Related Changes and/or BSC Releases (mandatory by BSCCo)

None

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

25 February 2021 as part of the scheduled February 2021 BSC Release.

Reason: This is the earliest Release that this CP can be included in. It will make sure the process improvements are implemented for the next Performance Assurance Operating Period (PAOP) beginning on 1 April 2021.

Version History (mandatory by BSCCo)

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