
CP1542 Transfer the obligation to visit de-energised sites annually from Data Collector to Supplier – podcast transcript

Hello, my name is George Crabtree and I'm the lead analyst for CP1542 'Transfer the obligation to visit de-energised sites annually from Data Collector to Supplier'. In this podcast I'm going to talk you through the background, solution and proposed implementation of this Change Proposal.

Currently there is an obligation in BSCP504 on Non Half Hourly Data Collectors or NHHDCs to visit de-energised sites annually. This can be found in footnote 102. Footnote 102 exists for the process whereby an NHHDC collects Meter register readings for designated Supplier Volume Allocation Metering Systems either directly or via the Supplier, for which it must conduct a Site Visit.

In a scenario whereby the Supplier doesn't instruct the NHHDC to visit de-energised sites annually the footnote 102 provision has the potential to cause NHHDCs to become non-compliant under obligations in BSCP504. The obligation is solely on the NHHDC with no matching obligation on the Supplier, leaving Party Agents exposed to non-compliance.

The solution in this case is to transfer the obligation in BSCP504 to visit de-energised sites on an annual basis from NHHDCs to Suppliers. For consistency the BSCP502 obligation for Half Hourly Data Collectors will also be placed on Suppliers so that both the Non Half Hourly and Half Hourly markets are aligned.

Although the obligation is transferring from Data Collectors to Suppliers, it's likely that Data Collectors will still be instructed to visit the de-energised site. However, as the Supplier has the relationship with the customer, it should mean that more sites can be visited thus having a positive impact on the integrity of settlement.

The proposed implementation date will be the 24th February 2022 which should allow for sufficient time between approval and implementation of the CP for Suppliers and Data Collectors to make changes to their processes and to contracts and contractual arrangements, if required.

You can find more information on the CP1542 webpage which will be updated as the Change Proposal progresses. On the webpage you can also find my contact details if you have any questions regarding the change proposal.

Thank you for listening.