CP1563 Podcast Transcript

Hello, my name is George Crabtree and I’m the lead analyst for CP1563 ‘Altering the Trigger Point for CT Commissioning’. In this podcast I’m going to talk you through the background, solution and proposed implementation of this Change Proposal (CP).

So why has this CP been raised? The Proposer considers that the trigger points for Current Transformer (CT) Commissioning and subsequent sending of data flows within BSCP515 ‘Licensed Distribution’ and the Retail Energy Code (REC) Metering Operations Schedule are not appropriate for CT operated metering systems of all types. These trigger points are problematic for a number of reasons:

1. The LDSO is often not aware of the Energisation date of a Low Voltage (LV) CT operated fused supply at the time of Energisation
2. The Meter Operator Agent (MOA) is often not aware of the Energisation date of a LV and High Voltage (HV) circuit breaker supply at the time of Energisation
3. For a fused supply, the LDSO may not be aware of who the MOA is to send the Commission information to via a D0383 until a D0139 is received
4. It isn’t that LDSOs don’t know who the appointed MOA is or don’t know the energisation status, it’s that off-site Commissioning takes place prior to any agent appointments or energisation. Since the introduction of off-site Commissioning, CTs are often Commissioned at manufacture well before any MOAs are appointed or before the CTs are even installed. The current requirement is that LDSOs send the D0383 5WD following Commissioning but this is impossible where the CTs are Commissioned off-site because it happens before an MOA is appointed.
5. The relatively small timeframe of 5WD after Commissioning to send the D0383 is proving to be very problematic

What is the proposed solution?

1. Amend BSCP515 to include the date of D0139 receipt from the MOA as the trigger point for Commissioning countdown.
2. Amend BSCP515 to remove the reference to sending the Commissioning information no later than 5WD after Commissioning and replace it with sending it no later than 21WD after Energisation if the LDSO energises or 16WD after receipt of the D0139 if the MOA energises. This allows extra time for the LDSO to send the D0383 but retain the existing overall timescale of within 21WD of Energisation

The proposed implementation date will be 3 November 2022 which is the earliest available release so we can realise the anticipated benefits to our customers as soon as possible. This also aligns with the timescales for the REC CP R0031 ‘Altering the Trigger Points for CT Commissioning’ that is being progressed alongside this CP.

You can find more information on the CP1563 webpage which will be updated as the CP progresses. On the webpage you can also find my contact details if you have any questions regarding the CP.

Thank you for listening.