










BSC Modification Proposal Form		At what stage is this document in the process?
Mod Title: BSC Panel Modification Business via Video/Teleconference		<div>01 Modification</div> <div>02 Workgroup Report</div> <div>03 Draft Modification Report</div> <div>04 Final Modification Report</div>
Purpose of Modification: <p>This Modification sets out to enable the BSC Panel to pass determinations on Modifications Business via video/teleconference. This will mitigate against the existing, more restrictive arrangements potentially impacting on the progression of BSC Change.</p>		
	<p>The Proposer recommends that this Modification should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be raised by the Panel in accordance with the provisions of Section F2.1.1(d)(i); be treated as a Self-Governance Modification Proposal; and be sent directly into the Report Phase <p>This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the BSC Panel on 13 Feb 2020. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine how best to progress the Modification.</p>	
	<p>High Impact:</p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>Medium Impact:</p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>Low Impact:</p> <p>The BSC Panel; and ELEXON as the Balancing and Settlement Code Company (BSCCo).</p>	

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The Proposer recommends the following timetable:		
Initial Written Assessment Presented to Panel	13/02/2020	
Report Phase Consultation (10 WDs)	18/02/2020 - 02/03/2020	
Draft Modification Report presented to Panel	12/03/2020	
Final Modification Report published	13/03/2020	

1 Why Change?

What is the issue?

Currently, paragraph 4.4.7 of BSC Section B explicitly prevents the Panel from conducting Modification Business by tele/video conference except in the case of Urgent Modification Proposals. This is in line with historic practices and was originally considered as a measure to ensure that transparency and openness of BSC Panel discussions. This is however overly restrictive and is not necessary to ensure that BSC Panel meetings and the decision making process over BSC Change remain open and transparent. This restrictiveness could also, in the event that a quorum of Panel Members or their Alternates cannot physically attend a Panel meeting, could delay or halt the progression of BSC Change, as you will lose the continuity of having Panel Members having heard previous meetings discussions.

Desired outcomes

The desired outcome of this Modification is to enable the BSC Panel to pass determinations on Modifications Business via video/teleconference. Thereby mitigating against the existing, more restrictive arrangements potentially impacting on the progression of BSC Change.

Allowing Panel Members to attend Panel Meetings by video/teleconference could also better facilitate the engagement and participation of smaller, time poor market participants and those based farther afield.

2 Solution

Proposed Solution

Amend BSC Section B4.4 along with the BSC Panel Terms of Reference in order to allow the BSC Panel to make decisions on Modifications Business via tele/video conference. While setting clear expectations that wherever practicable BSC Panel Members will still be expected to physically attend Panel meetings.

Benefits

By being more flexible about how Panel Members engage with Modification Business, BSC Changes will be more likely to benefit from the consideration of a greater number of Panel Members with relevant experience.

Allowing Panel Members to attend Panel Meetings by video/teleconference could also better facilitate the engagement and participation of smaller, time poor market participants and those based farther afield.

3 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the Modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) The efficient discharge by the Transmission Company of the obligations imposed upon it by the Transmission Licence	Neutral
(b) The efficient, economic and co-ordinated operation of the National Electricity Transmission System	Neutral
(c) Promoting effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as consistent therewith) promoting such competition in the sale and purchase of electricity	Neutral
(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation of the balancing and settlement arrangements	Positive
(e) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency [for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators]	Neutral
(f) Implementing and administrating the arrangements for the operation of contracts for difference and arrangements that facilitate the operation of a capacity market pursuant to EMR legislation	Neutral
(g) Compliance with the Transmission Losses Principle	Neutral

ELEXON believes that the changes to enable the BSC Panel to pass determinations on Modifications Business via video/teleconference will better facilitate the achievement of BSC Objective (d) by mitigating against the existing more restrictive arrangements potentially impacting on the progression of BSC Change.

ELEXON believes that this change will also potentially facilitate the involvement of a wider range of BSC Parties in BSC Panel business, thereby better aligning to the BSC Panel Objectives, particularly Objective (c) “that the Code is given effect without undue discrimination between Parties or classes of Party”.

4 Potential Impacts

We do not anticipate any impacts on other Core Industry Documents, BSC Systems or BSC Parties.

Impacts on Core Industry Documents

Impacted Core Industry Documents			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ancillary Services Document	<input type="checkbox"/> Connection and Use of System Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Transfer Services Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of Interconnector Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Master Registration Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> System Operator Transmission Owner Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Agreements
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Grid Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission License	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

Impacts on BSC Systems

Impacted Systems				
<input type="checkbox"/> CRA	<input type="checkbox"/> CDCA	<input type="checkbox"/> PARMS	<input type="checkbox"/> SAA	<input type="checkbox"/> BMRS
<input type="checkbox"/> EAC/AA	<input type="checkbox"/> FAA	<input type="checkbox"/> TAAMT	<input type="checkbox"/> NHHDA	<input type="checkbox"/> SVAA
<input type="checkbox"/> ECVAA	<input type="checkbox"/> ECVAA Web Service	<input type="checkbox"/> ELEXON Portal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)	

Impacts on BSC Parties

Impacted Parties			
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier	<input type="checkbox"/> Interconnector User	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Physical Trader	<input type="checkbox"/> Generator
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Distribution System Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> National Electricity Transmission System Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)

Legal Text Changes

Changes will be made to BSC Section B 4.3.1 'Quorum' and 4.4.7 'Voting'. The proposed legal text is provided within Attachment A.

5 Governance

Self-Governance

<input type="checkbox"/> Not Self-Governance – A Modification that, if implemented materially impacts:	
<input type="checkbox"/> the Code's governance or modification procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or management of market or network emergencies
<input type="checkbox"/> competition	<input type="checkbox"/> existing or future electricity consumers
<input type="checkbox"/> the operation of national electricity Transmission System	<input type="checkbox"/> likely to discriminate between different classes of Parties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Governance – A Modification that, if implemented:	
Does not materially impact on any of the Self-Governance criteria provided above	

It is recommended that this Modification is progressed under Self-Governance. While this Modification would change the Code's governance arrangements it is ELEXON's view that the change is not material. This is on the basis that the governance around the BSC Panel's actual decision making processes will remain unchanged; and that conducting meetings by teleconference is now common practice in modern business. On these grounds ELEXON believes that there is strong justification for progressing these changes under Self-Governance.

Progression route

<input type="checkbox"/> Submit to assessment by a Workgroup – A Modification Proposal which:	
does not meet any criteria to progress via any other route.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct to Report Phase – A Modification Proposal whose solution is typically:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> of a minor or inconsequential nature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deemed self-evident
<input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track Self-Governance – A Modification Proposal which meets the Self-Governance Criteria and:	
is required to correct an error in the Code as a result of a factual change including but not limited to:	
<input type="checkbox"/> updating names or addresses listed in the Code	<input type="checkbox"/> correcting minor typographical errors
<input type="checkbox"/> correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering	<input type="checkbox"/> updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs
<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent – A Modification Proposal which is linked to an imminent issue or current issue that if not urgently addressed may cause:	
<input type="checkbox"/> a significant commercial impact on Parties, Consumers or stakeholder(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> a Party to be in breach of any relevant legal requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/> a significant impact on the safety and security of the electricity and/or gas systems	

ELEXON proposes that this Modification is progressed directly to Report Phase under Self-Governance. The basis for submitting this proposal straight to the Report Phase are that the changes to the BSC are clear, self-evident and the solution has been fully developed. The changes being introduced are relatively minor and would not warrant taking up industry time through the undertaking of an Assessment Procedure.

The Modification will be consulted on with the Industry and the Draft Modification Report will be presented to the BSC Panel at its March 2020 meeting.

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

No.

Does this modification impact on end consumers or the environment?

No.

Implementation approach

We propose that this document only change is implemented through the June 2020 BSC Release and goes into effect from the date of the June BSC Release onwards.