4.3 CP Form

Change Proposal – BSCP40/02	**CP No:** *Version No:* *(mandatory by BSCCo)*

Title (mandatory by originator)

Allowing HHDCs to undergo Protocol Approval before completing Qualification.

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)
The Half Hourly Codes of Practice (CoPs), 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 11, require Outstation data to be to a format and protocol approved by the Panel in accordance with BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing'. BSCP601 defines the processes for Meter Manufacturers, Meter Operator Agents (MOAs), Suppliers, Asset Metering Virtual Lead Parties (AMVLPs), Half Hourly Data Collectors (HHDCs), Asset Metering Half Hourly Data Collectors (AMHHDCs) and other Half Hourly Metering Equipment or Asset Metering Equipment users to apply for Compliance Testing and Protocol Approval.

Protocol Approval is the process by which the Protocol implemented in a Qualified HHDC's data collection system is tested against a known version of the Protocol (e.g. the Meter, Asset Meter or Outstation manufacturer's software) to confirm it has been correctly implemented in order to collect metered data from a Meter, Asset Meter or Outstation for Settlement purposes. 'Outstation Type' is a data item contained within the D0268 Half Hourly (HH) Meter Technical Details flow and is used by HH MOAs and HHDCs to identify which Protocols an Outstation uses so HHDC can select the appropriate Protocol in their data collection system to collect Settlement data from a particular Outstation within a HH Metering System.

HHDCs cannot start the Protocol Approval process until they have completed BSCP601 qualification. This is because BSCP601 states 'Qualified' as a prerequisite. This results in a delay for the HHDC to be able to operate in the market, given that after qualification, they then have to complete Protocol Approval for all Outstation Types that they wish to support. In the extreme, this can take another six months on top of the qualification period.

As Protocol Approval is not part of the qualification, it also results in a risk that HHDCs accept appointments (due to commercial arrangements) before completing Protocol Approval leading to them operating using a Protocol that they have not yet received Protocol Approval for.

Proposed Solution (mandatory by originator)
Allow HHDCs and AMHHDCs to apply for Protocol Approval at the start of, or during, the Qualification process.

Justification for Change (mandatory by originator)

This change to BSCP601 will allow HHDCs and AMHHDCS to operate in the market without delay following qualification and remove the risk of HHDCs not completing Protocol Approval before accepting appointments.

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To which section of the Code does the CP relate, and does the CP facilitate the current provisions of the Code? (mandatory by originator) BSCP601
Estimated Implementation Costs (mandatory by BSCCo) Less than £1k
BSC Configurable Items Affected by Proposed Solution(s) (mandatory by originator)
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