

# URGENT SUPPLIER CHARGES MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

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<b>Summary</b>	This paper presents a new BSC Modification to suspend Supplier Charges from the March 2020 Reporting Period, over the period where COVID-19 is impacting Settlement performance. This paper requests your support that this Modification be raised.
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## 1. Background

- 1.1 Due to the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, the electricity market is experiencing unprecedented challenges. Suppliers and their Party Agents have suspended Meter read collections to align to government social distancing guidelines. However, this will impact Suppliers' ability to meet their Settlement performance standards.
- 1.2 At its March meeting (PAB230) the PAB agreed to apply a blanket Force Majeure from March 2020, if this was technically possible.
- 1.3 Our Legal, BSC Change and Settlement Operations teams have been developing a solution to achieve the suspension of Supplier Charges from the March Supplier Charges Period onwards. The outcome of this work is that a BSC Modification requesting Urgent treatment would be the most suitable means of achieving the PAB's request of suspending Supplier Charges from the March 2020 Reporting Period.

## 2. Modification proposal

- 2.1 We have drafted a Modification proposal, included as Attachment A to this paper. The Modification seeks to set the Supplier Charge for Performance Assurance Reporting and Monitoring System (PARMS) Serials SP04 and SP08 to £0 until further notice from the PAB.
- 2.2 We ask the PAB to agree that this Modification be raised under BSC Section Z 'Performance Assurance' 8.2.
- 2.3 Subject to this support, we will present the Modification to the BSC Panel to be formally raised at its meeting on 9 April 2020.
- 2.4 We suggest this proposal requests Urgent treatment, such that it can be implemented in a manner to be effective for the March 2020 Supplier Charges Reporting Period. If Urgent status is not requested/granted, the solution will not be applicable for the March Reporting Period and hence the full benefits may not be realised.
- 2.5 Therefore, subject to the Panel agreeing to raise the Modification and it being treated as Urgent, we have identified the earliest possible Implementation Date as 11 May 2020, if a positive Ofgem decision is received by 5 May 2020.

## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 We invite you to:
  - a) **AGREE** a recommendation to the BSC Panel under BSC Section Z 8.2 that the draft Modification Proposal in Attachment A be raised.

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## Attachments

Attachment A – Proposal Form - Temporary disapplication of Supplier Charge Serials SP08 and SP04

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