

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BMRS CHANGE BOARD

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Summary This paper invites the Panel to establish the BMRS Change Board using its powers derived from BSC Section B5.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Modification Proposal P372 'Speeding up the approval process for the publication of BSC data on the BMRS' was approved by the BSC Panel under Self-Governance and was implemented on 27 July 2019.
- 1.2 As part of the solution, the Workgroup recommended a new approach to managing BMRS Change Proposals (CPs): a new Panel Committee, a 'BMRS Change Board', should be established to control De Minimis BMRS CPs; the Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) would control non-De Minimis BMRS CPs.
- 1.3 This paper invites the Panel to establish the BMRS Change Board using its powers derived from BSC Section B5.

2. BMRS Change Board: role and function

- 2.1 The BMRS Change Board would be responsible for supporting the Panel in meeting its objectives with matters relating to the BMRS processes and systems, including:
 - Considering items, including changes, that relate to the reporting, publishing and collection of data and information for use on the BMRS
 - Approving and authorising changes of those documents, processes and systems that are defined in the BSC Baseline Statement as being the responsibility of the Committee (and for the avoidance of doubt this does not include the raising of Modifications), in accordance with BSCP40
 - Providing guidance and insight on the long-term development and strategy of the BMRS platform, producing an annual strategy for presentation to the BSC Panel to this effect
- 2.2 The BMRS Change Board would only be responsible for approving small, low risk, low impact BMRS Changes that meet the following criteria, and are therefore classed as De Minimis BMRS CPs:
 - the expected cost to ELEXON of implementing such change is no greater than the financial threshold set by the Panel from time to time and published on the BSC Website
 - the expected cost of implementing such change does not result in the aggregate cost of all De Minimis BMRS Changes implemented (or to be implemented) during that BSC Year to exceed the aggregate financial threshold set by the Panel from time to time and published on the BSC Website
 - it is not anticipated by the relevant Committee that such change would require BMRS users and participants to amend their systems and processes
 - the relevant Committee is satisfied that the change is independent and exclusive from other changes such that there are no other related changes with which such change could reasonably be amalgamated

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2.3 The Financial thresholds referenced above are proposed to the Panel in a separate paper.

2.4 The draft Terms of Reference for the BMRS Change Board are included in Attachment A.

3. BMRS Change Board: approach

3.1 The P327 Workgroup envisaged that the BMRS Change Board would be managed in such a way as to promote efficiency and reduce bureaucracy by reducing the timescales to progress BMRS changes and reducing the burden on market participants to respond to consultations, whilst maintaining transparency and Change Management controls.

3.2 The workgroup considered an alternative approach of forming an expert group to pre-assess BMRS CPs before referring them to the ISG/SVG for formal approval, but concluded that it would be more efficient to grant the expert group power to approve De Minimis BMRS CPs by creating a Panel Committee.

3.3 Features of the committee, set out in its terms of reference, include a number of innovative approaches to committee operation:

- Frequency of meetings to be driven by business need rather than being held on a monthly basis
- Meetings able to take place by teleconference rather than attendees having to attend in person
- Provision for meetings to be held by correspondence

3.4 It is envisaged that members would be sought from the P372 Workgroup and the, now obsolete, BMRS User group.

4. Chairman and Committee Sponsor

4.1 The Terms of Reference for the BMRS Change Board specify that the Panel has responsibility for appointing a chairman to the committee. ELEXON would like to nominate Roger Harris to undertake this role.

4.2 Roger is the Market Operations Manager, responsible for the day to day delivery of BSC Central Systems, Market Analysis and BSC Default. He has significant experience in working with ELEXON processes and systems, developed over 14 years in ELEXON's BSC Operations Department. Roger chaired the Imbalance Settlement Group for a period of two years and is familiar with BSC Committee processes. Roger is also a Director for the MRA Executive Committee and MRA Board as alternate BSCCo representative.

4.3 The Panel is also invited to nominate a Panel Sponsor for the BMRS Change Board, to be approved by the Panel Chairman.

5. Recommendations

5.1 We invite you to:

- a) **AGREE** to establish a Panel Committee called the BMRS Change Board, in accordance with Section B5.1.1 of the BSC;
- b) **AGREE** to appoint Roger Harris as BMRS Change Board Chairman; and
- c) **AGREE** to nominate a Panel Sponsor for the BMRS Change Board, to be approved by the Panel Chairman.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – BSC Section B5.1

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Attachments

Attachment A – BMRS Change Board Terms of Reference

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APPENDIX 1: BSC 5.1

5. PANEL COMMITTEES

5.1 Establishment

- 5.1.1 Subject to paragraph 5.1.4, the Panel may establish committees for the purposes of doing or assisting the Panel in doing anything to be done by the Panel pursuant to the Code, and may decide that any such committee (other than one whose establishment is expressly provided for in the Code) shall cease to be established.
- 5.1.2 A Panel Committee may be established on a standing basis or for a fixed period or a finite purpose or otherwise as expressly provided by the Code.
- 5.1.3 Subject to paragraph 5.1.6, the Panel may delegate to any Panel Committee any of the powers, responsibilities and functions of the Panel.
- 5.1.4 A Panel Committee shall not further delegate to any person any of its powers, responsibilities and functions unless the Code or the Panel expressly permits such delegation, and then only to the extent so permitted.
- 5.1.5 The Panel shall establish a Trading Disputes Committee in accordance with Section W; and the provisions of Section W as to the Trading Disputes Committee shall prevail over, so far as in conflict or inconsistent with, those of this paragraph 5.
- 5.1.6 The Panel may not establish Panel Committees for the purpose of the discharge of the functions of the Panel under Section F in relation to Code Modifications (but without prejudice to the provisions of that Section as to Workgroups), and the provisions of this paragraph 5 shall not apply in relation to those functions.