

## Protocol Approval – Stark Software International Limited (SSIL) for the Secure Meters' Prometer 100 Meter type

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Summary **We invite the SVG to note that, following successful protocol testing, we issued Stark Software International Limited (SSIL) with a Certificate of Protocol Approval. The certificate covers approval of the protocol, for the Secure Meters' Prometer 100 Meter types, embedded within Stark's Reality data collection software.**

### 1. Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) requirements

- 1.1 [BSCP601](#)<sup>1</sup> sets out the processes for Meter manufacturers, Meter Operator Agents, Suppliers, Asset Metering Virtual Lead Parties, Half Hourly Data Collectors (HHDCs), Asset Metering HHDCs and other HH Metering Equipment or Asset Metering Equipment users to apply for compliance testing and protocol<sup>2</sup> approval.
- 1.2 Each HH [Code of Practice](#) (CoP) (i.e. CoPs 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11) requires Meters and Outstations to be tested for compliance in accordance with BSCP601. BSC Parties can apply, under [BSCP32](#)<sup>3</sup>, for a Metering Dispensation from any departure from the requirements of a CoP.
- 1.3 Each HH CoP also requires Outstation data to be to a format and protocol approved by the BSC Panel<sup>4</sup> in accordance with BSCP601.

### 2. Protocol Approval – SSIL and the Prometer 100 Meter types

- 2.1 In November 2023, Stark Software International Limited (Market Participant ID (MPID): SSIL) applied for protocol approval of the Secure Meters' Prometer 100, integral Outstation, Meter types (P3E and R3E).
- 2.2 In December 2023, we witnessed the protocol testing, using Stark's Reality data collection software. As a result of successful testing, we issued SSIL with a Certificate of Protocol Approval for the Secure Meters' Prometer 100 Meter types.

<sup>1</sup> 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing'

<sup>2</sup> A protocol, in the context of an Outstation, is the set of rules (or language) governing the communication of data between the Outstation and any other device connected to it. The manufacturer of the Outstation usually designs the protocol.

<sup>3</sup> 'Metering Dispensations'

<sup>4</sup> Under the BSC Baseline Statement, the BSC Panel has delegated responsibility for BSCP601 to its BSC Panel Committees, the Supplier Volume Allocation Group and the Imbalance Settlement Group. Under BSCP601, since [CP1174](#) was implemented in June 2007, if compliance testing or protocol approval testing is successful, Elexon can issue a Certificate of Compliance or Protocol Approval to an applicant. Prior to June 2007 Elexon had to seek a decision from the relevant BSC Panel Committee before issuing Certificates of Compliance or Protocol Approval to an applicant.

### 3. Updates and notifications

3.1 In December 2023, we:

- Published an updated version of the '[CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval](#)' list (v75.0) to include the protocol approval; and
- Issued a Newscast article ([995](#)) notifying BSC Parties and BSC Party Agents about the protocol approval.

### 4. Recommendations

4.1 We invite the SVG to:

- a) **NOTE** that Elexon issued a Certificate of Protocol Approval to Stark Software International Limited (SSIL), an Half Hourly Data Collector, for the Secure Meters' Prometer 100 Meter types;
- b) **NOTE** that Elexon updated the 'CoP Compliance and Protocol Approval' list, and issued a Newscast article, about the protocol approval

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