

UMSUG paper – Appointment of Suppliers to New UMS MPANs

1. Introduction

Anecdotally UMSOs are experiencing difficulties in obtaining Supplier registration of new UMS MPANs particularly for new developments where the roads will become adopted highways, but prior to adoption the developer is responsible for payment of the street lighting energy charges. The highway adoption process will take many years before the local Highway Authority takes over responsibility.

Where roads or parking areas are not adoptable, there will be a management company or housing association responsible for the energy charges permanently, but the same Supplier registration issues apply.

This paper seeks a change to BSCP520 to require a Customer to nominate a Supplier for a new Unmetered Supplies Inventory before issuing an UMS Certificate.

2. Rationale

The existing BSCP520 Interface and Timetable Information at 3.1 for Establishment of a New UMS Inventory has as the first steps a requirement for the UMSO to agree the new detailed inventory with the Customer. Once the detailed inventory has been agreed, the next steps are to obtain a new MPAN(s), which is then issued to the Customer (and to the Supplier if nominated by the Customer during the initial steps).

Once the Customer has a certificate this can be presented to an Independent Connection Provider (most Street Lighting connections are now carried out by ICPs) as evidence of agreement by the UMSO for new unmetered connections to be made and energised.

However, if registration of the MPAN by a Supplier does not happen, the only route for an UMSO to follow up registration is referral to the Customer, the addition of a nominated Supplier earlier in the process enables a more robust follow up process.

Once connections have been made and energised, but no Supplier has been appointed, it becomes difficult to de-energise the supplies in terms of negative industry publicity, and in all probability, supplies will be left energised and contribute to network losses.

3. Proposed Change

It is proposed to make simple changes to BSCP 520 to require a Customer to nominate a Supplier when applying for an Unmetered Supply. Details of the changes are provided as an Appendix to this paper. Please note that the changes are tracked against the version of BSCP520 that was approved under CP1522 and is due for implementation as part of the June 2020 release.

4. Recommendation

The UMSUG is invited to:

- **Review** the proposed changes to BSCP520,
- **Recommend** to SVG that a CP is raised to make the proposed changes to BSCP520.

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