

4.5. MP Form

Modification Proposal – BSCP40/03	MP No: P287 <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i>
Title of Modification Proposal:	
Allow the BSC Panel to conduct Modification Business via teleconference	
Submission Date:	
14 th June 2012	
Description of Proposed Modification:	
<p>We propose to amend the BSC to allow the BSC Panel to make decisions on Modification Business in meetings that are held by teleconference. This would be subject to the provision that at least one Panel Member is present at the venue specified for the meeting. This would allow other people to attend the meeting and listen to the Panel's discussions, which would maintain the current openness and transparency around Panel meetings. It should be noted that a Panel meeting would still only be held by teleconference if the Panel Chairman considered it appropriate to do so.</p>	
Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address:	
<p>The BSC currently allows BSC Panel meetings to be held by a telephone conference call where the Panel Chairman deems it appropriate. However, Section F4.4.7(b) of the BSC makes the provision that decisions made in such a meeting do not relate to Modification Business.</p> <p>This means that if a situation arose where the Panel need to discuss Modification Business, but some Panel Members were unable to attend the meeting in person, any Panel Members who had dialled in using teleconference facilities would not be able to participate in the vote.</p> <p>If enough Members were unable to attend in person, then a decision could not be taken on the Modification Business at that meeting as the Panel would not be deemed quorate. This issue would only arise for Modification Business; other business discussed by the Panel is not subject to this restriction, and decisions on these can be made via teleconference.</p>	
Impact on Code:	
This proposal would make amendments to Section B, specifically Section B4.4.7(b). The proposed changes are attached.	
Impact on Core Industry Documents or System Operator-Transmission Owner Code:	
None	
Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties	
None	

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Impact on other Configurable Items: None	
Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives: We believe that the Modification Proposal better facilitates the achievement of BSC Objective (d) as allowing the Panel to make decisions on Modification Business via teleconference, where appropriate, is a more efficient way to deliver the BSC arrangements. Requiring Panel Members to attend meetings in person to discuss Modification Business is inefficient in light of the technology currently available. The requirement that at least one Panel Member is present at the meeting venue maintains the current openness and transparency of Panel meetings.	
Is there a likely material environmental impact? No	
Urgency Recommended: Yes/ No	
Justification for Urgency Recommendation: Not applicable	
Self-Governance Recommended: Yes / No	
Justification for Self-Governance Recommendation: We believe that the Modification Proposal fulfils the Self-Governance Criteria set out in Annex X-1 of the Code. It has no material impact on consumers, competition, the Transmission System or BSC governance. The Proposal seeks to allow the BSC Panel to conduct Modification Business via teleconference. However, by making this arrangement subject to the provision that at least one Panel Member is present at the meeting venue, the current openness and transparency of Panel meetings is maintained, and so this Modification Proposal would have no material impact. This Modification Proposal would only impact ELEXON and the BSC Panel, and has no impact on BSC Parties.	
Should this Modification Proposal be considered exempt from any ongoing Significant Code Reviews? Yes	

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If Yes, Title and No. of Pages of Each Attachment:	
Draft BSC legal text (1 page)	