Change Proposal Circular

CPC00751: Notification of the February 2015 BSC Systems Release

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What is the purpose of this CPC?

This Change Proposal Circular (CPC) gives notification of the final scope of the February 2015 BSC Systems Release (the 'February 15 Release').

What is in the February 15 Release?

The table below shows the changes approved for implementation in the February 15 Release, all of them will become effective on **26 February 2015**. For CP1392, planned systems changes will be delivered as part of the Feb 15 release but will not be used until the NG Electricity Balancing Mechanism replaces the current BM system, currently scheduled for July 2015.

Change Ref	Title	Status
CP1392	BSCP18 Bid-Offer Acceptance Related Data Corrections to the SAA system via Electronic File Transfer Method (BMRA-I002) instead of manual Email Method (SAA-I033)	Approved by ISG: 24 Sept 13
CP1395	Distribution of Configuration Details for Smart Meters	Approved by Panel 217/07: 10 Oct 13
CP1418	Validation of D0041 flows	Approved by SVG: 2 Sep 14
CP1419	Improving data accuracy by enabling the D01312 flow to be sent on a Change of Supplier	Approved by SVG: 4 Nov 14
CP1421	Linking BSCP520 obligations to the Operational Information Document	Approved by SVG: 2 Dec 14
CP1422	Add a Defined Metering Point for an Offshore Transmission Connection Point to the HH Codes of Practice	Approved by SVG: 2 Dec 14

Please refer to the February 15 Release page of the BSC website for further details.

In addition to these changes, Changes to BSC Systems and documentation for Electricity Market Reform ("EMR") are also implemented to become effective on **26 February 2015,** as directed by DECC. Please refer to the Electricity Market Reform page of the BSC website for further details.

Are there changes to BSC Central Systems software?

CP1392 involves changes to BMRA, SAA and ECVAA. It proposes that the data amendment flag in the BOALF file is activated a short time after National Grid's new Electricity Balancing System (EBS) goes live in the late quarter of 2014, taking over from the existing Balance Mechanism (BM) System. This will enable National Grid to carry out data amendments on EBS and send to Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) with the amendment flag set electronically rather than the existing manual process.

CP1418 involves changes to SVAA. It proposes to produce a temporary staging table within the SVAA system when it is processing individual D0041 flows. This temporary staging table will create a unique record for all PC/Distributor/LLFC/SSC/TPR rows loaded. If a duplicate PC/Distributor/LLFC/SSC/TPR row is inserted into the table, an error message will be produced and the file will fail processing. Upon failure, the error log will detail the reason for the failure. The SVAA will then contact the originating NHHDA for the D0041 flow and advise the reason for the failure.

Changes for EMR include changes to BMRA and SAA (CRA) required for the registration of Additional Supplier BM Units used to capture the imports and export from SVA-registered Metering Systems associated with Contracts for Difference (CfD) and Capacity Markets (CM), both of which form part of the upcoming EMR arrangements. BSCCo will help to coordinate these various registration activities by receiving high level details from the EMR Settlement Agent, and translating them into specific registration instructions for the CRA. These instructions will take the form of a simple delimited file or spread sheet containing the details required by form BSCP15/4.1, which can then be used by a CRA operator to input the details through the existing data maintenance screens.

Are there changes to BSC Participants Systems software?

There are no changes to BSC participants' systems software.

Who will the February 15 Release impact?

- **CP1392** impact the Transmission Company only.
- **CP1418** does not have any direct impact on BSC parties. A guidance note will be circulated to alert NHH Data Aggregators about the new exception that SVAA will send to NHHDAs if a D0041 fails validation, and clarify the corrective action to be taken.

A number of CPs approved for implementation in the February 15 Release do not impact any central systems and involve implementation of the approved changes to documentation. For those CP's, Parties and Party Agents will be impacted as follows:

- **CP1395** impacts the BSC parties - Licensed Distribution System Operators and Suppliers, and Party agents - NHH data collectors and SVA NHH Meter Operator Agents;
- **CP1419** and **CP1421** have no impact on either BSC Parties or Party Agents; and
- **CP1422** will impact Licensed Distribution System Operators and the Transmission Company.

Will there be a BSC Agent Downtime?

There will be a BSC Agent Downtime scheduled to complete on Tuesday 24 February 2015; we will communicate about it in due course to confirm the details.

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