

Change Proposal – F40/01

CP No:1069

Version No: 1.0

Title: Qualifying the Right of BSC Agents to Raise Change Proposals

Description of Problem/Issue

The text of BSCP 40 'Change Management' (BSCP 40) currently provides BSC Agents an unrestricted right to raise Change Proposals (CPs). However it is working practice that CPs raised by BSC Agents are only progressed at the discretion of BSCCo, with whom they are contracted to provide services required under the Code.

The recent review of BSCP 40 (March to June 2004) discussed this issue and consulted stakeholders on the proposition that the working practice should be formalised within BSCP 40 (i.e. that BSC Agent CPs are only progressed with BSCCo's agreement should be documented). The majority of respondents supported the proposition but, as the opinion was divided, the BSCP40 Working Group did not propose that a CP should be raised to formalise the working practice.

The current text in BSCP 40, however, raises several concerns and inconsistencies:

- (1) An unrestricted right to raise CPs is inconsistent with and may undermine BSCCo's ability to discharge its responsibility for BSC Agents;
- (2) BSC Agents are not Code signatories and as such it is questionable that they should be able to raise CPs that could impose obligations on Code signatories;
- (3) ; and
- (4) BSCP 40 does not accurately reflect current working practice.

Proposed Solution(s) *(mandatory by originator)*

The solution proposes that BSCP 40 is amended such that BSC Agent raised CPs are only progressed at the discretion of BSCCo.

Justification for Change *(mandatory by originator)*

The proposed solution would not have a material effect on trading, Settlement calculations, or the integrity of Settlement. However, progressing BSC Agent raised CPs at BSCCo's discretion adds a useful initial 'filter' to such proposals and would bring the process into line with operational practice. BSC Agents may continue to suggest changes to the trading arrangements however, BSC Agents would not have an unfettered right to raise Change Proposals as BSCP40 currently suggests.

Change Proposal – F40/01	CP No:1069 Version No: 1.0
Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s) BSCP 40 'Change Management'	
Impact on Core Industry Documents None	
Related Changes and/or Projects 	
Requested Implementation Date Feb 2005 Reason: It would be useful if the resulting CP were proposed for implementation in February 2005 with the other changes to BSCP40 that were raised in the review.	
Agreed Release/Implementation Date <i>(mandatory by BSCCo)</i> 	
Originator's Details: BCA Name...Roger Salomone..... Organisation...ELEXON Change Delivery..... Email Address..... Date.....26/07/04.....	
Attachments: Y/N* (If Yes, No. of Pages attached:.....) <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	