

How Code Administrators are preparing for the UK leaving the EU

Dear industry members,

You may have seen an <u>explanatory letter</u> published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) earlier in the week. The letter sets out how they are preparing for EU Exit. Ofgem has also recently provided an <u>update to industry</u> in relation to the licences and industry code modification change processes.

We are working closely with other Code Administrators to manage the potential changes required to network codes. We have been engaging collectively with BEIS and Ofgem to ensure that the energy market continues to operate effectively in the event of the UK leaving the EU without an agreement.

National Grid ESO is currently in the process of developing appropriate code modifications for the industry codes that we are responsible for as code administrator; CUSC, Grid Code and the STC. These modifications are being developed specifically for the potential scenario of the UK leaving the EU without an agreement. As such, these modifications have the following intent:

- Replace any references to EU legislation that would no longer apply with the corresponding UK legislation
- Minimal changes to support progression in a timely manner
- No benefit or detriment being given to any industry party

National Grid ESO plans to discuss these draft proposals with, and gain feedback from, industry prior to formally raising these Code Modifications at the appropriate time. This will include discussions at the Transmission Charging Methodology Forum (TCMF) and Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF) in January 2019. If you would like to attend either of these forums in January, please contact us on the email addresses below.

In the meantime, if you have any immediate views on modifications to these codes which you would like to share or discuss please get in contact with us via box.codes.mce@nationalgrid.com. Please also note that contact details for both BEIS (EnergyEngagement@beis.gov.uk) and Ofgem (EUExit@ofgem.gov.uk) are also available.

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