

Critical Friend modification

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Defect

Principle 1: Code Administrators shall be critical friends

Guidance on meeting the Principle

Code Administrators should achieve this principle by:

- Helping all new and existing energy market users effectively frame and develop Modifications.
- Proactively reviewing and commenting on draft Modifications.

How can we fulfil the CACoP (Code Administrator's Code of Practice) in the framework we have today?

The Code Administrator can receive a modification up until 5pm on papers day and this has to then be submitted to the respective Code Panel the same day across the Codes that National Grid ESO administer (CUSC, Grid Code and STC)

Feedback on modifications

The **Code Administrator** has received feedback and insight as part of the Customer Journey work and within Code Panels on:

- The **defect** and how this is drafted including whether it is clear and in sufficient detail
- When **alternatives** have been raised at times the **defect** has been questioned and feedback has been provided that defects are not clear enough to determine whether the alternative would address the Original defect
- **Consumer impacts** and the population of this the Proposal form

Modification option

How can the Code Administrator make a **step change** in the service provided when a modification is raised?

Option

Raise a modification across CUSC, Grid Code and STC to codify an obligation to submit modifications **5 working days** ahead of being submitted to the respective Code Panel

Raise a modification as above but for fewer working days than above but more than in the baseline today

Request rather than codify that modifications are submitted earlier than papers day

Any other **options**?

Modification option

What would we do within the five working days?

- Provide feedback and work with the Proposer on the Proposal form submitted including the title, Governance route, defect identified, consumer impacts improving the quality of the modification proposals being tabled at our Code Panels
- Assess **potential impacts** and provide the Code Administrator view on this for Industry

What route would the Code Administrator propose this under?

- Self-Governance without a Workgroup – any views?

Next Steps

- Assess feedback received today
- Make a decision on whether to raise a modification based on the feedback provided

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