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Dear Colleague

National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (NETS SQSS)

SQSS Industry Consultation: Modification of Onshore Entry Criteria (GSR010)

On behalf of the NETS SQSS Review Panel, I am pleased to provide details of the latest SQSS consultation document¹. This presents the findings of the review of the criteria applicable to the connection of generators to the onshore transmission system, and suggested modifications to the SQSS. The Review (denoted GSR010) has been undertaken by a cross-industry Working Group comprising of representatives from a number of generating companies together with representatives of the three GB transmission licensees - National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), SP Transmission Ltd (SPT); and Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Ltd (SHETL).

The GB transmission licensees are required to plan, operate and maintain the GB transmission system in an efficient and economic manner and to facilitate competition in the electricity market. Compliance with the requirements of the NETS SQSS is a GB transmission licence requirement and consequently a primary objective of the NETS SQSS planning criteria is to support the licensees obligations.

Industry feedback is sought through this consultation as to whether the proposals further the SQSS principles and the proposed new SQSS Objectives.

¹ The Consultation Document is available at
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gbsqsscode/Modifications/GSR010>
National Grid plc

The current SQSS principles are:

- (i) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission;
- (ii) ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System; and
- (iii) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity

The SQSS Objectives (as proposed under the recently revised Governance Framework) are to:

- (i) facilitate the planning, development and maintenance of an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission, and the operation of that system in an efficient, economic and coordinated manner;
- (ii) ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System;
- (iii) facilitate effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity; and
- (iv) facilitate electricity transmission licensees to comply with their obligations under EU law.

Consultation Questions

Specific questions have not been posed in the Working Group Report but are included here instead. As such, stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the following:

1. Minimum System Connections for Generation Connections – do you agree that the proposed modification meets the principles and/or objectives of the SQSS?
2. Minimum System Connections for Generation Connections – do you have any comments on possible commercial implications that you would wish the CUSC Panel to take into consideration? Which CUSC option would be preferable - redefine when compensation should be paid (but with potentially higher TNUoS) or maintain the existing arrangements?
3. System Resilience for generation at single circuit risk – do you agree that the proposals are appropriate and satisfy the principles and/or objectives of the SQSS?
4. Revision of Selected Definitions - do you agree that the proposed modification provide clarity and better meets the principles and/or objectives of the SQSS?
5. Standard Connection Schemes - do you agree that the proposed modification provide useful guidance and transparency and satisfy the principles and/or objectives of the SQSS?
6. Location of Grid Entry Points – are you satisfied that the proposals further the principles and/or objectives of the SQSS?

We welcome your views, in particular in relation to the above questions, but also in general on any matters relating to the Review of Onshore Entry Criteria within the NETS SQSS. We would appreciate if all responses are received by **17 August 2012** and responses should be addressed to:

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The consultation documents and further information can be found on the NETS SQSS website:

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gbsqsscode>

Should you have any questions on this consultation, please don't hesitate to contact myself, James Cooper or any member of the SQSS Review Panel.

Best Regards



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