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GC0150: Housekeeping change postGC0147 implementation

Overview: As part of Ofgem's decision on GC0147 they recommended a minor housekeeping change to clarify cross-referencing in the new 'Embedded Generation Control' (OC6B) section of the code should be made.

Modification process & timetable

Proposal Form
10 June 2021

Code Administrator Consultation

2 30 June 2021 - 30 July 2021

Draft SG Modification Report

3 26 August 2021

Final SG Modification Report

4 07 September 2021

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5 07 September 2021 – 28 September 2021

Implementation 04 October 2021

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Status summary: This report will be submitted to the Authority for them to decide whether this change should happen.

Panel recommendation: The Panel has determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution is implemented.

This modification is expected to have a: Low impact: Embedded Generators, System Operators

Modification drivers: Efficiency/governance

Governance route	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation							
Who can I talk to about the change?	Proposer: Rob Wilson Robert.Wilson2@nationalgrideso.com 07799656402	Code Administrator Contact: Nisar Ahmed Nisar.Ahmed@nationalgrideso.com 07773 043 068						
Appeals window	If you want to appeal this decision, please send your <u>appeals form</u> and relevant documentary evidence to <u>industrycodes@ofgem.gov.u</u> by 5pm on 28 September 2021 and ensure you copy in <u>grid.code@nationalgrideso.com</u>							



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Executive summary

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What is the issue?

Ofgem's decision¹ on 'GC0147: Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation – enduring solution' recommended that a minor housekeeping change should be made to clarify an area of cross-referencing in the new 'Embedded Generation Control' section OC6B of the code.

What is the solution and when will it come into effect?

Proposer's solution: In the Proposer's view the solution cross-references the priority order set out in GC0147 and included in OC6B in which embedded generators are to be considered for control actions. In Ofgem's view as included in their decision, it makes it clearer that this should be used where possible in the implementation of any instructions for embedded generation control as given by the ESO to DNOs.

Implementation date:

04 October 2021

Panel determination: The Panel has determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution is implemented

What is the impact if this change is made?

This change is required for clarification only. No new or revised obligations are placed on any parties as a result but Ofgem's view is that it makes the solution clearer.

Interactions

This modification does not have any interaction with other codes or other industry-wide work.

¹ https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/gc0147-last-resort-disconnection-embedded-generation-enduring-solution



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Legal text

A minor addition is suggested to the following clause to achieve the cross-referencing recommended by Ofgem:

OC6B3.2.2 In any case, reasonable endeavours shall be employed by the Network Operator to ensure that the reduction in Active Power output specified in the instruction is achieved, considering also the principles relating to prioritisation set out in OC6B.5.1 where appropriate.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's assessment against Grid Code Objectives						
Relevant Objective	Identified impact					
(a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity	Neutral					
(b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity (and without limiting the foregoing, to facilitate the national electricity transmission system being made available to persons authorised to supply or generate electricity on terms which neither prevent nor restrict competition in the supply or generation of electricity);	Neutral					
(c) Subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems in the national electricity transmission system operator area taken as a whole;	Positive Will improve clarity of the GC0147 solution which is intended to maintain system security					

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(d) To efficiently discharge the obligations imposed upon the	Neutral
licensee by this license and to comply with the Electricity	
Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the	
European Commission and/or the Agency; and	
(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and	Neutral
administration of the Grid Code arrangements	

Proposer's assessment against the Applicable Objectives

Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories							
Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact						
Improved safety and reliability	Positive						
of the system	Very minor impact but potentially in clarifying the GC0147 solution it will help to achieve better system security.						
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral						
Benefits for society as a whole	Neutral						
Reduced environmental	Neutral						
damage	A consideration of environmental impact is part of the prioritisation order.						
Improved quality of service	Neutral						

Code Administrator consultation summary

The Code Administrator Consultation was issued on the 1 July 2021 closed on 30 July 2021 and received 1 response. The response can be found in the table below, and the full responses can be found in Annex 3.

Code Administrator Consultation summary						
Question						
Do you believe that the GC0150 Original Proposal better facilitates the Grid Code Applicable Objectives?	GC0150 is a very minor change suggested by Ofgem in their decision on GC0147. It clarifies cross-referencing of the priority order in which embedded generators may be considered to be included in the implementation by DNOs of an embedded generation control instruction issued by the ESO. As such, it better fulfils objective (c) by improving clarity of the GC0147 solution which is intended to maintain system security.					
Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	Yes					
Do you have any other comments?	No					



Legal text issues raised in the consultation	
None	
EBGL issues raised in the consultation	
None	

Panel recommendation/determination vote

The Panel met on the 29 July 2021 to carry out their determination vote.

They assessed whether a change should be made to the Grid Code by assessing the proposed change against the Applicable Objectives.

Panel comments on Legal text

Ahead of the vote taking place, the Panel considered the legal text amendments proposed as part of the Code Administrator Consultation and agreed that they were typographical. The changes made can be found in "**Legal Text**" section in this report.

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Alastair Frew, Generator**

	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)			
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Neutral	Yes			
Voting Sta	Voting Statement								
This gives	This gives clarification that prioritisation should apply.								

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Christopher Smith, Offshore Transmission Licensee**

	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)	
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	
Voting Sta	atement						
No statement provided.							

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Graeme Vincent, Network Operator Representative Alternate**

	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Neutral	Yes
Voting Sta	atement					
The modif	•	des the additior	nal clarity as re	quested by Of	gem in their	approval



Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Rob Wilson, National Grid ESO**

	Better	Better	Better	Better	Better	Overall	
	facilitates	facilitates	facilitates	facilitates AO	facilitates	(Y/N)	
	AO (a)?	AO (b)?	AO (c)?	(d)?	AO (e)?		
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	
Voting Statement							

GC0150 is a very minor change suggested by Ofgem in their decision on GC0147. It clarifies cross-referencing of the priority order in which embedded generators may be considered to be included in the implementation by DNOs of an embedded generation control instruction issued by the ESO. As such, it better fulfils objective (c) by improving clarity of the GC0147 solution which is intended to maintain system security.

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **John Harrower, Generator**

	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)	
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	
Voting Statement							
This is a minor addition which improves the clarity of the GC0147 solution							

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Robert Longden, Supplier**

	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Neutral	Yes
Voting Sta	atement					
No statem	No statement provided					

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Roddy Wilson, Onshore Transmission Licensee**

	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Yes
Voting Sta	atement					
Support this minor change providing enhanced clarity to the GC0147 modification solution that improves system security						

Vote 1: Does the Original facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline? Panel Member: **Sigrid Bolik, Generator**



	Better facilitates AO (a)?	Better facilitates AO (b)?	Better facilitates AO (c)?	Better facilitates AO (d)?	Better facilitates AO (e)?	Overall (Y/N)
Original	Neutral	Neutral	Yes	Neutral	Yes	Yes
Voting Sta	atement					
The added sentence is improving clarity through including the cross reference and thereby improves also transparency.						

Vote 2 - Which option is the best?

Panel Member	BEST Option?
Alastair Frew	Original
Graeme Vincent	Original
John Harrower	Original
Christopher Smith	Original
Rob Wilson	Original
Robert Longden	Original
Roddy Wilson	Original
Sigrid Bolik	Original

Panel conclusion

The Panel voted unanimously that the Proposer's solution should be implemented.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

04 October 2021.

Date decision required by

The Panel carried out their determination vote on 26 August 2021.

Implementation approach

No systems impacted.

Interactions			
□Grid Code □European Network Codes	□BSC □ EBGL Article 18 T&Cs ³	□STC □Other modifications	□SQSS □Other

This modification does not have any interaction with other codes or other industry-wide work.

³ If the modification has an impact on Article 18 T&Cs, it will need to follow the process set out in Article 18 of the European Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBGL – EU Regulation 2017/2195) – the main aspect of this is that the modification will need to be consulted on for 1 month in the Code Administrator Consultation phase. N.B. This will also satisfy the requirements of the NCER process.



Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning	
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code	
CMP CUSC Modification Proposal		
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code	
EBGL Electricity Balancing Guideline		
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code	
SQSS Security and Quality of Supply Standards		
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions	

Reference material

- GC0147 Last resort disconnection of embedded generation enduring solution
- GC0147 Ofgem decision

Annexes

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Annex 1	Proposal form
Annex 2	Self-Governance Statement
Annex 3	Code Administrator Consultation response/s