



Grid Code Review Panel

Offshore Code Drafting

Interaction with “normal” Grid Code Governance

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Offshore Project Timescales

13 June 2008	Offshore Electricity Transmission – A joint Ofgem/BERR Regulatory Policy Update
<i>This is the most recent offshore consultation. As part of this consultation the first drafts of the Codes, GBSQSS and Licences for Offshore Transmission were published.</i>	
25 July 2008	Consultation Letter for draft tender regulations
<i>This further publication set out Ofgem's preliminary draft of the offshore tender regulations, designed to facilitate the making of a determination on a competitive basis of the person to whom an offshore transmission licence is to be granted.</i>	
September 2008	Publication of draft tender documentation and second consultation on draft licence, code and technical standards modifications
<i>This is the anticipated final opportunity to make substantive comments on the codes, GBSQSS and Licences for the offshore transmission regulatory regime. Again legal text for the electricity codes will be included within this consultation.</i>	
October 2008	Second Consultation on Tender Regulations
<i>An updated version of the Tender regulations previously published in July 2008</i>	
December 2008	Final (Statutory) Consultation
<i>The Statutory Consultation will set out the final legal text that, with the exception of final minor comments, will be that which is designated by the Secretary of State at Go-Active</i>	
December 2008	Designation Order
<i>This legislative instrument is required to be progressed through parliament to allow the Secretary of State to utilise his designation powers under the Energy Act 2004. It is anticipated that this will be taken forward concurrently with the Statutory Consultation.</i>	
April 2009	Go Active
<i>The date upon which the offshore code changes are designated and come into effect within the "live" baseline codes.</i>	

Drafting Implications

Development of Offshore Code Drafting

- ◆ Present – December 2008
 - Offshore Code Drafting can account flexibly for “normal” Grid Code governance changes
 - “Normal” governance need not explicitly account for Offshore Changes

Offshore Statutory Consultation

- ◆ December 2008 – April 2009
 - Offshore drafting largely frozen – SoS may be able to account for any changes through “normal” Grid Code governance in their direction
 - Legal text for Reports to the Authority taken forward under “normal” Grid Code governance should be mindful of Offshore baseline given they may be approved post Offshore Go-Active
 - May need dual legal text

Enduring Offshore Regime

- ◆ April 2009 onwards
 - all “normal” Grid Code Amendments should be against new Offshore baseline