

Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP)

Identification Number Format

Background

OC8 of the Grid Code specifies the standard procedures to be used for the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary safety precautions when work is to be carried out on or near the GB Transmission System or a User System and when there is a need for safety precautions on HV apparatus on the other System for this work to be carried out safely.

RISSP's (Record of Inter-system Safety Precautions) provides a written record of safety precautions that are to be utilised in accordance with the applicable provisions of OC8.

Grid Code clauses OC8A.4.3.5 and OC8B.4.3.5 state that the RISSP form (utilised when National Grid is the 'Requesting Safety Co-ordinator') will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it was issued and a unique serial number consisting of a specified number of digits and the suffix 'R'.

The current wording only permits a four digit number to be assigned to the RISSP form. This is out of alignment with current operational practices in NGET's Transmission Area. The Relevant Licensees have also advised that a similar change is applicable for their Transmission Area.

Proposal

It is proposed to amend OC8A.4.3.5 and OC8B.4.3.5 such that it permits the allocation of an increased number of digits to be assigned to the RISSP form.

The maximum number of permitted digits assigned to the RISSP will need to consider and reflect current operational practices and any IT system constraints.

Way Forward

National Grid invites the GCRP to:

- note that the applicable Grid Code provision does not align with current operational practices regarding the allocation of an identifying number to the RISSP form.
- inform of any system limitations which will be impacted by amending the current requirement.
- agree that National Grid should proceed with an industry consultation such that the existing Grid Code wording aligns with current operational practice.