



Promoting choice and value
for all gas and electricity customers

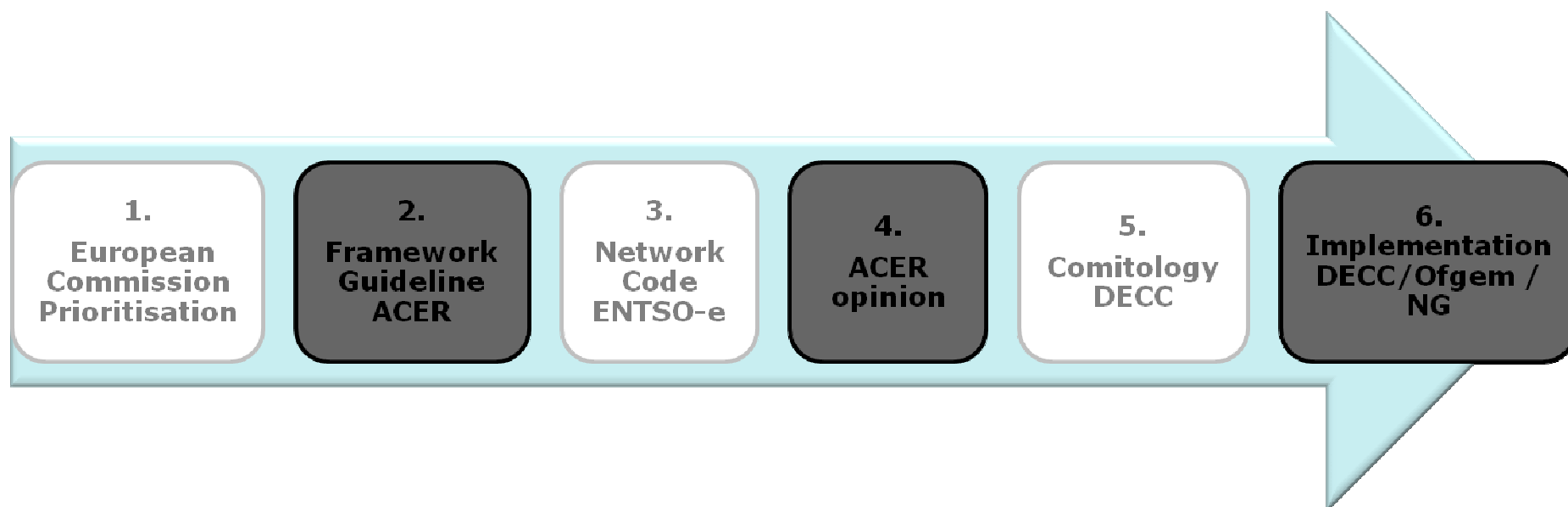
Introduction to European Framework Guidelines and Network Codes

Steve Brown
Ofgem
GCRP September 2012

Framework

- **Source:**
 - Born from the European Legislative Third Package in particular, Reg (EC) 714/2009: Conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity.
- **Purpose:**
 - Rules for the **secure operation** of European power systems and implementation of a **liberalized Europe-wide electricity market**.
- **Scope:**
 - Broad-reaching with 12 topic areas covering:
 - **Effective system operation;**
 - Market integration;
 - **System development.**

Generic process for network codes



Technical Codes: Framework Guidelines (FG) and Network Codes (NC)

1. FG on Electricity Grid Connection (EGC)

- **Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators (RfG)**
- **Demand Connection Code (DCC)**
- **High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Code**

2. FG on System Operation (SO)

- **Operational Security (OS)**
- **Operational Planning and Scheduling (OP&S)**
- **Load-Frequency Control and Reserves (LFC&R)**

Codes for Grid Connection

- **Requirements for Generators: RfG**

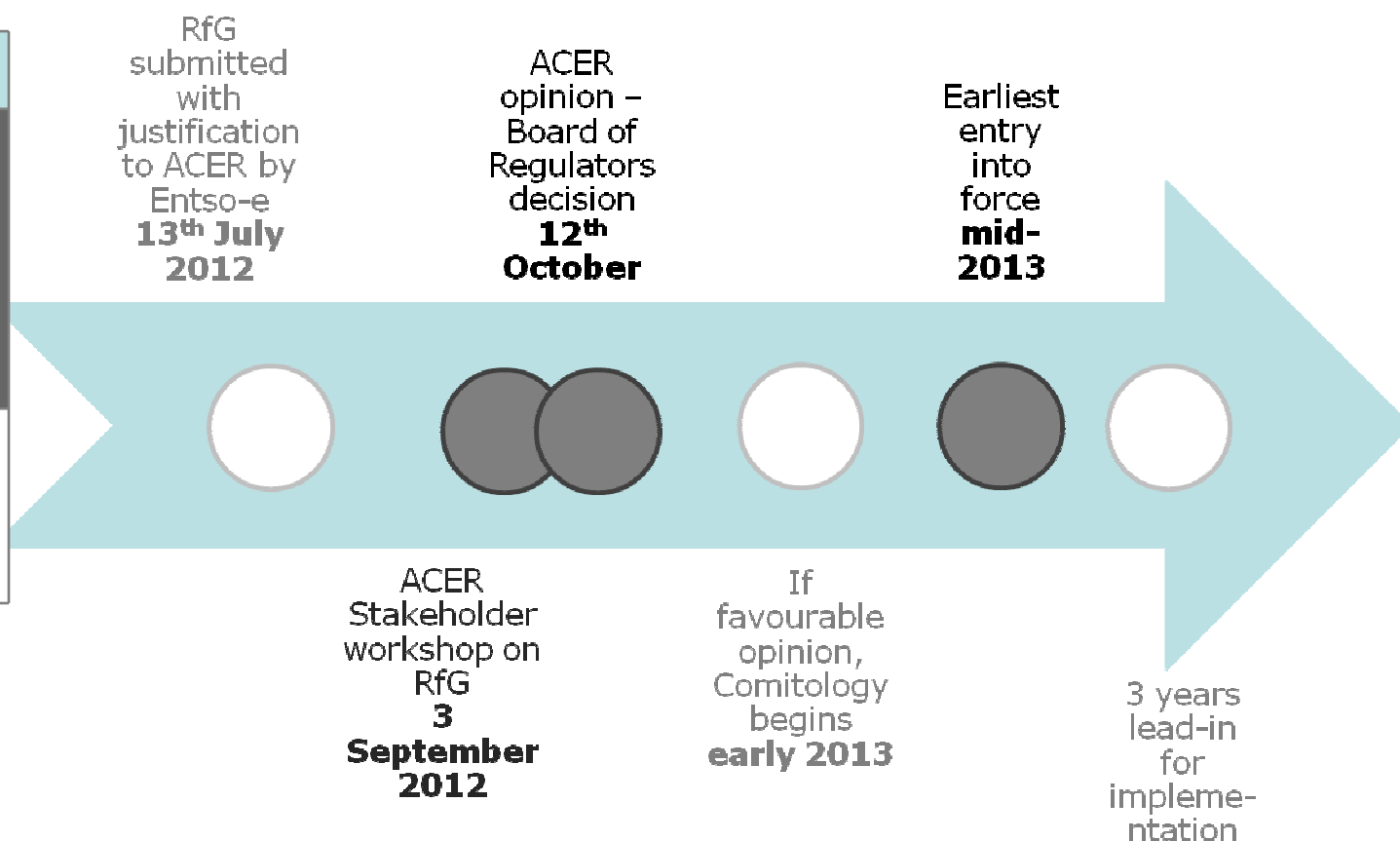
- First 'pilot' code aims to address urgent issue of:
Non-harmonized and outdated technical connection conditions for renewables generation equipment was threatening secure system operations.

- **Scope**

- NC applies to all new Significant Grid Users (SGUs)
(retrospective application will be subject to CBAs);
- Where requirements deviate significantly from current standards
ENTSO-E must justify using CBA.
- Categorises generators by size (A-D) with increasing technical
requirements for larger generators, covering a/o:
 - Frequency & Voltage Ranges
 - Reactive Power, Fault Ride Through, System restoration
- Smaller generators now responsible for providing system services
(Type A = 800W)

Requirements for Grid Connection Applicable to all Generators Timeline

Previous key dates	
20/7/2011	Framework Guidelines on Electricity Grid Connection published by ACER
24/01/2012 – 20/03/2012	ENTSO-e public consultation on the NC

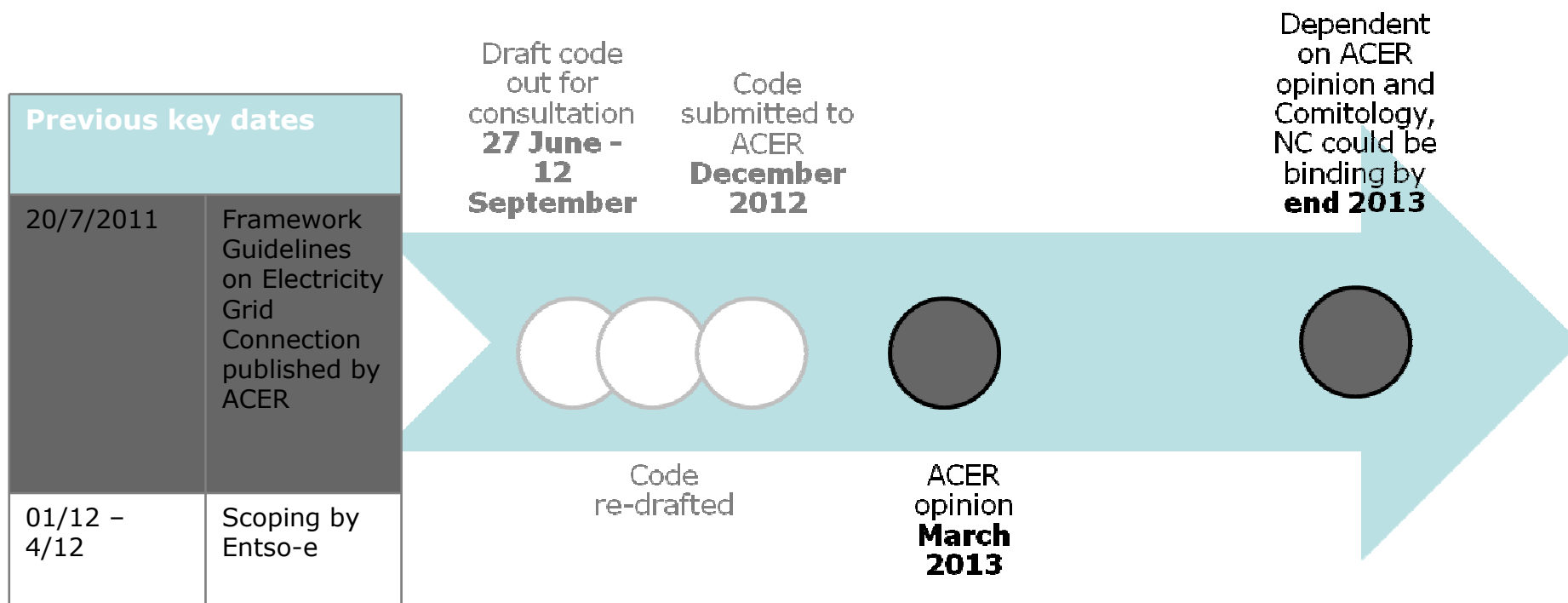


Codes for Grid Connection

Demand Connection Code (DCC)

- **Scope:**
 - Sets out **requirements to be met by demand users before connecting;**
 - Covers demand connected to both transmission and distribution;
 - Covers Significant Demand Users (SDUs) in terms of cross-border impact and market integration;
 - DSOs are considered significant demand users.
- As with RfG, its application is on 3 scales:
 - Prescriptive requirements for single EU-wide parameters (exhaustive requirements)
 - Range of parameters within which decision is to be set nationally (non exhaustive requirements)
 - Requirement for specific requirement to be set nationally

Network Code Demand Connection Code Timeline




Future codes...

System Operation

- **System Operation Framework Guidelines** issued Dec 2011

4 codes:

- **Operational Security (OS)**
 - Entso-e consultation Sep-Oct '12,
 - Submit to ACER Mar 2013
- **Operational Planning and Scheduling (OP&S)**
 - Entso-e consultation Nov-Dec '12
 - Submit to ACER April 2013
- **Load-Frequency Control and Reserves (LCF&R)**
 - Entso-e consultation Feb-Mar '13
 - Submit to ACER June 2013
- **Emergency operation**



For more information on ENC's: contact
Reuben.Aitken@ofgem.gov.uk



Promoting choice and value
for all gas and electricity customers