

STC Agenda Item Briefing Note

Sub Group to Consider the Feasibility of Combining OC8A & OC8B of the Grid Code

There is a group looking at how the Grid Code needs to be changed to cover On Shore and Off Shore networks. A sub group is also looking at how safety will be managed across boundaries between On Shore and Off Shore Transmission Owners.

A recent meeting of this Safety Sub Group has been considering the options for the management of safety across boundaries. The recommendations from the group acknowledged that OC8A and OC8B will continue and amendments of OC8A & OC8B will define the management of safety across boundaries for On Shore and Off Shore Transmission Owners, this being the most pragmatic solution with the timescales involved.

Further discussions at the Safety Sub Group suggested that there may be a possibility of investigating the differences between OC8A and OC8B and considering the feasibility of there being one OC8.

It is for the Grid Code Panel to formally consider changes to the Grid Code. The suggestion to form the above group is proposed as an informal way of looking at the feasibility of combination of the codes. Obviously each company would require that any combination of the codes would only be promoted, if this could be done without any changes in local practice of safety management.

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