

Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma**CM094: Amendment to Bi-annual estimate provisions**

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to stcteam@nationalgrideso.com by **5pm on 14 February 2024**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Milly Lewis milly.lewis@nationalgrideso.com or stcteam@nationalgrideso.com

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Which best describes your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network <input type="checkbox"/> Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Generator <input type="checkbox"/> Industry body <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnector	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other

I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)

☒ **Non-Confidential** (this will be shared with industry and the Panel for further consideration)

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For reference the Applicable STC Objectives are:

- efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act
- development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission
- facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity
- protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system insofar as it relates to interactions between transmission licensees
- promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC.
- facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;
- compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.

Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.

Standard Workgroup Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that the Original Proposal better facilitate the Applicable Objectives?	<p>Mark the Objectives which you believe the solution better facilitates:</p> <p>Original <input type="checkbox"/>A <input type="checkbox"/>B <input type="checkbox"/>C <input type="checkbox"/>D <input type="checkbox"/>E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>F <input type="checkbox"/>G</p> <p>We believe that the Original Proposal will help reduce the barriers which could restrict Generation/Demand customers from progressing projects currently.</p>
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
3	Do you have any other comments?	Click or tap here to enter text.
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	<p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes (the request form can be found in the Workgroup Consultation Section) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

Specific Workgroup Consultation questions		
5	Do you agree that the Construction Approval should be based on the needs case approval rather than funding approval?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>We agree that needs case approval is more appropriate than funding approval, as this will allow securities for any specific works to be removed from users more quickly.</p>
6	Do you agree that it's non material when customers contract?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
7	Do you agree that the next security period is a reasonable time for the change?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>This seems a sensible and appropriate approach.</p>
8	Is it clear that prior to Construction Approval (needs case) that customers will still need to provide securities for construction works?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>The proposed Legal Text changes (including the new definition of "Construction Approval") make this clear.</p>

9	Does the legal text satisfy the intent of the modification in improving the security process in a transparent way?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Click or tap here to enter text.
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