

## **Codes Summary - October 2013** **(as at 16 October 2013)**

This document provides a summary as to latest developments concerning the various other Industry Codes. Further detailed information can be found at <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/>

### **CUSC**

**CMP201 (Removal of BSUoS Charges from Generators)** - CMP201 seeks to align GB market arrangements with those prevalent within other EU member states. This will deliver more effective competition and trade across the EU and so deliver benefits to all end consumers. It is proposed that Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges, which are currently charged to all liable CUSC parties on a non locational MWh basis, are removed from GB generators. This will effectively align the GB 'generation stack' with those in other EU markets, thus facilitate equitable competition with generation in other EU markets which are not subject to such charges. CMP201 was presented to CUSC Modifications Panel on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 who agreed that it should follow the Standard CUSC Modifications process via a Workgroup and the Workgroup report to be presented back to the Panel in April 2012. At the CUSC Panel meeting on 24 February 2012, a one month's extension was granted to the original timetable to allow for the Workgroup to carry out further work on the Workgroup consultation and also to allow for a longer consultation period. A further month's extension was agreed at the CUSC Panel meeting on 27 April 2012 to allow for further analysis to be carried out. Upon identifying an error in one of the calculations contained with the final Workgroup Report, National Grid requested that the Panel reject the Report at their June 2012 Panel meeting in order to rectify the error and liaise with the Workgroup and Ofgem. The error was been corrected and the changes discussed and agreed by the Workgroup and the final Workgroup Report was presented to the CUSC Panel at their meeting in July 2012. At September 2012's CUSC Panel meeting, the Panel voted that CMP201 Original and the two Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modifications all better facilitate the Applicable CUSC Objectives, with a preference for the Original to be implemented. On the 25 October 2012, the Authority issued a "Send Back" direction, asking for further work to be carried out by the Workgroup after which a further Code Administrator Consultation will be published. A further Code Administrator Consultation was issued and the Final Modification Report was sent to the Authority for decision on the 9 May 2013.

**CMP213 (Project TransmiT TNUoS Developments)**. CMP213 was raised by National Grid as a result of the direction to NGET by the Authority following their Significant Code Review on electricity transmission charging arrangements. CMP213 is made up of three main elements: Network Capacity Sharing, Inclusion of HVDC in the charging calculation, and Inclusion of islands links into the charging methodology. The Panel agreed for CMP213 to progress to a Workgroup through the standard route and to report back to the December 2012 CUSC Panel as it was felt that a minimum of 6 months would be required for the Workgroup phase. At the CUSC Panel meeting on the 25 January it was agreed for the CMP213 to receive a one month extension for the Workgroup Report to be presented to a Special CUSC Panel meeting in April 2013. CMP213 was submitted to the Authority for decision on 14 June 2013.

**CMP218 (Changes required for use of new banking product to hold Users' cash securities)**. CMP218 seeks to amend the CUSC to facilitate the use of a new banking product by NGET to hold security provided by Users. The new banking product uses "virtual client accounts" to hold the security and interest which will have a number of administrative benefits: it would remove the need to create a new account for each User that provides security; it would allow refunds of security and interest to be provided more quickly than under the current arrangements. CMP218 was presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel on 22 March and the CUSC Modifications Panel agreed that it should progress through the Self Governance route. However, the Panel raised some queries and it was agreed that the queries would be clarified prior to proceeding to Code Administrator consultation. The queries were discussed at the CUSC Panel meeting on 26 April 2013. The Code Administrator Consultation was published on 6 June 2013 and closed on 4 July 2013. The Panel voted unanimously

that CMP218 better facilitates the Applicable CUSC Objectives and so should be implemented. Inline with the Self-Governance process, the Appeal Window for CMP218 opened on 26 July and closed on 16 August 2013. **No appeals were raised and CMP218 was implemented after 2 months on 16 October 2013.**

**CMP219 (CMP192 Post Implementation Clarifications).** CMP219 seeks to make the necessary changes to the CUSC to refine the legal text related to CMP192 to further clarify the User Commitment Methodology. CMP219 was presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel on 31 May 2013 and the CUSC Modifications Panel agreed that it should progress as Self Governance and for it to proceed to a Workgroup. The Workgroup Report will be presented at the September 2013 CUSC Panel meeting.

**CMP220** (Code Governance Review (Phase 2): CUSC Modification Fast Track and Objection Process). CMP220 seeks to introduce a new process for CUSC Modification Proposals, whereby if the CUSC Modifications Panel unanimously determines that it meets the Fast Track Criteria as detailed below the modification will proceed without Authority approval. This is as a result of Ofgem's Code Governance Review (Phase 2). This process is intended for Proposals which meet the Self-Governance Criteria and is for very minor housekeeping changes to the CUSC as result of an error or factual change. CMP220 was presented to the CUSC Modifications Panel on 26<sup>th</sup> July and the CUSC Modifications Panel agreed that CMP220 should progress straight to Code Administrator consultation for period of 4 weeks. CMP220 Panel recommendation vote will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013. **CMP220 is progressing through the agreed timetable.**

## **Grid Code**

The most recent meeting of the **Grid Code Review Panel** was held on 18 September 2013.

The next GCRP will take place on 20 November 2013.

## **Consultations & Reports to the Authority**

### **2013**

#### **GC0033 (Offshore Wind Farms not connected to an Offshore Transmission System)**

This proposal seeks to modify the Grid Code to ensure that the benefits afforded to 'Power Park Modules' in the Grid Code are restored to relevant Generators located Offshore and to improve the clarity of the code. The industry Consultation was published on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and closed on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013, with 3 responses received. National Grid **submitted the Report to the Authority on 17 September 2013. A decision is expected in October 2013**

#### **GC0037 (BMU Configurations Offshore)**

This proposal seeks to modify the Grid Code to improve the information exchanged between NGET and Transmission Users regarding the configuration of Power Park Modules and BMUs given the operational flexibility now facilitated under the Transmission Frameworks. A workgroup investigated this issue and the Industry Consultation was published on 23 August 2013 and **closed on 24 September 2013 with 5 responses received. National Grid are reviewing the responses and drafting the Report to the Authority**

#### **GC0044 (Grid Code changes resulting from BSC Modification P276)**

This proposal seeks to modify the Grid Code to reflect the changes, approved by Ofgem, resulting from BSC modification P276 'Introduce an additional trigger/threshold for suspending the market in the event of a Partial Shutdown'. The industry consultation was published on the 7 May 2013. The consultation closed on Wednesday 5 June 2013, with two responses received. The Report to the Authority was sent to the Authority for determination on 19 June 2013 and a decision is expected on 24 July 2013. The Authority approved GC0044 on 19 July 2013, with an implementation date of 31 March 2014.

### **GC0065 Consequential Changes from STC Modification CA049**

GC0065 seeks to modify the Grid Code to place an obligation on developers of offshore transmission networks to provide OFTOs with the capability to vary the reactive flows at the Interface Point within two minutes, this is consequential to STC Modification CA049 which was implemented on 25 June 2013. GC0065 was presented to the Grid Code Review Panel in September 2013 and the Industry Consultation was published on 19 September 2013. The consultation closed on 11 October 2013 and 2 responses were received. National Grid are now reviewing the responses and drafting the Report to the Authority.

### **GC0071: Code Governance Review (Phase 2): Significant Code Review**

GC0071 proposes changes to facilitate the implementation of Code Governance Review (Phase 2) into the Grid Code. The Significant Code Review (SCR) process will require the licence holder to raise code Modifications in line with the directions issued by the Authority following an SCR. The proposed changes will also ensure the Grid Code complies with the new revisions set out in the revised Electricity Transmission Licence. GC0071 was submitted to the GCRP for their consideration on the 15 May 2013 where they determined that the proposal should progress to Industry Consultation for a period of 20 business days. The consultation completed on the 22 August 2013, a total of two responses were received, and both were supportive of the proposed changes. GC0071 was submitted to the Authority on the 13 September 2013 for their final decision and is on schedule to be implemented ahead of the 31 December 2013 implementation date set by Ofgem within their statutory consultation.

### **GC0072: Code Governance Review (Phase 2): Code Administrator and Code Administration Code of Practice**

GC0072 proposes changes to facilitate the implementation of Code Governance Review (Phase 2) into the Grid Code. This Modification proposal seeks to make several changes to the Grid Code, including the requirement to establish an administrative body (the "Code Administrator") and for the Code Administrator to maintain, publish, review and amend the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACOP). The proposed changes will also ensure the Grid Code complies with the new revisions set out in the revised Electricity Transmission Licence. GC0072 was submitted to the GCRP for their consideration on the 15 May 2013 where they determined that the proposal should progress to Industry Consultation for a period of 20 business days. The consultation completed on the 22 August 2013, a total of two responses were received, and both were supportive of the proposed changes. GC0072 was submitted to the Authority on the 13 September 2013 for their final decision and is on schedule to be implemented ahead of the 31 December 2013 implementation date set by Ofgem within their statutory consultation.

### **GC0073: Code Governance Review (Phase 2): Send Back Process**

GC0073 proposes changes to facilitate the implementation of Code Governance Review (Phase 2) into the Grid Code. The Send Back process will enable the Authority to formally 'send back' an Industry Consultation to NGET in circumstances where the Authority considers that it is unable to form a decision based on the content of the consultation. The proposed changes will also ensure the Grid Code complies with the new revisions set out in the revised Electricity Transmission Licence. GC0073 was submitted to the GCRP for their consideration on the 15 May 2013 where they determined that the proposal should progress to Industry Consultation for a period of 20 business days. The consultation completed on the 22 August 2013, a total of two responses were received, and both were supportive of the proposed changes. GC0073 was submitted to the Authority on the 13 September 2013 for their final decision and is on schedule to be implemented ahead of the 31 December 2013 implementation date set by Ofgem within their statutory consultation.

## **Workgroups**

### **Electricity Balancing System Group (EBSG)**

The scope of this group is limited to that of the Electricity Balancing System, and the Balancing Mechanism and Ancillary Services data and instructions that it will support. The group will consider the changes requested by the industry in response to National Grid's consultations and also any changes that are offered as part of the standard vendor system. The group has established two subgroups EBSIT (focusing on IT issues) and EBSMSM (focussing on Multi Shaft modelling). The last EBSG meeting took place in on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The EBSG was given an update to the EBS Multi Shaft Modelling Subgroup. The main action of this subgroup is to work up a "straw man" configuration modelling proposal and bring this back to EBSG and GCRP in due course. There is no forecast on when this might be presented at this time. A regularly updated EBS Project Plan is now presented at each EBSG meeting, giving an overview of events and milestones. This supported discussion around release dates for EBS and how these would consider release dates for Elexon. The last meeting was held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in Warwick. The EBSG have presented two Grid Code issue papers to the January GCRP. Reactive and Frequency Report Fax Form Information and New and Revised Balancing Code Parameters and Instructions will both be developed further by the EBSG before proceeding to Industry Consultation. The last meeting was held on Thursday 1 August 2013 and the next meeting is expected to be early October 2013.

### **Power Available**

Following discussions within the CBSG, in March 2012, the group initiated proposals to develop the concept of Power Available for wind farms. This concept proposes to use data, such as wind speed, to calculate the potential power that would have been produced by a wind farm if they did not have their output curtailed. This value could then be used to assist with the integration of intermittent generation into current balancing arrangements for example as a reference point for settlement of bid/offer acceptances rather than the current method of using the generator's Final Physical Notification (FPN). There is overlap between this and the High Wind Speed Shutdown Workgroup. The first meeting was held on the 11 September 2012. The Workgroup are progressing through the Terms of Reference and are expected to present their recommendations at the November 2013 GCRP.

### **Information on Embedded Small Power Stations for the Purposes of Developing, Planning and Operating the Transmission System.**

This Workgroup was established at the May 2012 GCRP meeting. The Workgroup will; review information currently provided by Network Operators to NGET concerning Embedded Small Power Stations, review how this information is used, identify any inconsistencies between how Small Power Stations connected to User's networks can be accounted for and identify any information which is necessary and not provided or information that is provided but is not necessary. **The Workgroup first met on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, and have subsequently met on 3 separate occasions. The implementation date for information to be submitted was agreed to be the Calendar Week 24 data submission beginning 2015. It was noted that there may be a need to gather some of the proposed data items prior to the implementation date of 2015 to satisfy the European Transparency regulation. This could be enacted via a staged implementation in the Grid Code or a separate information request. The Workgroup favoured implementing a single process change for the 2015 target date rather than the staged approach. The Workgroup presented their findings to the GCRP in September 2013 and the Panel agreed with the proposed changes. A Grid Code Industry Consultation is now planned for 2014.**

### **Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their impact on the Total System**

The Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their impact on the Total System Workgroup was established by Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) at the May 2012 GCRP meeting. The workgroup will review the expected behaviour of the Total System when subject to frequency changes during large disturbances with particular focus on the rate of change of frequency. The workgroup will also review the findings of the frequency response technical sub-group and assess their implications, take account of relevant international practice and the approach taken in European code development and evaluate the costs, benefits and risks of any actions necessary to maintain or improve current levels of resilience to frequency changes under future system conditions. The first Workgroup was held on 26 October 2012 and have met a further 7 times. The Workgroup have published an open letter to the Industry informing interested parties of the likely setting changes and

inviting them to an Industry Workshop. The workgroup hosted two industry seminars, one in Scotland on 25 April 2013 and one in London on 8 May 2013. The Workgroup presented their workgroup report to the July GCRP. The Workgroups proposals recommend changing all Rate of Change of Frequency Protection Relays on Generators between 5 and 50MW to  $1\text{Hzs}^{-1}$  measured over 500ms. In conjunction with the Industry Consultation, the Workgroup are hosting two industry seminars to engage with affected parties. The seminars are scheduled for Monday 9 September in London and Monday 16 September in Glasgow. The Workgroup are now investigating sub 5MW generators and inverter type technologies. **The Industry Consultation closed on 27 September 2013 and 18 responses were received. National Grid and the Workgroup are now reviewing the responses.**

### **Demand Control**

The Demand Control Workgroup will; review the need for, and requirements of, Demand Control Instructions, review the existing capabilities of the DNO's to implement Demand Control Instructions, take account of relevant international practice and the approach taken in European Code development and evaluate the costs, benefits and risks of any actions necessary to ensure that DNOs can implement the required Demand Control Instructions in the required timescales under future system conditions. **The Workgroup is currently reviewing the amount of Demand Reduction that would be achieved by Voltage Reduction. Historically, the assumption has been that a 3% Voltage Reduction would result in a 5% Reduction in Demand, a 6% Voltage Reduction a 10% Reduction in Demand. The Workgroup met for the first time on the 5th December 2012, and have subsequently met on 3 separate occasions. The next Workgroup meeting is planned to take place in November and the Workgroup will present their findings at January's GCRP. During October the Workgroup have been testing what actual reductions are likely through a series of exercises that explore the reductions achievable, as well as the time taken to realise them. These tests will also test the inter-control room communications and functionality of DNO Control Systems.**

# AMALGAMATED ELECTRICITY CODES MODIFICATION REPORT

As at xx October 2013

This document contains the Modification Registers for the CUSC, STC, Charging & Grid Code and is correct as of the above date.

The most up to date versions may be found at the following websites:

STC: [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/sotocode/](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/sotocode/)

CUSC: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/systemcode/amendments/>

TCMF: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Charges/modifications/>

Grid Code: [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/reviewpanelinfo/](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/reviewpanelinfo/)

BSC Amendments can be found on the following website:

[www.elexon.co.uk/changeimplementation/ModificationProcess/ModificationReports/default.aspx](http://www.elexon.co.uk/changeimplementation/ModificationProcess/ModificationReports/default.aspx)