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| Grid Code Modification Proposal Form | | | |
| GC0XXX:  **[Insert modification title]**  **Overview:** [**Insert a summary of the modification**. This should be short and clearly identify the topic the modification relates to. This should not be any longer than the timetable section.] | | **Modification process & timetable**    **Proposal Form**  10 December 2020  **Workgroup Consultation**  10 December 2020 - 10 September 2021  **Workgroup Report**  10 December 2020  **Code Administrator Consultation**  10 December 2020 - 10 September 2021  **Draft Final Modification Report**  10 December 2020  **Final Modification Report**  10 December 2020  **Implementation**  10 December 2020  **1**  **2**  **3**  **4**  **5**  **6**  **7** | |
| **Status summary:** The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken. | | | |
| **This modification is expected to have a:** [Select impact]  [Insert impacted parties. I.e. Suppliers, Generators, Transmission System Operators, Interconnectors, Transmission Owners, Aggregators, etc] | | | |
| **Modification drivers:** [Insert the applicable drivers from the following list: Cross-code change, Efficiency, EU Compliance, GB Compliance, Governance, Harmonisation, New Markets, New Technologies, Ofgem-led/Significant Code Review, System Operability, System Planning, System Security, Transparency] | | | |
| **Proposer’s recommendation of governance route** | [**Select governance route from the drop-down menu.** For further guidance on governance routes, see the “Proposer’s justification for governance route” section.] | | |
| **Who can I talk to about the change?** | **Proposer:**  [Your name]  youremail@.com  [Your phone number] | | **Code Administrator Contact:**  [Code Admin Use] |

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What is the issue?

[Insert a description of the issue that this modification is solving. Please be as clear and concise as possible. The fewer words the better. It should be able to be understood by somebody who isn’t a technical expert.]

## Why change?

[Insert justification for the change. Please be as clear and concise as possible. The fewer words the better. It should be able to be understood by somebody who isn’t a technical expert.]

What is the proposer’s solution?

[Insert your solution. Please identify which part of the code will need to be changed.]

## Draft legal text

[Detail the proposed legal text or proposed route to finalise the legal text.

If you’re recommending a governance route which is either Fast-track or straight to Code Administrator Consultation, please provide the legal text with the proposal form as a separate document. To obtain the latest version of the legal text on which to mark-up tracked-changes, or to find out more about the requirements for legal text, please contact the Code Administrator team.

What is the impact of this change?

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| Proposer’s assessment against Grid Code Objectives | |
| **Relevant Objective** | **Identified impact** |
| (a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale] |
| (b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity (and without limiting the foregoing, to facilitate the national electricity transmission system being made available to persons authorised to supply or generate electricity on terms which neither prevent nor restrict competition in the supply or generation of electricity); | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale] |
| (c) Subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems in the national electricity transmission system operator area taken as a whole; | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale] |
| (d) To efficiently discharge the obligations imposed upon the licensee by this license and to comply with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency; and | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale] |
| (e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale] |

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| Proposer’s assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories | |
| **Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories** | **Identified impact** |
| Improved safety and reliability of the system | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale.  Will this change mean that the energy system can operate more safely and reliably now and in the future in a way that benefits end consumers?  This area would relate to changes which balance the system safely, securely and at optimum cost, particularly for consumers in vulnerable situations. It would also consider changes which introduce flexibility across the market to flow energy at the most efficient profile, lower operational costs and make sure GB consumers can access the cheapest sources of energy.  Examples of changes include:   * security of supply * changes to the balancing regimes e.g. charging changes |
| Lower bills than would otherwise be the case | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale.  Will this change lower consumers’ bills by controlling, reducing, and optimising spend, for example on balancing and operating the system?  This area would relate to changes that are likely to benefit end consumers. This could include any change where it has been demonstrated that it could lower bills for end consumers.  If possible, this section should include any quantifiable benefits.  Examples of changes include:   * Charging review] |
| Benefits for society as a whole | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale.  This area would focus on demonstrating why and how the change can improve the quality of service for some or all end consumers. Improved service quality ultimately benefits the end consumer due to interactions in the value chains across the industry being more seamless, efficient and effective.] |
| Reduced environmental damage | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale.  Will this proposal support:   * new providers and technologies? * a move to hydrogen or lower greenhouse gases? * the journey toward statutory net-zero targets? * decarbonisation?   This area would relate to changes which demonstrate innovative work to design solutions which ensure the system can operate in an environmentally sustainable way both now and in the future.  Examples include:   * Gas quality blending * Carbon Capture and Storage   New technologies, e.g. wind power] |
| Improved quality of service | **[Select impact]**  [Please provide your rationale.  This area would relate to any other identified changes to society, such as jobs or the economy.  For example, by 2050, energy system decarbonisation efforts could add 19 million jobs and £52tn of gross domestic product (GDP) to the global economy, increasing the GDP of Northern and Western Europe by 1.25% and 2.5% respectively. It could also generate a 15% increase in global welfare and reduce negative health effects caused by local air pollution by 60%.] |

When will this change take place?

### Implementation date

[Insert the date which you are proposing the change is made to the code]

### Date decision required by

[Insert the date which the decision is required from the Authority - or Panel (if Self-Governance]

### Implementation approach

[List any systems or processes that will need to change as a result of this proposal.]

### Proposer’s justification for governance route

Governance route: [Select governance route from the drop-down menu.]

[Please give justification for the governance route you have recommended. Use the below guidance to help. If you have recommended Self-Governance, Urgent or Fast-Track, you must explain how it meets the relevant criteria.]

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| **Guidance on governance routes** | | |
| **Timescales** | **Route** | **Who makes the decision (Governance type)** |
| Normal | Proceed to Code Administrator Consultation\* | Authority (Standard Governance) or Panel (Self-Governance) |
| Assessment by a Workgroup\*\* |
| Urgent | Proceed to Code Administrator Consultation | Authority (Standard Governance) |
| Assessment by a Workgroup |
| Fast-track | Straight to appeals window, then implementation | Panel (Self-Governance) |
| **\*** This route is for modifications which have a fully developed solution and therefore don’t need to be considered by a Workgroup.  **\*\*** For modifications which need further input from industry to develop the solution. | | |
| **Self-Governance Criteria** | | |
| It depends on the material effect of the modification as to whether it should be subject to Standard or Self-Governance. If you are proposing that your modification should be subject to Self-Governance, you must explain how it meets the below criteria.  The modification is unlikely to discriminate between different Grid Code Parties and is unlikely to have a material effect on:   * Existing or future electricity customers; * Competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution or supply of electricity, * The operation of the National Electricity Transmission System * Matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies * The Grid Code Panel’s governance procedures or the Grid Code Panel’s modification procedures | | |
| **Urgency Criteria** | | |
| If you are proposing that your modification is Urgent, you must explain how it meets Ofgem’s Urgent criteria (below). When modifications are granted Urgency, this enables the us to shorten the standard timescales for industry consultations. Note that the we (Code Admin) must seek Authority approval for this option.  Ofgem’s current guidance states that an urgent modification should be linked to an imminent issue or a current issue that if not urgently addressed may cause:   * A significant commercial impact on parties, consumers or other stakeholder(s); or * A significant impact on the safety and security of the electricity and/or gas systems; or * A party to be in breach of any relevant legal requirements. | | |
| **Fast-Track Self-Governance Criteria** | | |
| This route is for modifications which are minimal changes to the code. E.g. Typos within the codes. If you are proposing that your modification should be subject to Fast-Track Self-Governance, you must explain how it meets the below criteria.  The modification is a housekeeping modification required as a result of an error or factual change, such as:   * Updating names or addresses listed in the Grid Code; * Correcting minor typographical errors; * Correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering, or; * Updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs. | | |

Interactions

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| CUSC | BSC | STC | SQSS |
| European Network Codes | EBR Article 18 T&Cs[[1]](#footnote-1) | Other modifications | Other |

[Explain how this modification interacts with other codes, industry documents, modifications or industry projects.]

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

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| **Acronym / key term** | **Meaning** |
| BSC | Balancing and Settlement Code |
| CUSC | Connection and Use of System Code |
| EBR | Electricity Balancing Regulation |
| GC | Grid Code |
| STC | System Operator Transmission Owner Code |
| SQSS | Security and Quality of Supply Standards |
| T&Cs | Terms and Conditions |
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### Reference material

* Add links to reference material

1. If your modification amends any of the clauses mapped out in Annex GR.B of the Governance Rules section of the Grid Code, it will change the Terms & Conditions relating to Balancing Service Providers. The modification will need to follow the process set out in Article 18 of the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR – EU Regulation 2017/2195). All Grid Code modifications must be consulted on for 1 month in the Code Administrator Consultation phase, unless they are Urgent modifications which have no impact on EBR Article 18 T&Cs. N.B. This will also satisfy the requirements of the NCER process. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)