

ECCAF Future Meeting Schedule

As agreed by ECCAF members by circulation in September 2014x

Proposal for approval by ECCAF members

ECCAF members are invited to approve the following in light of the sustained slowdown in the progress of European Network Codes (ENCs)¹ through the Comitology process:

- a. To **postpone** ECCAF meetings **until November 2014**, the next meeting will be planned for 27 November 2014 at Elexon, London, when ECCAF is expected to be able to map the latest draft version of an ENC produced by the Commission (likely the DCC).
- b. The **ECCAF Chair and Technical Secretary are to maintain a watching brief on developments in Comitology** and if there is a significant change to the timescales reconvene ECCAF sooner. ECCAF members are welcome to contact the Technical Secretary if they have any additional intelligence to inform this position.
- c. As further intelligence on timings becomes available then the Technical Secretary will develop a **new work schedule** for ENC Mapping at appropriate times, for consideration by ECCAF.
- d. The ECCAF Technical Secretary will prepare a **diary of monthly meetings for 2015**.

Any queries should be directed to Paul Wakeley, ECCAF Technical Secretary, in the first instance (europencodes.electricity@nationalgrid.com)

Background

1. At the meeting on 26 June 2014, ECCAF agreed to the following:
 - a. *To postpone ECCAF meetings until September 2014. The next meeting will be planned for 25 September 2014 at Elexon, London.*
 - b. *The ECCAF Chair and Technical Secretary are to maintain a watching brief on developments in Comitology and if there is a significant change to the timescales reconvene ECCAF sooner. ECCAF members are welcome to contact the Technical Secretary if they have any additional intelligence to inform this position.*
2. Over the summer, there has been very limited progress on the development of the ENCs through Comitology. With the exception of CACM, the Commission has not published any timetable, forward guidance or indication of how ENCs will progress through Comitology. For CACM, the expectation is that it will be considered by the formal Cross-Border Committee in late September 2014, with further meetings throughout October.
3. The following table summarises the status of the ENCs and changes since 28 May are highlighted in **Red**:

ENC	ENC Status (as of 29 August)	ENC Mapping Prepared by ECCAF
Grid Connection ENCs		
Requirements for Generators (RFG)	Commission preparation for Inter-Service consultation	Completed based on 14 January 2014 informal draft
Demand Connection Network Code (DCC)	Commission preparation for Inter-Service consultation	
HVDC	ACER recommended ENC to the Commission. Preparations for Comitology have commenced.	

¹ The term *Network Code* also includes those draft regulations termed *guidelines* by the Commission.

ENC	ENC Status (as of 29 August)	ENC Mapping Prepared by ECCAF
Market ENCs		
Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (CACM)	Commission has redrafted CACM as a guideline, and is preparing for Cross-Border Committee Meetings in late September 2014.	Completed based on 14 January 2014 informal draft
Forward Capacity Allocation (FCA)	Submitted to Commission in late May 2014, expected to be redrafted as Guideline	
Balancing	ENTSO-E revision following ACER Opinion – expected to be resubmitted to ACER c. September 2014	
System Operation ENCs		
Operational Security (OS)	Further drafting expected to allow Commission to consider as an ENC. ENTSO-E to report to the Commission by end September 2014.	
Operational Planning and Scheduling (OPS)	Further drafting expected to allow Commission to consider as an ENC. ENTSO-E to report to the Commission by end September 2014.	
Load Frequency Control and Reserves (LFCR)	Further drafting expected to allow Commission to consider as an ENC. ENTSO-E to report to the Commission by end September 2014.	
Emergency and Restoration (ER)	Being drafted by ENTSO-E. Due to complete in March 2015	

4. The principles of the ECCAF work plan agreed at the June 2014 meeting states that:

ECCAF will map the ENC's to the GB Codes when:

- a. *Initial mapping of each ENC to the GB Codes to take place at the start of the Cross-Border Committee stage after the Inter-Service Consultation, or when a stable draft has been published by the Commission.*
 - b. *Revision to the mapping to take place after the Cross-Border committee stage of Comitology when the text is approved but still subject to Council and Parliament approval.*
 - c. *As required, upon the development of the methodologies specified in the ENCs after each ENC has entered in to force.*
5. As limited future guidance has been provided by the Commission on how Comitology will proceed, there is an element of interpretation needed to determine when ECCAF will have ENCs to map. Based on the ECCAF Work plan, the following assumptions are made:
- a. For preparing the initial mappings (part a), the next stable draft of an ENC not previously considered by ECCAF is expected to be the Demand Connection Code. This is expected to follow CACM and RFG through the sequential process so we do not expect to see a version until October/November at the earliest.
 - b. For preparing the revised mapping (part b), the first ENCs to complete the Cross-Border Committee stage of Comitology are expected to be CACM and RFG. It is very unlikely CACM and RFG will complete Cross-border committee ahead of late 2014.
6. Also note that some pre-work needs to be completed in advance of ECCAF by DECC, Ofgem, National Grid and the DSOs in preparing material to support the meetings, so there will need to be a short time lag between ENCs proceeding through Comitology and ECCAF considering them.
7. Therefore, in summary, there are no ENCs projected for ECCAF to consider in September or October. There may be an ENC (for example the DCC) in November, and further ENCs into 2014. The future timescale will be driven by how Comitology proceeds, which is as yet unknown. As Comitology timescales remain fluid and poorly defined, ECCAF and the GB industry need to remain poised to act when required, potentially at short notice.