

Progress Report on the Proposed Modifications to the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC)

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STC Modification Panel

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section B, Paragraph 7.2.8 of the STC and provides inter alia, details of current Modification Proposals and matters arising during the preceding months together with details of key decisions made at the STC Modification Panel meeting held on **29 May 2019, 26 June 2019 and 31 July 2019** regarding the prioritisation and timetabling of Modification Proposals. Progress Reports are prepared every 3 months, unless the STC Modification Panel decides otherwise.

2 REFUSED MODIFICATION PROPOSALS

- 2.1 This section details Modification Proposals refused by the Panel Secretary or by the STC Modification Panel meetings (in accordance with Section B, Paragraph 7.2.2.2 of the STC).

- None

3 NEW MODIFICATION PROPOSALS

- 3.1 This section details any new modification proposals that have been presented to the STC Modification Panel since the last progress report was published.

- No new Modification proposals have been raised.

4 AMALGAMATIONS

- 4.1 This section contains details of any decision of the STC Modification Panel to amalgamate Modification Proposals in accordance with Section B, Paragraph 7.2.3.1 of the STC.

- None

5 AUTHORITY DECISIONS

- 5.1 This section details any Authority decisions that have been published since the last progress report was published.

- None

6 SCHEDULING & TIMETABLES

6.1 Modification Summary Table

Modification Reference	Modification Title	Presented at STC Modification Panel Meeting	Referred to Assessment & Report or Evaluation Phase	Evaluation Phase Concluded	Proposed STC Modification Report Approved	Proposed STC Modification Report Published	Consultation Period Concluded	Panel Recommendation Vote	STC Modification Report Submitted to Authority	STC Self-governance Modification Report Submitted to STC	STC Panel Self-governance Decision	Authority Determination	Date of Implementation
CM063	'Modify the definition of Force Majeure (Section J: Interpretation and Definitions)'	28 March 2018	Oct 2018-April 2019	April 2019	April 2019	June 2019	June 2019	June 2019	July 2019	N/A	N/A	TBC	TBC
CM070	'Consequential STC updates following implementation of RfG and HDVC into the Grid Code'	1 April 2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16 May 2019	N/A	N/A	21 May 2019	29 May 2019	N/A	1 August 2019
CM072	'STC changes in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement'	27 February 2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15 March 2019	N/A	N/A	TBC	TBC	N/A	TBC
CM073	'Critical Friend review period for submission of new Modifications'	30 April 2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		21 May 2019	29 May 2019	N/A	1 August 2019

6.2 STC Modification Register (as at 1 August 2019)

6.2.2 CM063- 'Modify the definition of Force Majeure (Section J: Interpretation and Definitions)'

Proposer Balfour Beatty Submitted 28 March 2018 Submission Priority Normal	
Modification Description	Current Progress
<p>This proposal seeks to clarify the intention of the existing definition of Force Majeure by adding some new words in order to ensure a common understanding of this definition.</p>	<p>CM063 was submitted to the March 2018 STC Panel meeting where the Panel unanimously agreed this Modification Proposal does not meet the Self-Governance criteria and should be sent to the Authority to make the determination. The Workgroup held their Workgroup vote on 27 March 2019. At the STC Panel on 30 April 2019, the Panel agreed that the Workgroup had met its Terms of Reference and can be discharged. The Workgroup report will be circulated to Party Representatives for 5 Working days, following this CM063 will proceed to Code Administrator Consultation for 15 Working days. Two responses were received to the Code Administrator Consultation. Respondents agreed that the proposal better facilitates the Applicable STC Objectives.</p> <p>At the STC Panel meeting on 29 May 2019, the Panel voted on the Original proposal against the Applicable STC Objectives. The Final Modification report was submitted to the Authority on 10 July 2019.</p>

6.2.3 CM070 - 'Consequential STC updates following implementation of RfG and HDVC into the Grid Code'

Proposer National Grid Electricity System Operator Submitted 22 March 2019 Submission Priority Self- Governance	
Modification Description	Current Progress
This proposal seeks to modify the STC to ensure consistency with the GB Grid Code following implementation of the European connection Network Codes (RFG, HDVC and DCC).	CM070 was submitted to the STC Panel on 1 April 2019. The STC Panel unanimously approved that the CM070 should be progressed using the Self-Governance modification route. The Code Administrator issued the Industry Consultation on 15 April 2019 for 20 working days. No responses were received to the Industry Consultation. The appeals window opened on 1 July 2019 for 15 working days. No appeals were received and in line with the timetable CM070 will be implemented on 1 August 2019.

6.2.4 CM071- ‘Housekeeping amendment to definition of National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) for legal separation on 1 April 2019’

Proposer National Grid Electricity System Operator Submitted 19 February 2019 Submission Priority Fast Track Self- Governance	
Modification Description	Current Progress
This Modification ensures that the reference to National Grid Electricity Transmission is removed in the definition of NGESO and replaced with National Grid Electricity System Operator.	CM071 was submitted to the STC Panel on 27 February 2019. The STC Panel unanimously approved that the change should be progressed using Fast Track self-governance route. The appeals window opened on 1 March 2019 for 15 working days, no appeals were received and in line with the timetable CM071 was implemented on 1 April 2019.

6.2.5 CM072 – ‘STC changes in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement’.

Proposer National Grid Electricity System Operator Submitted 19 February 2019 Submission Priority Self- Governance	
Modification Description	Current Progress
This proposal seeks to ensure that retained EU law will function effectively in the context of the STC. In the event the United Kingdom leaves the European Union without an agreement, it will ensure that the STC takes into account the provisions in the relevant Statutory Instruments that have been prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as well as relevant consequential licence modifications.	CM072 was submitted to the STC Panel on 27 February 2019. The STC Panel agreed that CM072 meets the self-governance criteria and should proceed to Industry Consultation for 10 Working Days. No responses were received to the Industry Consultation. CM072 has been put on hold until further development.

6.2.6 CM073 – ‘Critical Friend review period for submission of new Modifications’

Proposer National Grid Electricity System Operator Submitted 18 April 2019 Submission Priority Self- Governance	
Modification Description	Current Progress
This proposal seeks to codify a requirement for new modifications to be submitted to the National Grid ESO Code Administrator for a period of five working days ahead of when the modification is to be submitted to the STC Panel. This period will allow the Code Administrator to deliver a better service and in turn allow all network users to better understand code modifications.	CM073 was submitted to the STC Panel on 30 April 2019. The STC Panel agreed that CM073 meets the self-governance criteria and should proceed to Industry Consultation for 10 Working Days. The Industry Consultation was issued on 3 May for 10 working days. One response was received which supported the Modification. The appeals window opened on 1 July for 15 working days, no appeals were received and in line with the timetable CM073 will be implemented on 1 August 2019.