

**Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma****GC0137: Minimum Specification Required for Provision of GB Grid Forming (GBGF) Capability (formerly Virtual Synchronous Machine/VSM Capability)**

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 [grid.code@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:grid.code@nationalgrideso.com) by 5pm on **30 April 2021**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration by the Workgroup.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Kavita Patel [Kavita.patel@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Kavita.patel@nationalgrideso.com) or [grid.code@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:grid.code@nationalgrideso.com)

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**For reference the Applicable Grid Code Objectives are:**

- a) *To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity*
- 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);*
- 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;*
- 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*
- e) *To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements*

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

Standard Workgroup Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that the GC0141 Original	The proposal facilitates objectives a, b and c. Neutral for other objectives.

	Proposal better facilitates the Applicable Objectives?	<p>a) <i>To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity</i></p> <p>b) <i>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);</i></p> <p>c) <i>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.</i></p>
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	Yes
3	Do you have any other comments?	None
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	No
<b>Modification Specific Workgroup Consultation questions</b>		
5	Do you believe it is appropriate specify GB Grid Forming as a non-mandatory requirement in the Grid Code and be accessed by future market arrangements rather than as a mandatory requirement?	It is appropriate to include non-mandatory technical requirements for GB Grid Forming in the Grid Code, with Grid Forming accessed by market arrangements. This will provide technology developers with a measure of guidance and confidence going forward. It is very important that Grid Forming market arrangements are swiftly put in place and that these arrangements are completely open and non-discriminatory for all existing and new plant and technologies that comply with the technical requirements.
6	Do you believe the current proposal is sufficiently flexible and facilitates a range of technologies? If not, please state why you feel this to be the case and what type of technologies have been excluded?	The proposals must be drafted to facilitate the whole range of technologies. We are not aware of any excluded technologies at present.

7	Do you believe the proposal will result in excessive equipment costs? This excludes development costs whilst recognising plant can be also be de-loaded?	No response
8	Do you believe the proposed Grid Code proposals sit better in the Planning Code, Connection Conditions / European Connection Conditions and Compliance Processes / European Compliance Processes bearing in mind the proposals are non-mandatory or do you think it would be better to have a new standalone section	A new standalone section of the Grid Code would be the most accessible area for these non-mandatory requirements.