

Grid Code Modification Proposal Form

GC0153: Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral

Overview: To remove any gender specific references or terminology within the Grid Code.

Modification process & timetable



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: Low impact

No parties should be impacted by these minor, non-material changes.

Modification drivers: Cross-code change/Harmonisation (By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination across the codes)

Proposer's recommendation of governance route	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation	
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What is the issue?

This modification is seeking to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the Grid Code and make it Gender Neutral.

Why change?

These changes will have a positive impact, as they will remove any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the Grid Code. They will also acknowledge diversity and convey respect to all people.

What is the proposer's solution?

The following changes will be required to the Grid Code (along with some other minor typographical amendments):

Current Term	Future Term	Parts of the code impacted
Chairman	Chair	Glossary & Definitions, Operating Code 12, Governance Rules
He	They	Glossary & Definitions, Operating Code 8A, Operating Code 8B, Operating Code 12, Governance Rules
His	Their	Glossary & Definitions, Connection Conditions, European Connection Conditions, Operating Code 6, Operating Code 8A, Operating Code 8B, Governance Rules
Him	Them	Governance Rules
Manned	Staffed	Connection Conditions, European Connection Conditions, Balancing Code 2

Draft legal text

The full draft legal text, with tracked changes can be found in Annex 1

What is the impact of this change?

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	Neutral
(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);	Neutral
(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;	Neutral

(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	Neutral
(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

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	Neutral
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral
Benefits for society as a whole	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

9 March 2022.

This modification will be implemented 5 working days after the appeals window closes (5pm on 2 March 2022), providing no objections have been raised.

Date decision required by

Panel Self-Governance vote needs to take place by 27 January 2022.

Implementation approach

No systems or processes will need to be amended as a result of this proposal.

Proposer's justification for governance route

Governance route: Self-Governance Modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

As this modification:

- Is only making minor administrative changes to the code, so an Industry Consultation should be sufficient. We considered Fast-Track Self-Governance but believe it is more appropriate to include provision for an industry consultation.
- It will not impact parties; and it will not amend or impose any obligations on them.
- It does not have a material impact on any of the self-governance criteria, (including the governance and modification procedures).
- It does not cause any discrimination between Grid Code parties but removes any existing bias or discrimination within the code.
- The best use of industry time is for Panel (rather than Ofgem), to make a final decision on this.

Interactions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CUSC	<input type="checkbox"/> BSC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SQSS
<input type="checkbox"/> European Network Codes	<input type="checkbox"/> EBR Article 18 T&Cs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Other modifications	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

This Proposal is closely linked to CMP380, which will make the CUSC Gender Neutral. Further modifications to make similar changes to the STC and SQSS will also be raised in January 2022.

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

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

Reference material

- None

Annexes

Annex	Information
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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.

Annex 1	Draft legal text
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