**GRID CODE MODIFICATION GC0148 - SENDBACK**

**10 MARCH 2023**

EXTRACTS FROM GRID CODE

Key – Black – Baseline Legal Text

Blue – Proposed Legal Text as submitted to The Authority in October 2022

Red – Updated text to address defect and reflect discussions of the reconvened Workgroup

**Extracts from Glossary and Definitions**

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| Critical Tools and Facilities | **Apparatus** and tools required in relation to **Black Start**:  In the case of **The Company** include, but are not limited to:   1. Tools for operating and monitoring the **Transmission System** including but not limited to state estimation, the **Balancing Mechanism**, **Load** and **System Frequency** control, alarms, real time system operation and operational security analysis including off line transmission analysis; 2. The ability to control, protect and monitor transmission assets including switchgear, tap changers and other **Transmission System** equipment including where available auxiliary equipment and to ensure the safe operation of **Plant** and **Apparatus** and the safety of personnel; 3. **Control Telephony** systems as provided for in CC.6.5.1 – CC.6.5.5 and ECC.6.5.1 – ECC.6.5.5; 4. Operational telephony as provided for in STCP 04-5; and 5. Tools and communications systems to facilitate cross border operations.   In the case of **Generators**, **HVDC System Owners**, **DC Converter Station Owners**, **Defence Service Providers**, **Restoration Service Providers** and **BM Participants** including **Virtual Lead Parties**:   1. Tools for monitoring their **Plant** and **Apparatus**; 2. The ability to control, protect and monitor their **Plant** and **Apparatus** necessary for **Black Start** including as applicable primary **Plant**, switchgear, tap changers and other auxiliary equipment and to ensure the safe operation of **Plant** and personnel; and 3. **Control Telephony** as provided for in CC.6.5.1 – CC.6.5.5 and ECC.6.5.1 – ECC.6.5.5.   In the case of **Network Operators**:   1. Control room **Apparatus** and tools for monitoring their **System** including but not limited to, alarms, real time system operation and operational security analysis including off line network analysis; 2. The ability to control, protect and monitor those assets necessary for **Black Start** including switchgear, tap changers and other network equipment including where available auxiliary equipment and to ensure the safe operation of **Plant** and personnel; and 3. **Control Telephony** as provided for in CC.6.5.1 – CC.6.5.5 and ECC.6.5.1 – ECC.6.5.5.   In the case of **Non-Embedded Customers**:   1. Tools for monitoring their **System** including but not limited to, alarms and real time system operation; 2. The ability to control, protect and monitor those assets necessary for **Black Start** including switchgear, tap changers and other network equipment including where available auxiliary equipment and to ensure the safe operation of **Plant** and personnel; and 3. **Control Telephony** as provided for in CC.6.5.1 – CC.6.5.5 and ECC.6.5.1 – ECC.6.5.5. |
| Virtual Lead Party | As defined in the **BSC**. |

**Extracts from Connection Conditions**

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CC.3 SCOPE

CC.3.1 The **CC** applies to **The Company** and to **GB Code**  **Users**, which in the **CC** means:

(a) **GB** **Generators** (other than those which only have **Embedded** **Small Power Stations**), including those undertaking **OTSDUW**;

(b) **Network Operators**;

(c) **Non-Embedded Customers**;

(d) **DC Converter Station** owners; and

(e) **BM Participants** and **Externally Interconnected System Operators** in respect of CC.6.5, CC.7.9 and CC.7.10 only.

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CC.7.9 **GB Generators,** **DC Converter Station** owners and **BM Participants** (including **Virtual Lead Parties**) shall provide a **Control Point.**

1. In the case of **GB** **Generators** and **DC** **Converter** **Station** owners, for each **Power Station** or **DC Converter** **Station** directly connected to the **National Electricity Transmission System** and for each **Embedded Large Power Station** or **Embedded** **DC Converter Station**, the **Control Point** shall receive and act upon instructions pursuant to OC7 and BC2 at all times that **Generating Units** or **Power Park Modules** at the **Power Station** are generating or available to generate or **DC Converters** at the **DC Converter Station** are importing or exporting or available to do so. In the case of all **BM** **Participants**, the **Control Point** shall be continuously staffed except where the **Bilateral Agreement** specifies that compliance with BC2 is not required, in which case the **Control Point** shall be staffed between the hours of 0800 and 1800 each day.
2. In the case of **BM** **Participants**, the **BM Participant’s** **Control** **Point** shall be capable of receiving and acting upon instructions from **The** **Company** and the relevant **Transmission Licensees’ Control Engineers**.

**The** **Company** will normally issue instructions via automatic logging devices in accordance with the requirements of CC.6.5.8(b).

Where the **BM** **Participant’s** **Plant** and **Apparatus** does not respond to an instruction from **The** **Company** via automatic logging devices, or where it is not possible for **The** **Company** to issue the instruction via automatic logging devices, **The** **Company** shall issue the instruction by telephone.

In the case of **BM** **Participants** who own and/or operate a **Power Station** or **DC Converter Station** with an aggregated **Registered** **Capacity** or **BM Participants** with **BM Units** with anaggregated **Demand Capacity** per **Control** **Point** of less than 50MW, or, where a site is not part of a **Virtual Lead Party** as defined in the **BSC**, a **Registered** **Capacity** or **Demand Capacity** per site of less than 10MW:

* + - 1. where this situation arises, a representative of the **BM** **Participant** is required to be available to respond to instructions from **The** **Company** via the **Control Telephony** or **System** **Telephony** system, as provided for in CC.6.5.4, between the hours of 0800-1800 each day.
      2. Outside the hours of 0800-1800 each day, the requirements of BC2.9.7 shall apply.

For the avoidance of doubt, where **The Company** has agreed with a **BM Participant**~~s who are unable to provide~~ that **Control Telephony** is not required and where the **BM Participant** ~~and~~ does not have a continuously staffed **Control Point** the **BM Participant** may be unable to act as a **Defence Service Provider** and shall be unable to act as a **Restoration Service Provider** or **Black Start Service Provider** where these require **Control** **Telephony** or a **Control** **Point** in respect of the specification of any such services falling into these categories.

CC.7.10 Obligations on Users in respect of Critical Tools and Facilities

CC.7.10.1From DD/MM/YY *(this is one year after implementation)* **The Company**,each **GB Code User**, each **BM Participant** (including **Virtual Lead Parties**)and each **Restoration Service Provider** with acontinuously staffed **Control Point** or **Control Centre** as provided for in CC.7.9 ~~In addition to the requirements of CC.6.5.1 – CC.6.5.5 and CC.6.5.8(b),~~ **~~The Company~~**~~, each~~ **~~GB Code~~****~~User~~**~~, each~~ **~~BM Participant~~** ~~(including~~ **~~Virtual Lead Parties~~**~~) and each~~ **~~Restoration Service Provider~~** shall:-

1. ensure they have the appropriate **Critical Tools and Facilities** necessary to control their assets for **Black Start**, from their **Control Point** or **Control Centre** as appropriate for a minimum period of 72 hours (or such longer period as agreed between the **User** and/or **BM Participant** (including **Virtual Lead Parties**) and/or **Restoration Service Provider** and **The Company**) following a **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown**.
2. ~~In satisfying this requirement,~~ **~~The Company~~** ~~and~~ **~~GB Code~~****~~Users~~** ~~in respect of their~~ **~~Critical Tools and Facilities~~** ~~shall~~ ensure as far as reasonably practical that they have adequate control equipment redundancy in place so that in the event of a failure of one or more components of the control system its function is unimpaired.
3. ~~Each~~ **~~GB Code User~~** ~~and~~ **~~Restoration Service Provider~~** ~~will~~ report on the results of their management and testing for their **Critical Tools and Facilities** on request by **The Company**.

CC.7.10.2 In the case of **Virtual Lead Parties**, the requirements of CC.7.10.1 shall apply to any **Virtual Lead Party** that signed a **CUSC Contract** with **The Company** on or after 18th December 2022 or had a **Black Start** contract. ~~In satisfying this requirement,~~ **~~The Company~~** ~~and~~ **~~GB Code~~****~~Users~~** ~~in respect of their~~ **~~Critical Tools and Facilities~~** ~~shall ensure as far as reasonably practical that they have adequate control equipment redundancy in place so that in the event of a failure of one or more components of the control system its function is unimpaired.~~

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**Extracts from ECC’s**

ECC.3 SCOPE

ECC.3.1 The **ECC** applies to **The Company** and to **Users**, which in the **ECC** means:

1. **EU Generators** (other than those which only have **Embedded** **Small Power Stations**), including those undertaking **OTSDUW** including **Power Generating Modules,** and **DC Connected Power Park Modules.** For the avoidance of doubt, **Electricity Storage Modules** are included within the definition of **Power Generating Modules** for which the requirements of the **ECC** would be equally applicable.
2. **Network Operators** but only in respect of:-

(i) **Network Operators** who are **EU Code Users**

(ii) **Network Operators** who only have **EU Grid Supply Points**

(iii) **Embedded Medium Power Stations** not subject to a **Bilateral Agreement** as provided for in ECC.3.2, ECC.3.3, EC3.4, EC3.5, ECC5.1, ECC.6.4.4 and ECA.3.4;

(iv) Notwithstanding the requirements of ECC3.1(b)(i)(ii) and (iii) , **Network Operators** who own and/or operate **EU Grid Supply Points**, are only required to satisfy the requirements of this **ECC** in relation to each **EU Grid Supply Point**. **Network Operators** in respect of all other **Grid Supply Points** should continue to satisfy the requirements as specified in the **CC**s.

(c) **Non-Embedded Customers** who arealso **EU Code Users** ;

(d) **HVDC System Owners** who are also **EU Code Users**; and

(e) **BM Participants** and **Externally Interconnected System Operators** who are also **EU Code Users** in respect of ECC.6.5, ECC.7.9 and ECC.7.10 only.

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1. In the case of **EU** **Generators** and **HVDC** **System Owners**, for each **Power Station** or **HVDC System** directly connected to the **National Electricity Transmission System** and for each **Embedded Large Power Station** or **Embedded** **HVDC System**, the **Control Point** shall receive and act upon instructions pursuant to OC7 and BC2 at all times that **Power Generating Modules** at the **Power Station** are generating or available to generate or **HVDC Systems** are importing or exporting or available to do so. In the case of all **BM** **Participants**, the **Control Point** shall be continuously staffed except where the **Bilateral Agreement** specifies that compliance with BC2 is not required, in which case the **Control Point** shall be staffed between the hours of 0800 and 1800 each day.
2. In the case of **BM** **Participants**, the **BM Participant’s** **Control** **Point** shall be capable of receiving and acting upon instructions from **The** **Company** and the relevant **Transmission Licensees’ Control Engineers**.

**The** **Company** will normally issue instructions via automatic logging devices in accordance with the requirements of ECC.6.5.8(b).

Where the **BM** **Participant’s** **Plant** and **Apparatus** does not respond to an instruction from **The** **Company** via automatic logging devices, or where it is not possible for **The** **Company** to issue the instruction via automatic logging devices, **The** **Company** shall issue the instruction by telephone.

In the case of **BM** **Participants** who own and/or operate a **Power Station** or **HVDC System** with an aggregated **Registered** **Capacity** or **BM Participants** with **BM Units** with anaggregated **Demand Capacity** per **Control** **Point** of less than 50MW, or, where a site is not part of a **Virtual Lead Party** as defined in the **BSC**, a **Registered** **Capacity** or **Demand Capacity** per site of less than 10MW:

1. where this situation arises, a representative of the **BM** **Participant** is required to be available to respond to instructions from **The** **Company** via the **Control Telephony** or **System** **Telephony** system, as provided for in ECC.6.5.4, between the hours of 0800-1800 each day.
2. Outside the hours of 0800-1800 each day, the requirements of BC2.9.7 shall apply.

For the avoidance of doubt, **BM Participants** who are unable to provide **Control Telephony** and do not have a continuously staffed **Control Point** may be unable to act as a **Defence Service Provider** and shall be unable to act as a **Restoration Service Provider** or **Black Start Service Provider** where these require **Control** **Telephony** or a **Control** **Point** in respect of the specification of any such services falling into these categories.

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ECC.7.10.2 In the case of **Virtual Lead Parties**, the requirements of ECC.7.10.1 shall apply to any **Virtual Lead Party** that signed a **CUSC Contract** with **The Company** on or after 18th December 2022 or had signed a **Black Start** contract. ~~In satisfying this requirement,~~ **~~The Company~~** ~~and~~ **~~GB Code~~****~~Users~~** ~~in respect of their~~ **~~Critical Tools and Facilities~~** ~~shall ensure as far as reasonably practical that they have adequate control equipment redundancy in place so that in the event of a failure of one or more components of the control system its function is unimpaired.~~

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