

Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma**GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners**

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 box.sqss@nationalgrideso.com by **5pm on 02 May 2024**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Catia Gomes Catia.Gomes@nationalgrideso.com or box.sqss@nationalgrideso.com

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Which best describes your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network <input type="checkbox"/> Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Generator <input type="checkbox"/> Industry body <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnector	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other

I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)

☒ Non-Confidential☐ Confidential

Note: A confidential response will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.

For reference the Applicable SQSS Objectives are:

- i) *facilitate the planning, development and maintenance of an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission, and the operation of that system in an efficient, economic and coordinated manner;*
- ii) *ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System;*
- iii) *facilitate effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity; and*
- iv) *facilitate electricity Transmission Licensees to comply with any relevant obligations under EU law.*

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

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions		
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution against the Applicable Objectives?	<p>Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution(s) better facilitates:</p> <p>Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>i <input type="checkbox"/>ii <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>iii <input type="checkbox"/>iv</p> <p>Introducing the concept of CATO into the relevant industry codes establishes the obligations of CATOs and those entities interacting with the CATO assets, ensuring the safe, secure and coordinated operation of the System.</p> <p>The Energy Bill, approved 26 October 2023, provides for tendering of onshore transmission projects and their delivery by competitively appointed transmission owners (CATOs).</p>
2	Do you have a preferred proposed solution?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline <input type="checkbox"/> No preference
3	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ESO supports the agreed implementation approach
4	Do you have any other comments?	<p>This modification forms part of a suite of modifications across the Codes to enable implementation of Early Competition through the CATO regime.</p> <p>The ESO publication Beyond 2030 clearly outlines the scale of transmission infrastructure required to achieve future energy supply and demand and Net Zero.</p> <p>The delivery of transmission projects through early competition will play a role in this and supports delivery and value to the consumer.</p>