

## SQSS Workgroup Vote

### GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

**Please note:** To participate in any votes, Workgroup members need to have attended at least 50% of meetings.

#### Voting stages

- 1) Vote on whether the Original Modification Proposal better facilitates the Applicable SQSS Objectives better than the Baseline (the current version of the SQSS).
- 2) Vote on which of the options is best.

#### Terms used in this document

| Term     | Meaning   |
|----------|---|
| Baseline | The current SQSS (if voting for the Baseline, you believe no modification should be made) |
| Original | The solution which was firstly proposed by the Proposer of the modification               |

#### The Applicable SQSS Objectives:

- 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.

## Workgroup Vote

### Stage 1 – Assessment against objectives

To assess the original compared to the baseline (the current SQSS).

You will also be asked to provide a statement to be added to the Workgroup Report alongside your vote to assist the reader in understanding the rationale for your vote.

AO = Applicable Objective

| Workgroup Member | Better facilitates AO (i)  | Better facilitates AO (ii) | Better facilitates AO (iii) | Better facilitates AO (iv) | Overall (Y/N) |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                  | Alana Collis-Dugmore – ESO |                            |                             |                            |               |
| Original         | <b>Yes</b>                 | -                          | <b>Yes</b>                  | -                          | <b>Yes</b>    |

## Voting Statement:

I consider that this GSR031 modification of the SQSS will, if approved, provide the essential enabler for onshore network competition. This involves the design, build and ownership of onshore transmission assets. The code modification has been raised alongside other CATO modifications to the Codes and supports the objectives of the codes in terms of the standards and delivery of infrastructure in line with current policy. By enabling effective onshore competition, there will be a benefit to end consumers through the connection of renewables generation to the national electricity transmission system and support for net zero targets

| Workgroup Member | Better facilitates AO (i)           | Better facilitates AO (ii) | Better facilitates AO (iii) | Better facilitates AO (iv) | Overall (Y/N) |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                  | Graeme Vincent - SP Energy Networks |                            |                             |                            |               |
| Original         | <b>Yes</b>                          | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Neutral</b>              | <b>Neutral</b>             | <b>Yes</b>    |

## Voting Statement:

The proposed modification introduces the concept of CATO into the SQSS, ensuring that CATOs are subject to the same requirements as existing transmission licensees.

| Workgroup Member | Better facilitates AO (i) | Better facilitates AO (ii) | Better facilitates AO (iii) | Better facilitates AO (iv) | Overall (Y/N) |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                  | Lewis Johnson - BP        |                            |                             |                            |               |
| Original         | <b>Yes</b>                | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Neutral</b>              | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Yes</b>    |

## Voting Statement:

I consider the modification made to the SQSS will facilitate potential CATO's in understanding their applicable scope for both planning and development in a competitive environment. CATO's as transmission licensee will be provided with clarity over their scope and responsibilities as a result of the revised wording. The changes bring about clear security requirements for new entrants to the onshore transmission development. I do not consider the revised wording will provided any impact to generators or supply in the network. Overall I am in support of the revised wording to bring about greater competition via clarity in the SQSS document.

| Workgroup Member | Better facilitates AO (i)    | Better facilitates AO (ii) | Better facilitates AO (iii) | Better facilitates AO (iv) | Overall (Y/N) |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                  | Nigel Platt - Siemens Energy |                            |                             |                            |               |
| Original         | <b>Yes</b>                   | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Neutral</b>              | <b>Neutral</b>             | <b>Yes</b>    |

## Voting Statement:

Modification allows for the introduction of CATOs, which will be necessary for the cost effective and timely expansion of the GB Power Transmission Network, while maintaining standards to ensure safety and security.

| Workgroup Member   | Better facilitates AO (i)        | Better facilitates AO (ii) | Better facilitates AO (iii) | Better facilitates AO (iv) | Overall (Y/N) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|  | Roddy Wilson - SSEN Transmission |                            |                             |                            |               |
| Original   | <b>Yes</b>                       | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Neutral</b>              | <b>Neutral</b>             | <b>Yes</b>    |
| <p>Voting Statement:</p> <p>This modification reflects the introduction of CATOs in the recent Energy security bill legislation and sets out the obligations pertaining to the SQSS arising from this. Hence it is positive under objective (i). It makes the changes to the NETS SQSS to include CATOs alongside the existing provisions for existing onshore Transmission Owners and establishes the requirements for CATOs in terms of system design considerations taking account of the provisions already existing for the various parts of the GB transmission system. This is positive against objective (ii). The modification is considered to be neutral with respect to objectives (iii) and (iv) since these equally apply to existing licensees as well as CATOs. Going forward it is important that the inclusion of CATOs within the NETS SQSS and subsequent implementation maintains security of supply and the existing high reliability standards and performance of GB's electricity networks for consumers and avoids fragmentation of responsibility.</p> |                                  |                            |                             |                            |               |

| Workgroup Member             | Better facilitates AO (i) | Better facilitates AO (ii) | Better facilitates AO (iii) | Better facilitates AO (iv) | Overall (Y/N) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                              | Daniel Phillips - NGET    |                            |                             |                            |               |
| Original                     | <b>Yes</b>                | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Neutral</b>              | <b>Neutral</b>             | <b>Yes</b>    |
| Voting Statement: None Given |                           |                            |                             |                            |               |

## Stage 2 – Workgroup Vote

Which option is the best? (Baseline or Original proposal).

| Workgroup Member     | Company            | BEST Option?    | Which objective(s) does the change better facilitate? |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Alana Collis-Dugmore | ESO                | <b>Original</b> | <b>(i) and (iii)</b>                                  |
| Graeme Vincent       | SP Energy Networks | <b>Original</b> | <b>(i) and (ii)</b>                                   |
| Lewis Johnson        | BP                 | <b>Original</b> | <b>(i), (ii) and (iv)</b>                             |
| Nigel Plat           | Siemens Energy     | <b>Original</b> | <b>(i) and (ii)</b>                                   |
| Roddy Wilson         | SSEN Transmission  | <b>Original</b> | <b>(i) and (ii)</b>                                   |
| Daniel Phillips      | NGET               | <b>Original</b> | <b>(i) and (ii)</b>                                   |