

Annex 1 – STC Procedural ("STCP") PM0136 – Introducing Connections process to facilitate Competitively Appointment Transmission Owners

Decision: The Authority¹ directs this modification to be made²

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Background

STCP modification proposal PM0136 relates to this STC Proposal CM087: Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners published on 25 March 2025³, and we consider this modification alongside this Proposal.

On 24 May 2024, the Panel wrote to us informing that it considered that the changes proposed by PM0136 to be material and therefore sought our steer on PM0136 approval.

PM0136 overview

The objective of this modification is to make consequential changes and additions to Procedures resulting from CM087, which determines a process for establishing the Pre-existing Transmission Owner (PTO) - CATO Interface. PM0136 proposes changes to a number of STCPs:

- STCP 12-1 (Data Exchange Mechanism)
- STCP 16-1 (Investment Planning)
- STCP 18-5 (CATO Connections)
- STCP 19-7 (CATO-TO Connections Operational Notification & Compliance Testing)

Our view

We consider that PM0136 amends relevant STCPs to align the STCP affected by the (P)TO-(CA)TO Connections process as defined in CM087, which facilitates the introduction of

¹ References to the "Authority", "Ofgem", "we" and "our" are used interchangeably in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day-to-day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA.

² This document is notice of the reasons for this decision as required by section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.

³ <u>CM087: Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners - Authority decision | Ofgem</u>



Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the STC. We note that the STCP Objectives are aligned to the STC Objectives⁴. Our view with respect to STC modification CM087, as expressed in our decision on CM087: Introducing Connections Process to facilitate Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners - Authority decision, extends to PM0136. We therefore consider that this modification proposal PM0136 is to be made.

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

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⁴ For the avoidance of doubt, we have made our assessment for this Proposal with reference to the Applicable Code Objectives that came into effect on 1 October 2024. As noted in our letter to Panel dated 06 March 2025, and having not received representations to the contrary, we consider that the modifications to the Applicable Code Objectives (which came into effect on 1 October 2024 upon the establishment of NESO) would not have materially impacted any assessment of objectives and subsequent analysis and voting undertaken by Panel.