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Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma

GC0183: Generator and Interconnector Availability During a Severe Space Weather Event

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 grid.code@neso.energy by **5pm** on **20 October 2025**. 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 grid.code@neso.energy

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Which best describes your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Network 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** (this will be shared with industry and the Panel for further consideration)

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For reference the Applicable Grid Code Objectives are:

- i. To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity*
- ii. 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);*
- iii. 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;*
- iv. 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*
- v. To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements*

** See Electricity System Operator Licence*

For reference, (for consultation questions 4 & 5) the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 Objectives and regulatory aspects are:

- a) fostering effective competition, non-discrimination and transparency in balancing markets;*
- b) enhancing efficiency of balancing as well as efficiency of national balancing markets;*
- c) integrating balancing markets and promoting the possibilities for exchanges of balancing services while contributing to operational security;*
- d) contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector while facilitating the efficient and consistent functioning of day-ahead, intraday and balancing markets;*

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- e) *ensuring that the procurement of balancing services is fair, objective, transparent and market-based, avoids undue barriers to entry for new entrants, fosters the liquidity of balancing markets while preventing undue market distortions;*
- f) *facilitating the participation of demand response including aggregation facilities and energy storage while ensuring they compete with other balancing services at a level playing field and, where necessary, act independently when serving a single demand facility;*
- g) *facilitating the participation of renewable energy sources and supporting the achievement of any target specified in an enactment for the share of energy from renewable sources.*

What is the EBR?

The Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) is a European Network Code introduced by the Third Energy Package European legislation in late 2017.

The EBR regulation lays down the rules for the integration of balancing markets in Europe, with the objectives of enhancing Europe's security of supply. The EBR aims to do this through harmonisation of electricity balancing rules and facilitating the exchange of balancing resources between European Transmission System Operators (TSOs). Article 18 of the EBR states that TSOs such as the NESO should have terms and conditions developed for balancing services, which are submitted and approved by Ofgem.

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 versus the current baseline?	Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution better facilitates than the current baseline:	
		Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ii <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iii <input type="checkbox"/> iv <input type="checkbox"/> v <input type="checkbox"/> None
		The proposal is positive for:	

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		<p>i. Allows the timely provision of critical operational information related to generator and interconnector owner intentions in response to an impending severe space weather event.</p> <p>ii. NESO and market participants will be informed in a timely manner of the potential market situation in response to an impending severe space weather event.</p> <p>iii. NESO will have timely visibility of information regarding the availability of generation plant and interconnectors should a severe space weather event occur.</p> <p>The proposal is neutral for iv and v.</p>
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Yes, we support the approach.</p> <p>We anticipate that the Space Weather Industry Protocol (SWIP) will be published this year, and this will provide industry stakeholders with the format of notifications that they will be receiving.</p>
3	Do you have any other comments?	No
4	Do you agree with the Workgroup's assessment that the modification does	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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	impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Code?	The proposal in the Grid Code spans the period covered by both OC2 and BC1. This modification may have an impact on the price stack resulting from generators redeclaring their availability in the event of imminent space weather. The consequences of this therefore have an impact on the balancing mechanism and so we agree this modification has an impact on the EBR.
5	Do you have any comments on the impact of GC0183 on the EBR Objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		Click or tap here to enter text.