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Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma

GC0176: Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code

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 **26 August 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

Respondent details	Please enter your details	
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Which best describes your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer body <input type="checkbox"/> Demand <input checked="" 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 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 question 6) 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 Workgroup Consultation questions

1	Do you believe that the Original Proposal better facilitates the Applicable Objectives	Mark the Objectives which you believe the Original Solution better facilitates than the current baseline:	
		Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> ii <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iii <input type="checkbox"/> iv <input type="checkbox"/> v

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	versus the current baseline?	<input type="checkbox"/> None
		Implementing the DCRP formally in the Grid Code as a means of implementing demand reduction equitably helps ensure co-ordination between parties in an energy emergency and provides a vehicle for providing customers with as much information as possible
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Click or tap here to enter text.
3	Do you have any other comments?	No
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (the request form can be found in the Workgroup Consultation Section) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Click or tap here to enter text.
5	Does the draft legal text satisfy the intent of the modification?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please see comments on marked up versions of OC6 and OC7 which form an integral part of our consultation response.
6	Do you agree with the Workgroup's assessment that the modification does not	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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	impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Code?	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Specific Workgroup Consultation questions

7	The proposed solution currently applies to all Network Operators, which includes transmission connected IDNOs (but not distribution connected IDNOs, as these are implicitly included in the arrangements with DNOs). Do you agree that transmission connected IDNOs should be included? If not, please provide your rationale.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Yes, it is reasonable to include all transmission connected Network Operators to help ensure that all connected consumers are treated equitably during an energy emergency.
8	Do you agree it is appropriate for Ofgem to approve derogations for DNOs in the event they cannot meet their licence obligations due to facilitating use of DCRP?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Yes. Moving rota disconnections from the ESEC into the Grid Code via the DCRP removes the protections afforded to DNOs from the Directions of the Secretary of State required under the ESEC.

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		<p>The issues have been highlighted by DNOs to OFGEM during the consultation phase and are primarily associated with the number of customers that will be affected during an event. A standing derogation is a means of offering similar protections but DNOs should not be required to renew these derogations after an event or on a periodic basis as the issues will continue to apply whilst the obligations remain.</p>
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