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# Grid Code Review Panel

Thursday 26 February 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

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# WELCOME

# Purpose of Panel & Duties of Panel Members

The **Panel** shall be the standing body to carry out the **functions** referred to in the Governance Rules **(GR3.1.1)**

## Functions (GR.3.2)

The **Panel** shall endeavour at all time to operate:

- In an **efficient, economical and expeditious manner**, taking account of the complexity, importance and urgency of particular Modification Proposals; and
- With a view to ensuring that the **Grid Code** facilitates **achievement of the Grid Code Objectives**.

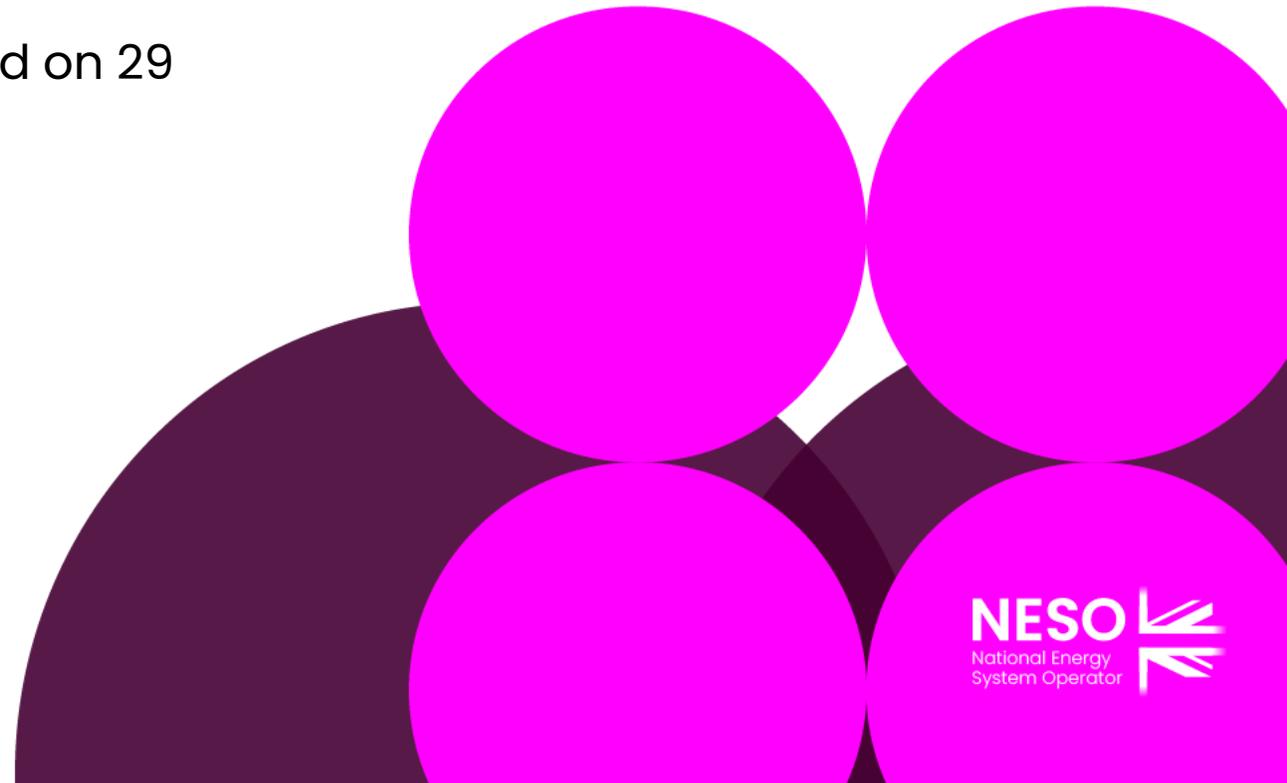
## Duties of Panel Members & Alternates (GR.3.3)

1. Shall act **impartially** and in accordance with the requirements of the **Grid Code**; and
2. Shall not have any **conflicts of interest**.

Shall not be representative of, and shall act without undue regard to the particular interests of the persons or body of persons by whom he/she was appointed as Panel Member and any Related Person from time to time.

## Approval of Panel Minutes

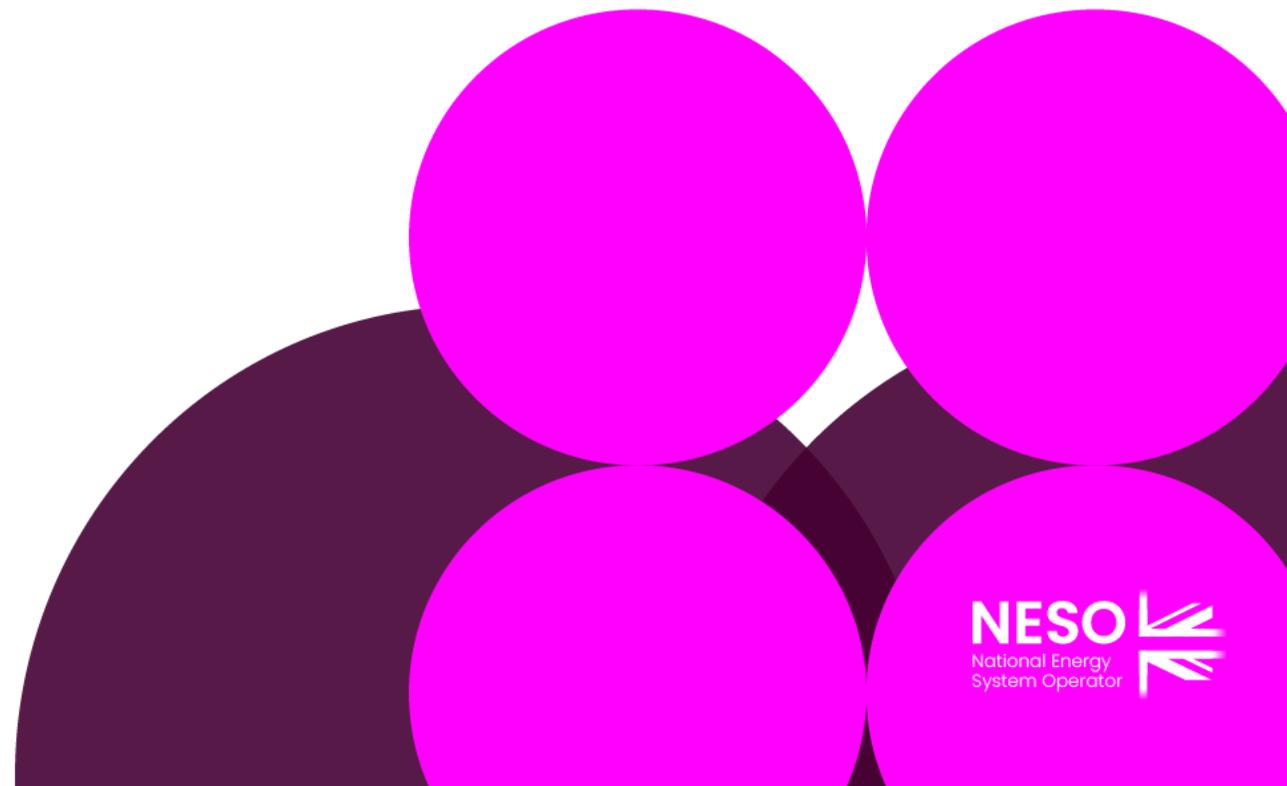
Approval of Panel Minutes from the meeting held on 29 January 2026.



## Action Log

Action No.	Status	Action	Owner	Comments and Updates
456	Open	Ofgem Energy Code Reform (ECR) team to be invited to a future Grid Code Review Panel to provide update around milestones	GS/SC	
465	Open	To provide a general update at a future Panel on the wider work going on in relation to Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreements (BEGAs)	CN	AJ advised at the August 2025 Panel meeting that this is likely to be covered within GC0117.
476	Propose to close	Issue formal guidance or clarification regarding the "applies from" date in the legal text to address industry confusion caused by its absence.	CN	Skip rate article circulated, with Panel members amendments incorporated.
482	Propose to close	Ofgem to follow up internally with GC0173 modification leads on the EDD's and provide further information, if available.	SS/DKC	Update provided by Ofgem in the "Authority Decisions" section
483	Propose to close	GC0178 Proposer to attend February Panel with a procurement timeline and expected milestones	BA/CG	New timeline provided in the "In-flight Modifications" Section
484	Propose to close	Baseline table errors to be fixed by a housekeeping modification first, rather than as part of GC0103.	AJ	Update provided in the "Electrical Standards" section.
485	Open	Code Governance to provide some clarity on GC0178 and GC0155 timelines, resourcing and Workgroup scheduling to ensure momentum and avoid repeated delays.	KH	

# Chair's Update



# Authority Decisions and Update (as of 18 February 2026)

## Decisions Pending

Modification	Final Modification Report Received	Expected Decision Date
<u><a href="#">GC0169: Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136</a></u>	07 October 2025	31 March 2026
<u><a href="#">GC0173: Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users</a></u>	10 December 2025	31 March 2026

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

# Grid Code Development Forum – Update

Claire Newton, NESO

## The GCDF meeting on 4 February covered the following topics:

- System Restoration Proposed Grid Code Changes Post ESRS – An overview was given on the proposed modification including proposed scope and requirements. Attendees shared useful considerations that the presenter noted for future workgroup discussions.
- Update to EDL reason codes: Introducing new 'ITB' code – The presenter gave background on the Constraint Management Intertrip Service (CMIS) and the new EC5 Enduring service before explaining proposal on the addition on a new arming mode.
- Update on Guidance Notes: Background, desired future position, proposed approach and next steps were shared surrounding the update. A thorough discussion raised plenty of useful information for the presenter to explore further.
- Review of GB Ramping Arrangements: Presenter covered updates surrounding ramping arrangements including a review of current GB arrangements and the possibility of raising a Grid Code Modification at an appropriate time.

Presentation items and Minutes from the 4 February GCDF meeting can be found [here](#)

## Next GCDF will take place on Wednesday 4 March

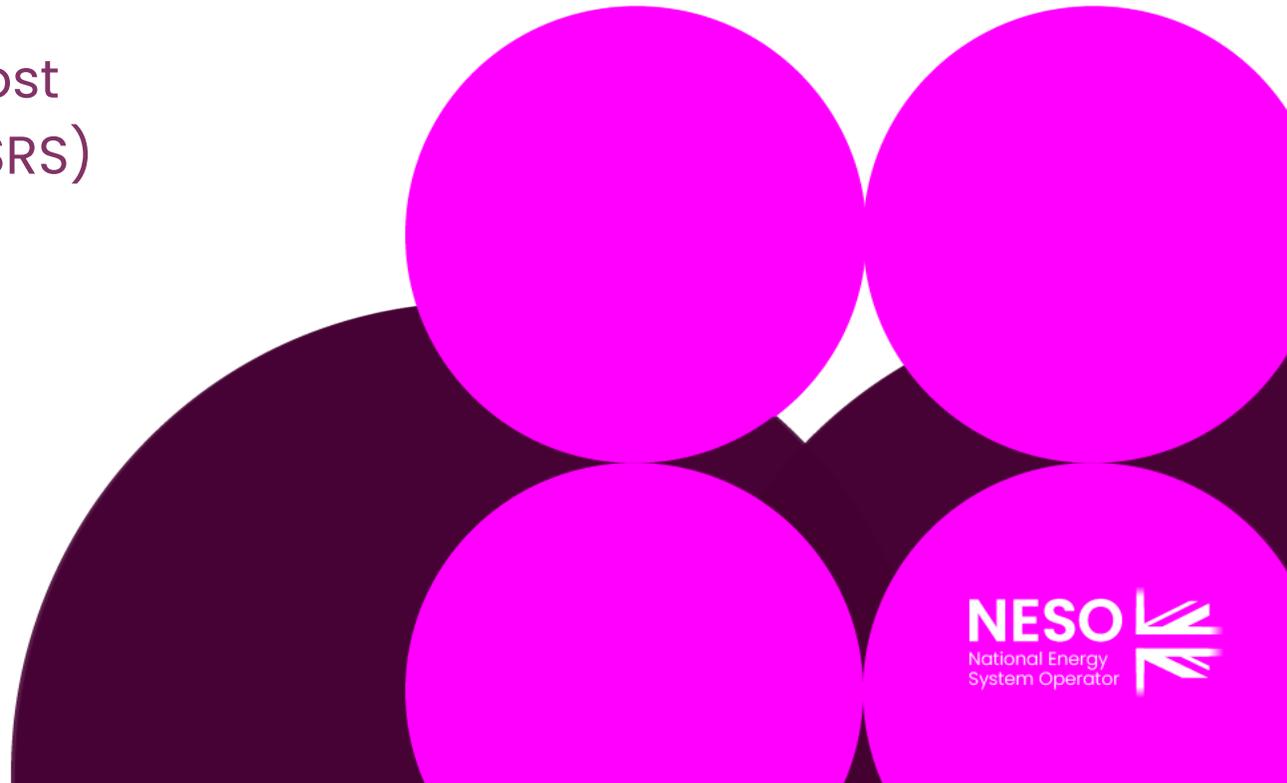
Deadline for March Agenda items – 24 February

Final Agenda items TBC

# New Modification

GC0186: Proposed Grid Code Changes – Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)

Tony Johnson, NESO



# GC0186 Critical Friend Feedback

Code Administrator comments	Amendments made by the Proposer
Reconsider modification title due to overview repetition and align with Proposers presentation.	Agreed and amended.
Suggested amending capitalised terms if not defined in the Grid Code and check consistency.	Agreed and amended.
Typographical errors highlighted.	Agreed and amended.
Acronyms expanded when first introduced and ones missing added to the acronym table. Amend SHE Transmission to SHETL to align with the Grid Code Glossary & Definitions.	Agreed. All acronyms expanded and added to the acronym table. SHE Transmission changed to SHETL throughout document to align with Grid Code definitions.
Suggested calling out the Grid Code sections being amended in the legal text section as well as the solution section for clarity.	Agreed and amended.
Review implementation date wording.	Agreed and commentary added.
EBR Impact identified as proposed legal text changes section OC9.4.	Agreed. EBR interaction box ticked and noted in the interaction section.

# Background

- During the Code Development of the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) (Grid Code Modifications GC0156, CM089, CM091, PM0128, PM0132, CMP398, CMP412) NGET queried at the STC Panel if there as any possibility of treating NGET in the same way as SPT and SHETL during a System Restoration event (particularly in respect of autonomy and switching in the post LJRP and DRZP phases).
- It was agreed the above modifications would proceed as normal until Authority Approval, and NESO would then engage with NGET, SPT and SHETL to progress the issue.
- An informal working group meeting was established in Summer 2024 which has since held regular meetings every 6 weeks or so to understand the issues and develop a way forward. The DNOs then joined these meetings in September 2025.
- As part of this work, it has since become apparent that the work will include several issues over and above the original request, many of which reside in the Grid Code (see next slide)
- The proposal is to therefore raise a Grid Code modification and then shortly after that raise a consequential STC modification.

# Scope

Initially it was proposed to update the Grid Code and STC/STCPs to ensure consistent treatment of NGET, SPT and SHETL during a restoration event (particularly with regard to autonomy and switching in the post LJRP and DRZP phases). Since the first meeting held in the Summer of 2024, there have been several developments which will require Grid Code changes and STC / STCP changes. Requirements include

- Equitable treatment of NGET, SPT and SHETL during a restoration event (OC9)
- Introduction of Regional Restoration Plans
- Changes to OC5.7.2.1(g) to accommodate testing (deadline charge tests)
- Obligations on parties to ensure sufficient switching speed to facilitate the ESRS
- House keeping changes in particular consistency between the Planning Code (PC.A.5.7) and Data Registration Code (DRC Schedule 16).
- Requirements for Restoration Contractors with multiple sites but one Control Point
- Implications on the Distribution Code
- Confidentiality in LJRP and DRZPs between Restoration Contractors
- Distribution Code changes and other cross code impacts

We would initially propose the modification is first progressed as a joint Grid Code / Distribution modification and then a consequential modification is then applied to the STC and STCPs

# High Level Proposed Changes to Grid Code Sections

## Glossary and Definitions

- Introduction of a new definition “Regional Restoration Plan”
- Clarifications to definition of Anchor Plant Capability
- Consequential changes as necessary to other defined terms

## Planning Code

- PC.A.5.7 – Language to be improved and any updates to be consistently applied in Schedule 16 of the DRC
- PC.A.5.7 – Current requirements only refer to directly connected and Large Power Stations, and this requires review

## Connection Conditions / European Connection Conditions

- Clarification around total loss of supplies and cold start
- Ability for Providers with one Control Point but multiple sites with Restoration Contracts to operate their plant in the required timescales

# High Level Proposed Changes to Grid Code Sections

## Operating Code 5

- OC5.7.2.1 (g) and OC5.7.2.3(d)
- OC5.7.2.1 (g) (ii) refers to energising a dead section of the Total System, in respect of Anchor Generating Units, whereas OC.5.7.2.3(a) refers to energising the busbar of the disconnected AC substation, although OC.5.7.2.3(d)(ii) has the same wording as OC5.7.2.1(g)(ii)

NGET have expressed concerns over

- i) The implications on protection systems as a result of this test,
- ii) The differences between the requirements on Anchor Generating Units and Anchor HVDC Systems and
- iii) Whether for testing purposes it would be more appropriate to energise up to the circuit breaker with the close coils removed for testing purposes

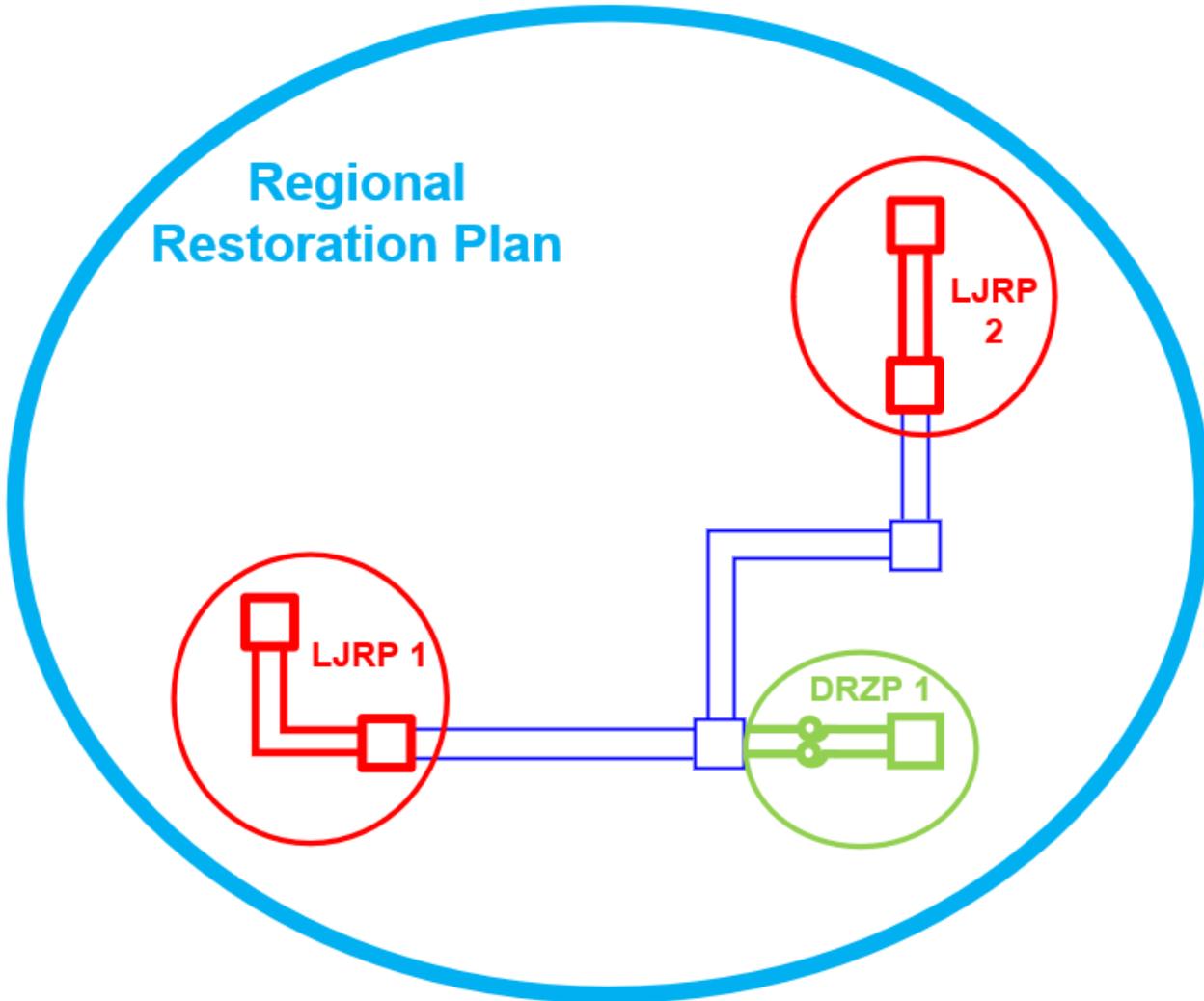
Additional testing requirements need to be included for Restoration Contractors who have one Control Point but multiple sites to ensure they can operate individual plants within the required timescales

# High Level Proposed Changes to Grid Code Sections

## Operating Code 9

- Introduce the concept of Regional Restoration Plans within the structure of OC9
- Introduce a new section on Regional Restoration Plans (Establishment, Testing Provisions and Operation)
- Equitable treatment of NGET, SPT and SHETL (mainly autonomy and flexibility) but still allowing for differences where necessary and permitting for some limited control of generation in Scotland were agreed
- Clauses to be introduced to ensure TOs and DNOs can switch at sufficient speed to meet the requirements of the ESRS (10 minutes has been suggested)
- Ensure DNOs are happy with the proposals and consider any Distribution Code changes – A joint Grid Code / Distribution Code Working Group is suggested
- Take the opportunity to address any house keeping changes as necessary

# Regional Restoration Plans (RRPs)



There will be an RRP for each of the 7 regions on the network (2 Scot & 5 E&W).

RRP's will detail how the local power islands created by LJRP's and DRZP's in each region will be used to create regional power islands. RRP's will also consider other priorities in each region such as CNI and secondary generation

Regional power islands will be synchronised together until there is a single power island across the network.

# Data Registration Code/Other

## Data Registration Code

- Principle areas of update relate to Schedule 16 in particular ensuring consistency between Grid Code PC.A.5.7 and OC5.
- The opportunity will also be taken to correct any housekeeping issues associated with DRC Schedule 16 and clarify / add new tests where necessary

## Other

- Other sections of the Grid Code will be updated to either:
  - i) Correct, improve or clarify errors introduced through GC0156; and
  - ii) Update the Code in respect of consequential changes as a result of the updates reflected on the previous slides

# Progress to Date

So far substantive progress has been made to developing the Grid Code legal text, in particular:

- **European Connection Conditions (ECC)**
- **Operating Code 5 (OC5)**
- **Operating Code 9 (OC9)**
- Some minor changes have been made to the **Glossary and Definitions** which requires further work

The draft legal text has been shared with NGET, SPT, SHETL and DNOs through the informal working group. It has been included with the Grid Code Issue paper for information only, **but no comments are requested on the legal text at this stage as this is for the workgroup to develop**

The issue was presented to the February 2026 GCDF

- Overall, there was support for this modification
- Several comments were received from Stakeholders regarding assurances that for those parties currently working towards the ESRS requirements by 31 December 2026, this proposed modification would not introduce additional requirements over and above those already in the code
- NESO would stress that these requirements are for clarification and improvement we are not looking to introduce additional requirements or costs at the last minute

We now believe it is appropriate to raise the formal Grid Code modification

# GC0186 Proposed Timeline

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	26 February 2026	Code Administrator Consultation (1 calendar month)	29 September 2026 – 29 October 2026
Workgroup Nominations (15 Business Days)	03 March 2026 – 24 March 2026	Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel (5 Business Days)	18 November 2026
Workgroup 1 Workgroup 2 Workgroup 3	14 April 2026 11 May 2026 11 June 2026	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	26 November 2026
Workgroup Consultation (15 Business Days)	18 June 2026 – 09 July 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	27 November 2026 – 30 November 2026
Workgroup 5 Workgroup 6 Workgroup 7	23 July 2026 18 August 2026 10 September 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	02 December 2026
Workgroup report issued to Panel (5 Business Days)	19 September 2026	Ofgem decision	TBC
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	24 September 2026	Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Decision (31 December Requested by Proposer)

# GC0186 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that this Modification has a clearly defined defect and scope
- **AGREE** that this Modification should follow Standard Governance (Ofgem decision) rather than the Self-Governance Criteria (Panel decision)
- **AGREE** that this Modification should proceed as a joint Grid Code/Distribution Code Workgroup
- **AGREE** Workgroup Terms of Reference
- **NOTE** that there appear to be impacts on the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code
- **NOTE** the proposed timeline

## Inflight Modification Updates

- GC0164 'Simplification of Operating Code No.2'
- GC0168 'Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models'
- GC0178 'Temporary Overvoltage – Specification of Limits and Clarification of Obligations'
- GC0181 'Enhance the effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting'

# GC0168 'Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models' Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	18 March 2026	11 May 2026	08 June 2026	TBC	TBC depending on solution
New timeline	22 April 2026	17 June 2026	16 July 2026	TBC	TBC depending on solution

**Rationale:** Although the legal text for the original solution has now been agreed, the Workgroup have requested further work is undertaken on the Electrical Standard which will require an additional Workgroup meeting to review and finalise.

## Workgroups Remaining: 2

### GC0168 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

# GC0178 'Temporary overvoltage – Specification of Limits and Clarification of Obligations' Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	19 August 2026	21 October 2026	16 November 2026	TBC	TBC
New timeline	20 January 2027	17 March 2027	07 April 2027	TBC	TBC

**Rationale:** The indicative date for the Consultant to be able to start the work needed is the 31 March 2026 – the timeline has been built from this date and includes the same number of Workgroups previously agreed by Panel.

## Workgroups Remaining: 9

### GC0178 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

## GC0181 Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting' Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	15 April 2026	17 June 2026	07 July 2026	TBC	10 business days
New timeline	17 June 2026	19 August 2026	07 September 2026	TBC	10 business days

**Rationale:** Additional Workgroups needed to address the defect and draft the legal text

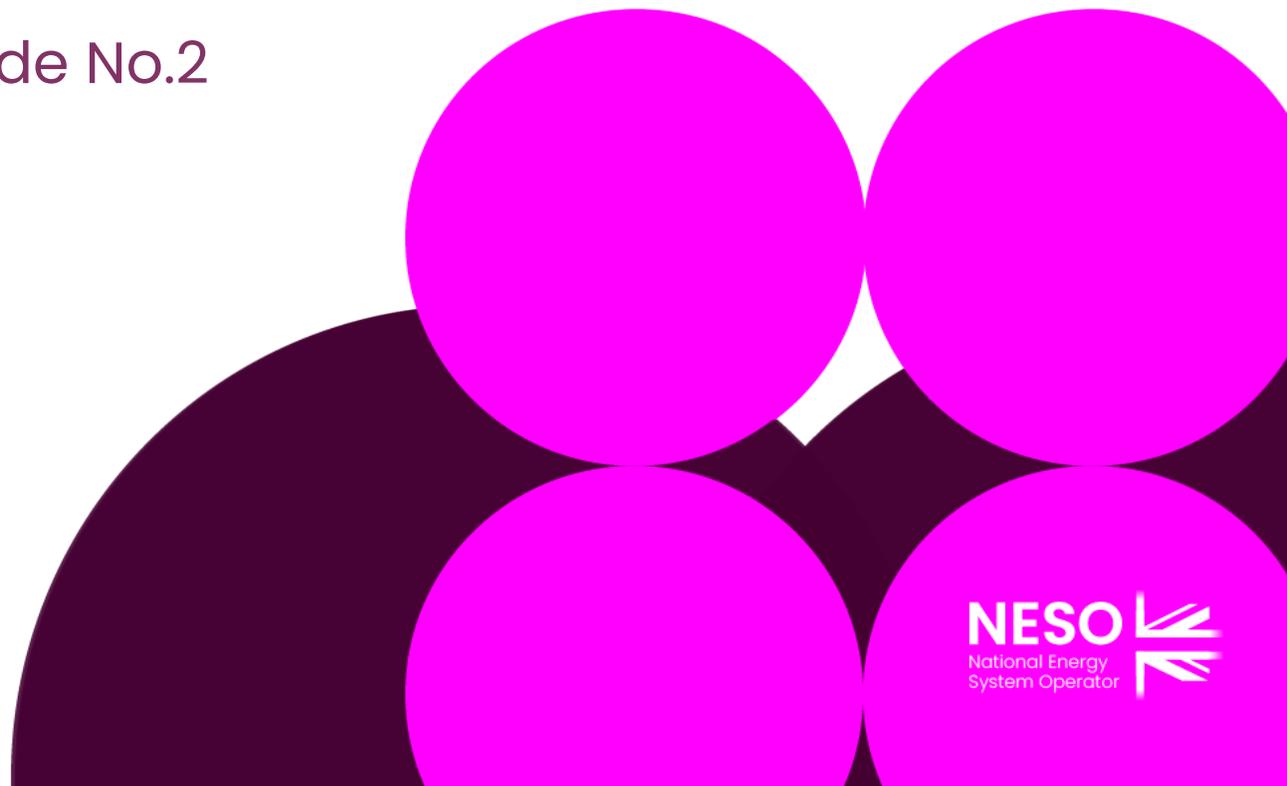
### Workgroups Remaining: 2

GC0139 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

# Second Code Administrator Consultation

GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2  
Deborah Spencer (Workgroup Chair)



# Key points to note

- Since this modification was sent back to the Workgroup by the Panel, [GC0183](#) and [GC0174](#) have been approved by the Authority and details have been incorporated into [GC0164](#) legal text.
- Workgroup members have reviewed and agreed the final legal text.
- Concerns raised by panel members have also been addressed during additional Workgroups.

# Solution

## **Solution/summary of solutions:**

This modification seeks to help Users to clearly identify their obligations under Operating Code No.2 (OC2) by making it more accessible, easy to navigate and understand. This is the first modification resulting from the Alignment, Simplification and Rationalisation Workstream (ASRW) of the Digitalised Whole System Technical Code project

## **Steps taken by Workgroup since send-back:**

A full review of issues raised by Panel members have been discussed during additional Workgroups and the necessary amendment made.

The Workgroup have confirmed their Workgroup Vote following the changes to the legal text.

# GC0164 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup have addressed the comments from the first Code Administrator Consultation
- **AGREE** that this Modification can proceed to a second Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** that this Modification does impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline

# GC0164 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
2 <sup>nd</sup> Code Administrator Consultation	27 February 2026 to 5pm on 27 March 2025
Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel	15 April 2026
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	24 April 2026 to 05 May 2025
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	05 May 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Authority Decision

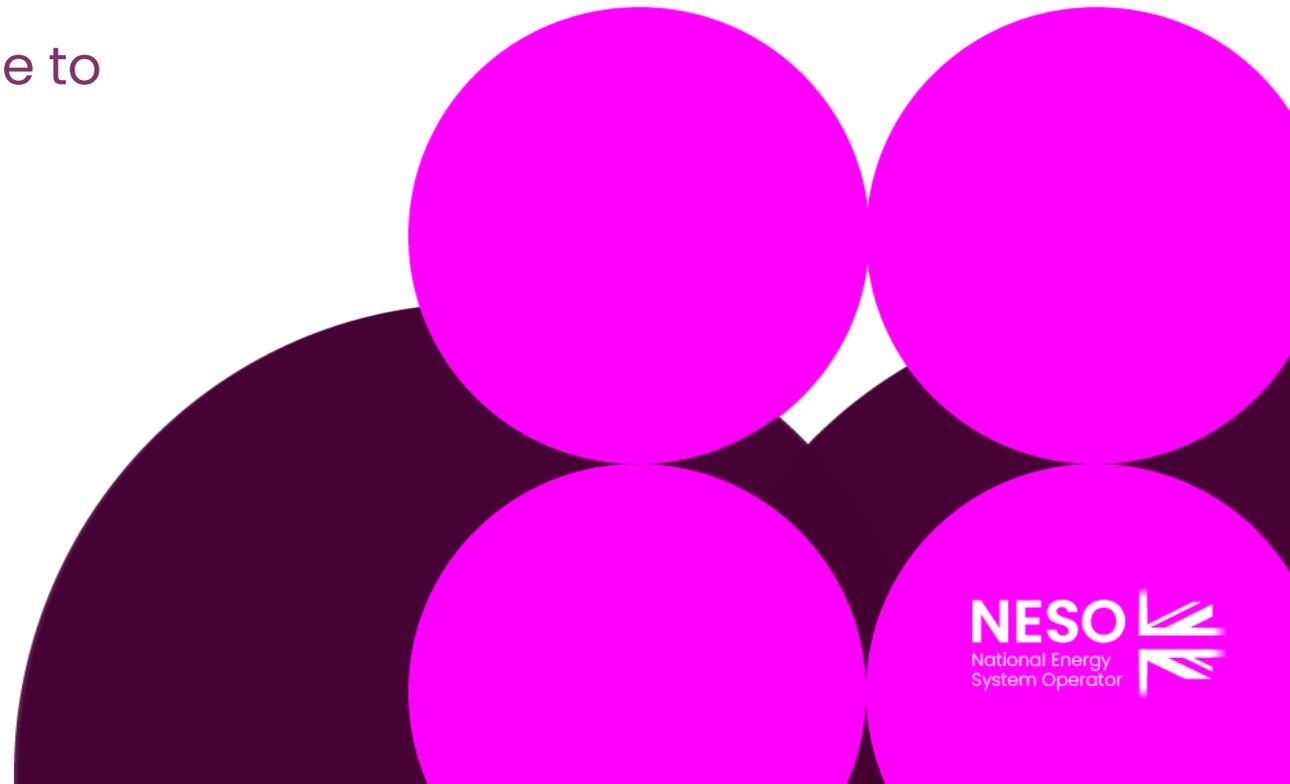
## Draft Final Modification Reports

- GC0139 ' Enhanced Planning – Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning
- GC0176 'Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code
- GC0179 'Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code

# Draft Final Modification Report

GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to  
Facilitate Whole System Planning

Kat Higby (Panel Secretary)



# Solution

## **Solution summary:**

Enhanced level of planning data exchanged between Network Operators and NESO; the data exchanged will largely be in a Common Information Model (CIM) format, supplemented by data from Network Operators in an Excel Workbook format.

Data exchanges will take place twice a year between NESO and Network Operators. Details of the new routine data submissions can be found in the new sections of the Planning Code (PC), PC.9, PC.10 and PC Appendix G.

# Code Administrator Consultation Responses

## Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 06/01/2026 to 06/02/2026 and received 8 non-confidential responses [and 0 confidential responses]. Key points were:

- Seven respondents approved of the solution. One respondent felt it required further refinement.
- Six respondents supported the implementation approach. Two respondents felt the implementation date was potentially not achievable, suggesting January 2028 would be more appropriate.
- One respondent had three queries related to the GC0139 legal text document Planning Code.

# Code Administrator Consultation – Legal Text Changes. What do the Grid Code Governance Rules say?

GR.22.4

A draft of the **Grid Code Modification Report** shall be tabled at a meeting of the **Grid Code Review Panel** prior to submission of that **Grid Code Modification Report** to the **Authority** as set in accordance with the timetable established pursuant to GR.19.1, and at which the **Panel** may consider any minor changes to the legal drafting, which may include

any issues identified through the **Code Administrator** consultation, and:

- (i) if the change required is a typographical error the **Grid Code Review Panel** may instruct the **Code Administrator** to make the appropriate change and the **Panel Chairman** will undertake the **Grid Code Review Panel Recommendation Vote**; or
- (ii) if the change required is not considered to be a typographical error then the **Grid Code Review Panel** may direct the **Workgroup** to review the change. If the **Workgroup** unanimously agree that the change is minor the **Grid Code Review Panel** may instruct the **Code Administrator** to make the appropriate change and the **Panel Chairman** will undertake the **Grid Code Review Panel Recommendation Vote**, otherwise for changes that are not considered to be minor the **Code Administrator** shall issue the **Grid Code Modification Proposal** for further **Code Administrator** consultation, after which the **Panel Chairman** will undertake the **Grid Code Review Panel Recommendation Vote**; or
- (iv) if a change is not required after consideration, the **Panel Chairman** will undertake the **Grid Code Review Panel Recommendation Vote**.

## Code Admin must present the proposed legal text changes

### Panel have 3 choices:

- **Agree the changes are typographical and instruct Code Admin to make the change under GR.22.4(i). Then we carry out Recommendation Vote; or**
- **Agree the changes are not needed under GR.22.4(iv). Then we carry out Recommendation Vote; or**
- **Under GR.22.4(ii) Direct the Workgroup to review the changes or ask for a further Code Administrator Consultation to be issued**

# GC0139 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** whether or not the proposed changes to the legal text are typographical and whether they need to be made
- **NOTE** that this Modification does impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code]?
- Do you have any comments as to whether or not the proposed changes concur with the EBR Article 3 Objectives?
- **VOTE** whether or not to recommend implementation
- **NOTE** next steps

# GC0139 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	02 March 2026 – 09 March 2026
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	10 March 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Authority Decision

# EBR Article 3 Objectives

For reference, the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 (Objectives and regulator aspects) are:

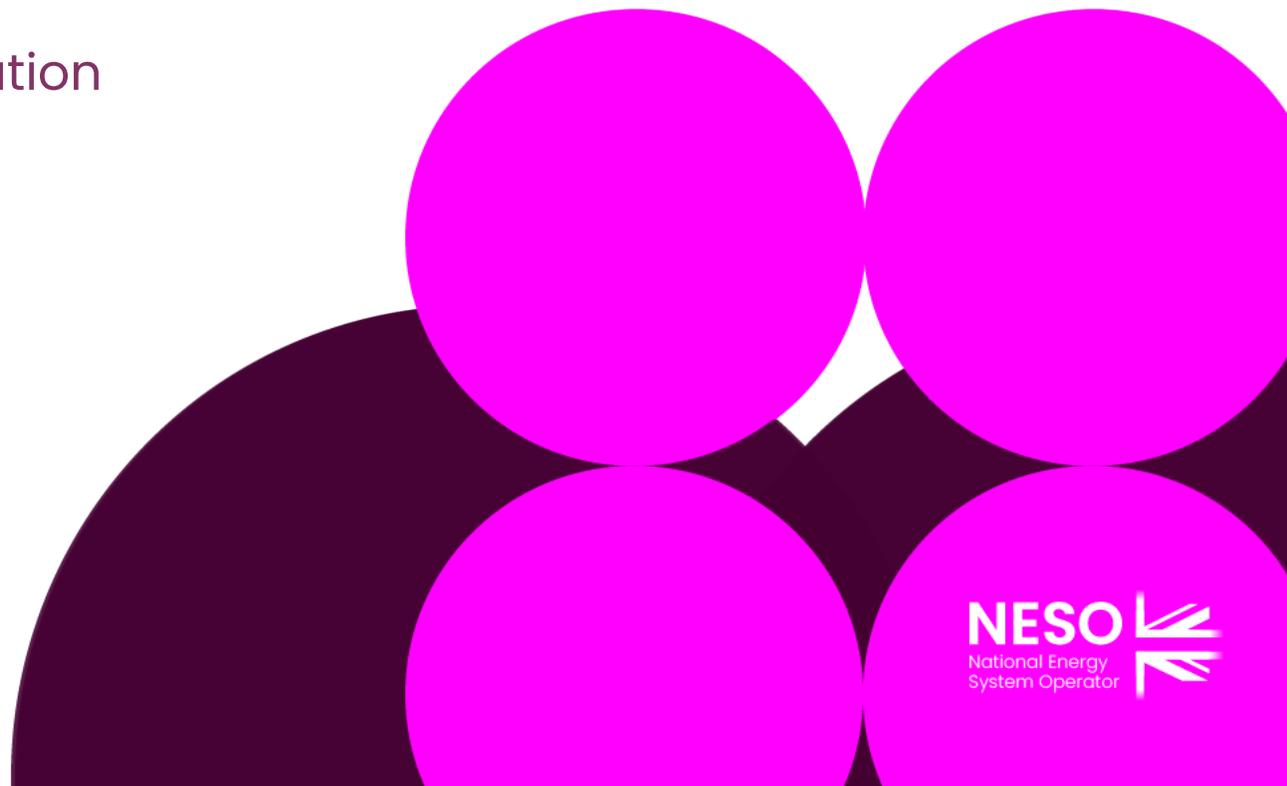
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3. integrating balancing markets and promoting the possibilities for exchanges of balancing services while contributing to operational security;
4. contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector while facilitating the efficient and consistent functioning of day-ahead, intraday and balancing markets;
5. 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;
6. 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;
7. 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.

# Draft Final Modification Report

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

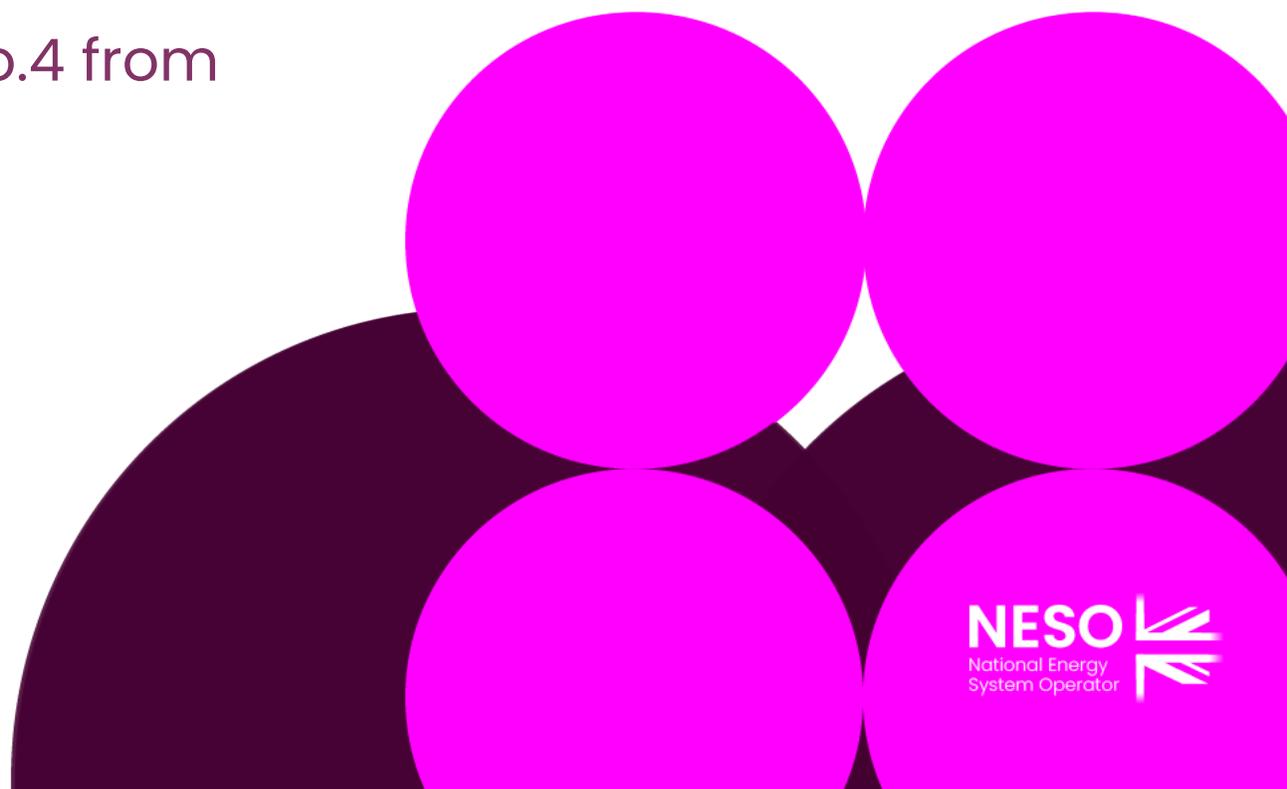
Kat Higby, Panel Secretary



# Draft Final Modification Report

GC0179: Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from  
the Grid Code

Kat Higby (Panel Secretary)



# Solution

## **Solution/summary of solutions:**

- The Proposer's solution is to remove the contents of BC4 from the Grid Code because it is redundant. This modification will also remove references to BC4 from the Grid Code Governance Rules and remove references to TERRE and its associated definitions, including Replacement Reserve, from the Glossary and Definitions.

# Code Administrator Consultation Responses

## Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 06/01/2026 to 06/02/2026 and received 1 non-confidential response [and 0 confidential responses]. Key points were:

- The respondent believes objectives I and iv better facilitated the applicable objectives than the baseline.
- The respondent supports the proposed implementation approach noting changes will not impact Parties and can be made quickly.
- The respondent notes this change removes part of the Grid Code (Balancing Code 4, BC4 and other references to TERRE) that cannot be used. A mirroring change is progressing through the BSC.
- No legal text issues identified

# GC0179 Asks of Panel

- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code?
- **VOTE** whether or not to recommend implementation
- **NOTE** next steps

# GC0179 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	03 March 2026
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	11 March 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	TBC

# EBR Article 3 Objectives

For reference, the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 (Objectives and regulator aspects) are:

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7. 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.

# Prioritisation Stack

Mod Number	Previous Priority No:	Priority No	Title
GC0139	1	(1 before CAC)	Enhanced Planning Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning
GC0155	2	1	Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements
GC0176	(3 before CAC)	(3 before CAC)	Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code
GC0178	3	2	Temporary Overvoltage - Specification of Limits and Clarification of Obligations
GC0117	4	3	Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements
GC0182	5	4	Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity
GC0168	6	5	Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models
GC0164	7	6	Simplification of Operating Code No.2
GC0181	8	7	Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting
GC0103	9	(10 before CAC)	The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes
GC0140	10	8	Grid Code Sandbox: enabling derogation from certain obligations to support small-scale trials of innovative propositions

## Standing Items

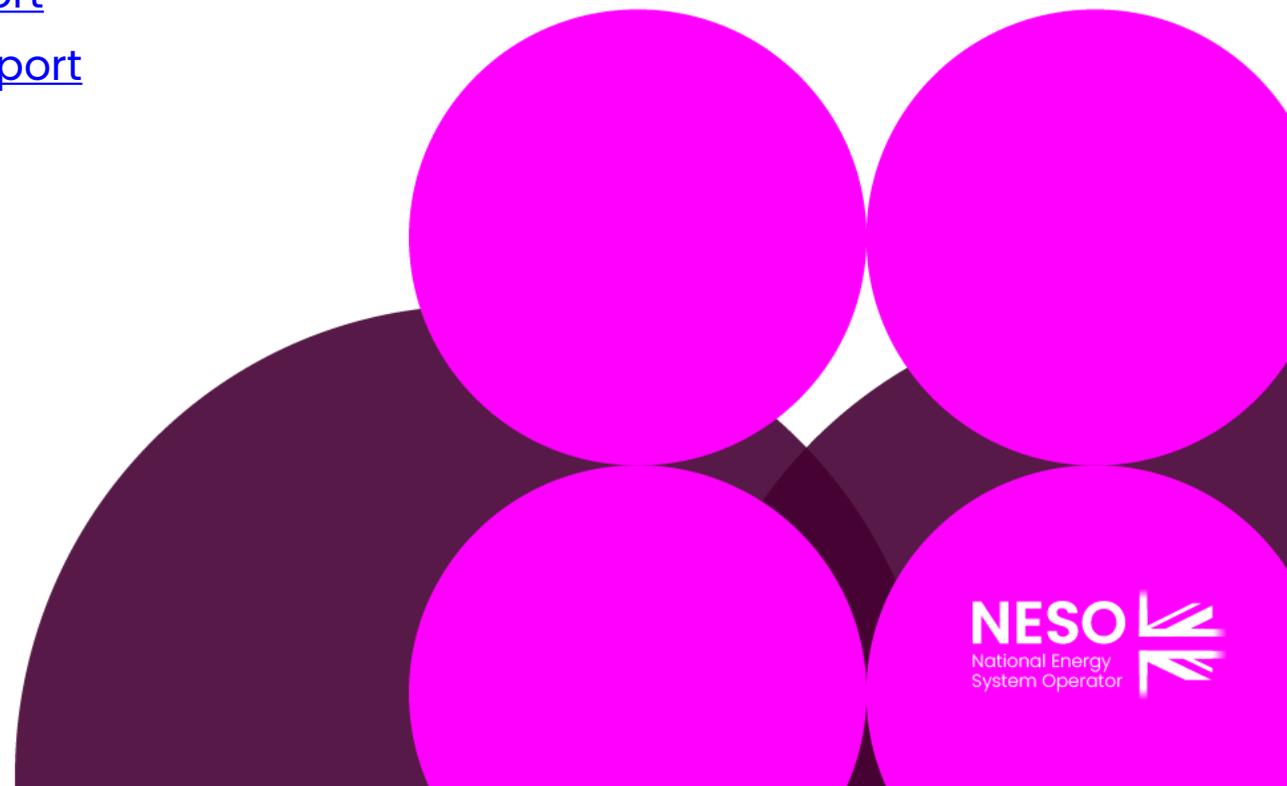
*Updates on all developments relevant to Grid Code Panel e.g. potential for future governance changes or modifications*

- Distribution Code Panel update (Alan Creighton)
- JESG Update (information only)
  - Previous meeting - 10 February 2026 [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#)
  - Next meeting - 10 March 2026

## Updates on other industry codes

28 January 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

30 January 2026 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)



# Challenges to Modification Progress

(February, May, August, November)

	November		December		January	
	Count	Mods Affected	Count	Mods Affected	Count	Mods Affected
Allowance for an associated modification to align.					1	GC0176
Second Code Administrator Consultation required					1	GC0164
Quoracy issues / Proposer availability	1	GC0139			1	GC0155
Modification complexity	1	GC0168	1	GC0182	2	GC0178 GC0182

# Horizon Scan

(February, May, August, November)

Codes Affected	Legislative, Regulatory or Industry Change Overview	Published Content
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Grid Code	<p><b>Grid Code Changes for Mandatory Frequency Response Replacement.</b></p> <p>Modification raised at the January 2026 GCRP - sent back from Panel for further work on defect and scope. Main changes to be made in ECC, CC and Definitions and misc.</p>	<p><a href="#">Future of response services - NESO Website</a></p>
Grid Code	<p>Large Demand requirements: given anticipated future increases in large demand connections (including Data Centres and Electrolysers), NESO is considering the need to introduce technical requirements (e.g. Fault Ride Through) into the Grid Code. Feb-26: Following presentation at the November 2025 GCDF, NESO has set up a Demand Expert Group with industry to develop understanding of impacts and proposals (first meeting 27/01/26). An area of high industry interest.</p>	<p><a href="#">Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP)</a></p>
STC, Grid Code and CUSC	<p>The Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS) is being phased out in favour of the more comprehensive CSNP (Centralised Strategic Network Plan) with the final one being in September 2026, and the license will be changed to include CSNP from then. The STC is the Code mostly affected but the CUSC and Grid Code will also need to have any references to the ETYS and remaining references to the previous Seven Year Statement removed, and where the CSNP is taking over the function this needs to be included. Also affected will be the redundant references to the Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS) Network Options Assessment (NOA) and Seven-year Statement (SYS).</p>	<p><a href="https://www.neso.energy/what-we-do/strategic-planning/centralised-strategic-network-plan-csnp">https://www.neso.energy/what-we-do/strategic-planning/centralised-strategic-network-plan-csnp</a></p>

# Horizon Scan

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Grid Code, SQSS, STC	<p>System Access Reform NESO project to deliver the Outage Planning Actions (OP1 through OP4) as identified in the Electricity Networks Commissioner's Report on Accelerating Electricity Network Transmission build.</p> <p>In November of 2023, NESO initiated a project with TO's to deliver the outage planning recommendations from the Commissioner's Report</p> <p>Over the course of 2024, projects were run in parallel to determine the actions and recommendations required to deliver in these 4 outage planning areas.</p> <p>In February 2025, a public consultation was released. This consultation includes a detailed summary of each of the project workstreams and can be found on the NESO website</p> <p>*24/07/25 GPDF Panel updated. GC Mod expected in due course</p> <p>*SQSS Mods Raised GSR035 GSR036</p> <p>*STCP Mod preparing Feb 26 Proposed code changes to STCP 11-1, STCP 16-1</p>	<p><a href="https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/system-access-reform">https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/system-access-reform</a></p>
Grid Code	Review of GB Ramping Arrangements	<p><a href="#">Download</a></p>

## Electrical Standards

- Update to EDL Message Interface Specification and Governance of Data Validation, Consistency and Defaulting Rules (Steve Baker, NESO)
- Discussion on Annex to General Conditions (Antony Johnson, NESO)

# Linkage between the Grid Code Electrical Standards on The Company's website and those listed in the Annex to the General Conditions

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# Background

- At the December Grid Code Review Panel, a comment was raised on the consistency of documents listed in the Annex to the Grid Code General Conditions and those listed on The Company's website.
- It is acknowledged that there are inconsistencies between the Website and Grid Code, especially noting that some documents are subject to regional differences between Transmission Areas and some apply across GB.
- The Grid Code also refers to other documents such as the System Defence Plan, System Restoration Plan and Test Plan which touch on the Electrical Standards but it is unclear where they should be located on The Company's website as they are not technically an Electrical Standard (ie the Company's website includes them under the general banner of an electrical standard which is not strictly correct).
- Although most of the changes relate to The Companies Website it is anticipated that some Grid Code changes are likely to be required.
- There is also the complication of GC0103 which is looking to harmonise standards across GB where regional differences currently exist.

# Annex to the General Conditions

- The Annex to the General Conditions comprises four sections (a), (b), (c) and (d)
  - (a) Electrical Standards applicable to NGETs Transmission System
  - (b) Electronic data communication facilities and other requirements applicable in all Transmission areas
  - (c) Scottish Electrical Standards applicable for SPTs Transmission System
  - (d) Scottish Electrical Standards applicable for SHETL's Transmission System
- Items (a), (c) and (d) cover the technical requirements within the Transmission Busbar protection zone in NGET's, SPT's and SHET's area whereas item (b) covers electronic data communication facilities and other applicable requirements in all Transmission areas.
- In the longer term, once Grid Code Modification GC0103 is approved, the Applicable Electrical Standards (AES) with regards to equipment in the Busbar protection zone will apply across the whole of GB, but this has no retrospectivity, nor will it include those items included in (b).

# Issues (1)

- 1) There is first a requirement to identify if any standards in (a), (c) or (d) of the Grid Code Annex to the General Conditions apply across GB rather than on a regional basis. In the case of (a) this includes
  - System Dynamic Monitoring (TS.3.24.70) and Fault Recording (TS.3.24.71), – see Grid Code ECC.6.6.1.2 unless there are regional differences?
  - Ancillary Services Business Modelling (TS.3.24.95) see Grid Code ECC.6.6.2.2
- 2) Some standards on The Company's website are not in the Annex to the General Conditions – e.g. Back-Up Protection Grading across NGET's and other Network Operator Interfaces – There are two documents with slightly different titles on the Website – there are other examples – All these need updating to ensure consistency
- 3) It would be appropriate to have the same order of documents on the website as per the list in the Annex to the General Conditions of the Grid Code

## Issues (2)

- Should wider GB requirements (eg Distribution Restoration Zone Control System Standard) also be included with Electronic Data Communication Facilities or should there be a separate section on the Electrical Standards Web page
- Should the Data Validation, Consistency and Defaulting Rules be an Electrical Standard
- Should a specific section in the General Conditions be added to list out the System Defence Plan, System Restoration Plan and Test Plan

# Grid Code Mod GC0103

- Grid Code Modification GC0103 proposes to introduce common set of electrical standards (Applicable Electrical Standards) across GB at the connection point – and therefore only covers equipment in the busbar protection zone. It does not extend to wider System Operation requirements on a GB wide basis.
- It would be appropriate to make these amendments after the implementation of Grid Code Modification GC0103 which introduces the concept of the Applicable Electrical Standards (AES).
- Under Grid Code Modification GC0103, the proposal is to have Part I of the Annex to the General Conditions which retains the current structure of parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) and Part II of the Annex to the General Conditions which contains Part (a) – the Applicable Electrical Standards and Part (b) Electronic data communications facilities and other requirements applicable in all Transmission Areas.
- See draft legal text which contains number of comments for suggested improvement

## Next Steps / Ask of Panel

- Do panel believe the issues highlighted are valid and there is room for improvement
- Do Panel believe it is appropriate to formally raise a mod and update The Company's website once Grid Code Mod GC0103 has been approved, noting the Applicable Electrical Standards are still under review
- Do Panel have any views on the approach and way forward



## Any other business

- Code Simplification
- ETYS Resolution

Public

# Update Planning References in published Electricity Transmission codes

Proposal for removing redundant  
references from the Grid Code and  
STC/P

# Situation:

Ofgem have confirmed the introduction of a new long-term planning framework, the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP). This will be covering the information currently given in the Electricity Ten Year Statement. (ETYS).

Therefore, we will need to remove references to ETYS and older statements, such as Seven Year Statement (SYS), Network Options Assessment (NOA) and the Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS) and replace with CSNP, wherever adequate.



# What will we need to do?

- The ETYS is being phased out in 2026, and the data which is input, reports produced and other functions will be taken over by the new and broader CSNP.
- Therefore we need to ensure that the Grid Code, STC/P and others are amended in line with the new situation and do not have references to redundant processes which would cause confusion and uncertainty among stakeholders.
- The SYS and ODIS are already redundant at the time of writing so references to these also need to be removed from the Codes.
- Where the function of the ETYS is being taken over by the CSNP this will need to be added into the legal text. A list of Grid Code references to ETYS, NOA and SYS has been compiled and there will be potentially three scenarios:

# Likely Changes of ETYS References:

- References to ETYS/SYS where the function as described in the Code section is being taken over in its entirety by the CSNP, and the reference can therefore simply be replaced by reference either to CSNP, or where appropriate a more generic reference to NESO published planning data (may aid in future-proofing). We anticipate that the majority of cases will fit into this category.
- References to ETYS/SYS where part of the function as described in the Code section is being taken over by the CSNP but not all. The Code section will need to be amended to ensure that the new reference to CSNP is correctly describing the functions it will fulfil, and any others are either removed or also amended so that the function and how they are being fulfilled.
- References to ETYS/SYS where the function is either completely redundant or is only a description or confirmation of the ETYS/SYS. For example, this would include mentions in a definitions section, or a passage which is being removed from the Licence, and can safely be taken out of the Code without needing further modifications

# Impact of the Mod

This Mod will impact any current users of ETYS. The next iteration of the report (summer 2026) will be the final one, and the license has already been updated regarding the requirements for CSNP.

The direct impact will be on the name of, and location of the data



NESO will still be publishing most of the same data via CSNP. By ensuring that the references in the Grid Code are up to date and redundancy is removed, we are ensuring continuity and facilitating more effective future planning operations.

# Affected Grid Code Sections:

- Planning Code (PC) 4.1,
- PC.4.3.1, PC.5.4 (a),
- PC.5.4 (f),
- PC.A.4.4,
- CC.6.2.1.2 [e],
- CC.6.2.1.2(f),
- ECC.6.3.15.8(v),
- DRC page 62



# Other Considerations

## STC/P Mod:

There will also need to be an STC/P Mod raised for the same issue

This is expected to be the main part of the work, with more changes, and more significant ones.

## CUSC Mod:

There is also a Mod running concurrently for CUSC, this is being managed by Paul Mott.

# AOB

Any questions around  
this proposal?

## Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

<b>Grid Code Development Forum</b>	05 March 2026
<b>Modification Proposal Deadline for March Panel</b>	11 March 2026
<b>Papers Day</b>	18 March 2026
<b>Panel Meeting</b>	26 March 2026 (Teams)

# Close

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