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STC Panel

Wednesday 25 March 2026

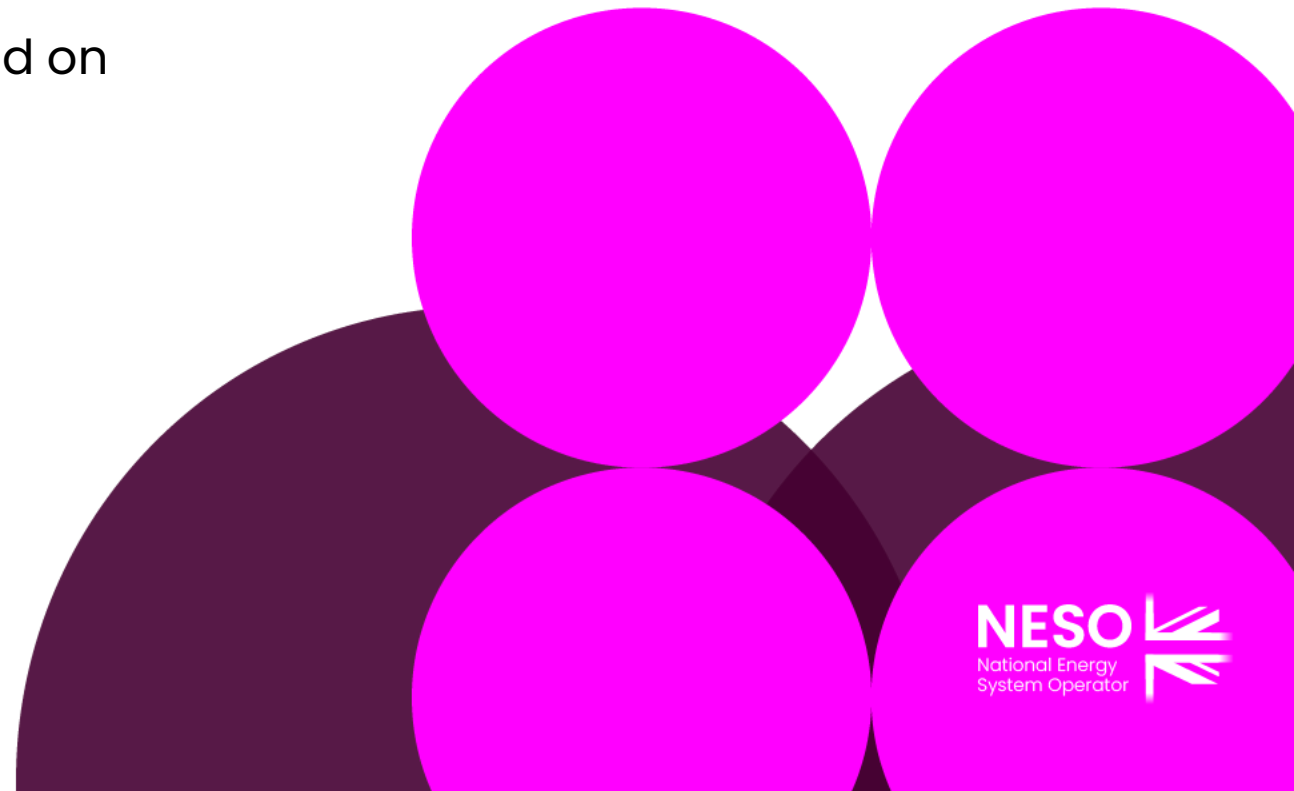
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Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the meetings held on 28 January 2026 and 25 February 2026.



Actions Log

- Two Actions to review

Actions

Panel raised	Action	Owner	Comments	Due by	Status
Feb 2026	<p>Revise legal text for the Winter ERTS / outage modification (PM0153 / STCP-related).</p> <p>Work with LM (and relevant TO colleagues) to review the current legal text. Specifically:</p> <p>Reconsider whether detailed bullet-point requirements should sit in the STCP or be referenced via an external process / framework document.</p> <p>Clarify roles, responsibilities, and avoid overly prescriptive wording where a principles-based approach is intended.</p> <p>Circulate revised wording to panel members offline (ahead of the next panel) for visibility and comfort.</p>	Maria Lopez	Ongoing	March 2026	Open
Feb 2026	<p>Respond to technical clarifications raised by ML.</p> <p>Take away and come back with clear answers on:</p> <p>Policy treatment of demand in relation to winter outages and ERTS > 24 hours.</p> <p>Whether and how the policy applies to offshore transmission assets (OFTOs), including single-circuit risk scenarios.</p> <p>Responses to be shared with the panel once confirmed with planning teams.</p>	Dozie Nnabuife	Ongoing	March 2026	Open

Chair's Update

- Horizon Scan

STC Panel Horizon Scanning

Expected Panel	Modification reference	Title	Proposer	Company	Type	Governance Route	Associated Mods	Description
Feb-26	PM0153 & PM0154	System Access Reform	Dozie Nnabuife	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	GSR035, GSR036 (SQSS)	PM0153 legal text review required and back in Panel in March/April. PM0154 approved for implementation
Mar-26	CM0106/PM0155	GC0139 related modifications	Stuart McLarnon	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	GC0139 related	Raising in March 26
Apr-26	PM0133	Pathfinder feasibility studies	Graham Lear	NESO	STCP	TBC	None	Presented to the Panel in October 2025, and was rejected pending further engagement TOs. Ongoing
Apr-26	TBC	TNoUS Processes	Amanda Rooney	NESO	STC	TBC	N/A	Will be coming to April Panel
April/May 2026	PM0147	STCP 12-2 Issue 001 RMS and EMT Model Sharing Process	Frank Kasebante	NESO	STCP	NA	CM097	On hold in line with modifications GC0168 and CM097. Claire Chairing. Waiting for alternative request. Need to align timelines. Update in March Panel
TBC	TBC	Final sums	Olivia Tomlinson	NESO	STCP	STCP	Connections reform mods	STCP18-8 modification, to account for delays to TO invoicing. Ongoing
TBC	TBC	Further connections reform mods	Not yet known	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	Not yet known	We are confirming the forward programme of work, and will keep STC Panel updated on future mods.
TBC	TBC	Update Planning References in published Electricity Transmission codes	Tomas Goss	NESO	Not yet known	TBC		Presented in AOB at the February 2026 Panel. Will come back to Panel with modification in the coming months
TBC	TBC	ESRS	Tony Johnson	NESO	STC	TBC	GC0156	consequential STC Mod to GC0156, raised in Feb 26
TBC	TBC	Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP)	Tomas Goss	NESO	Not yet known	TBC	TBC	

Authority Decisions

- Authority Decisions
- Updates

Authority Decisions and Updates as of 17 March 2026

Authority Decisions:

There have been no Authority decisions since the February 2026 STC Panel.

Updates:

There are have been no Authority updates since the February 2026 STC Panel.

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

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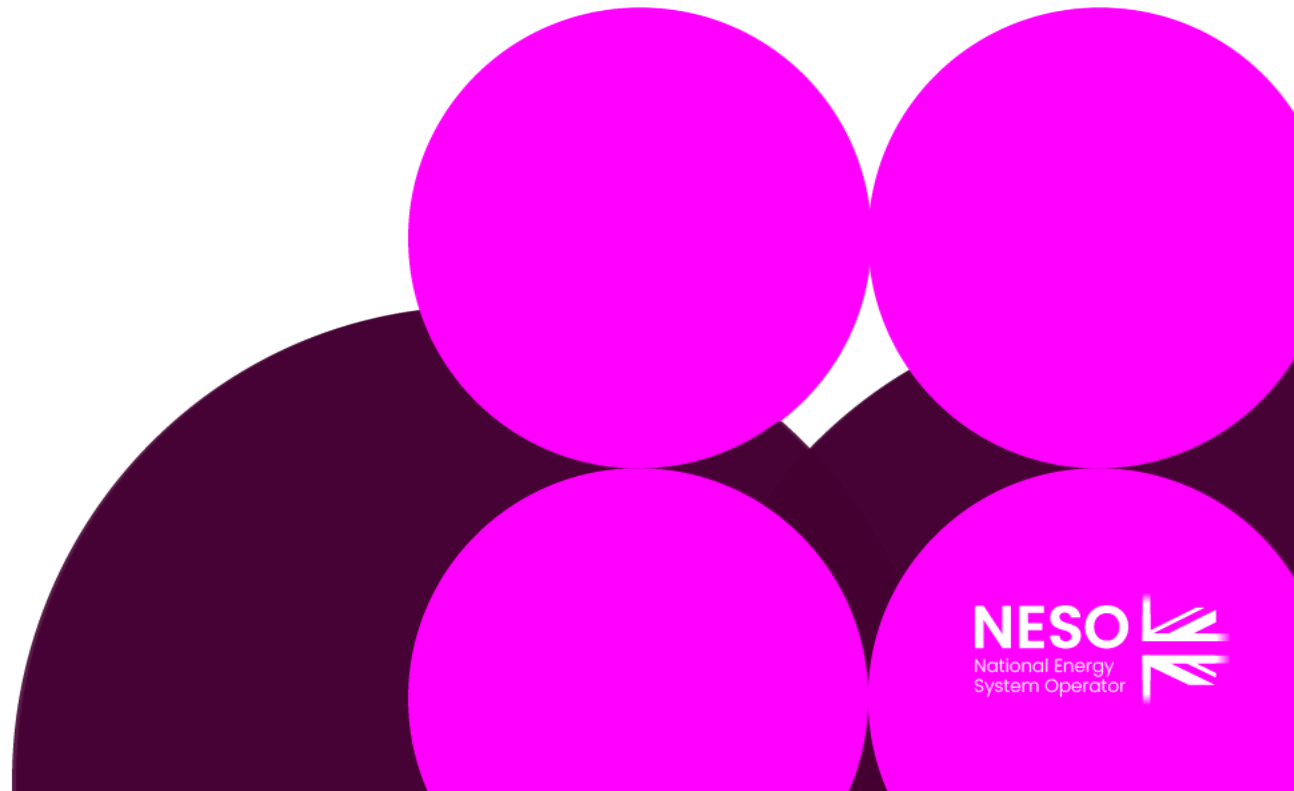
Draft STC / STCP Modifications

- **PM0147:** RMS and EMT Model Sharing Process (STCP 12-2 Issue 01)

Draft STC Procedure

PM0147: RMS and EMT Model Sharing
Process (STCP 12-2 Issue 01)

Frank Kasibante, NESO



PM0147 Asks of Panel

- Share feedback on updated legal text

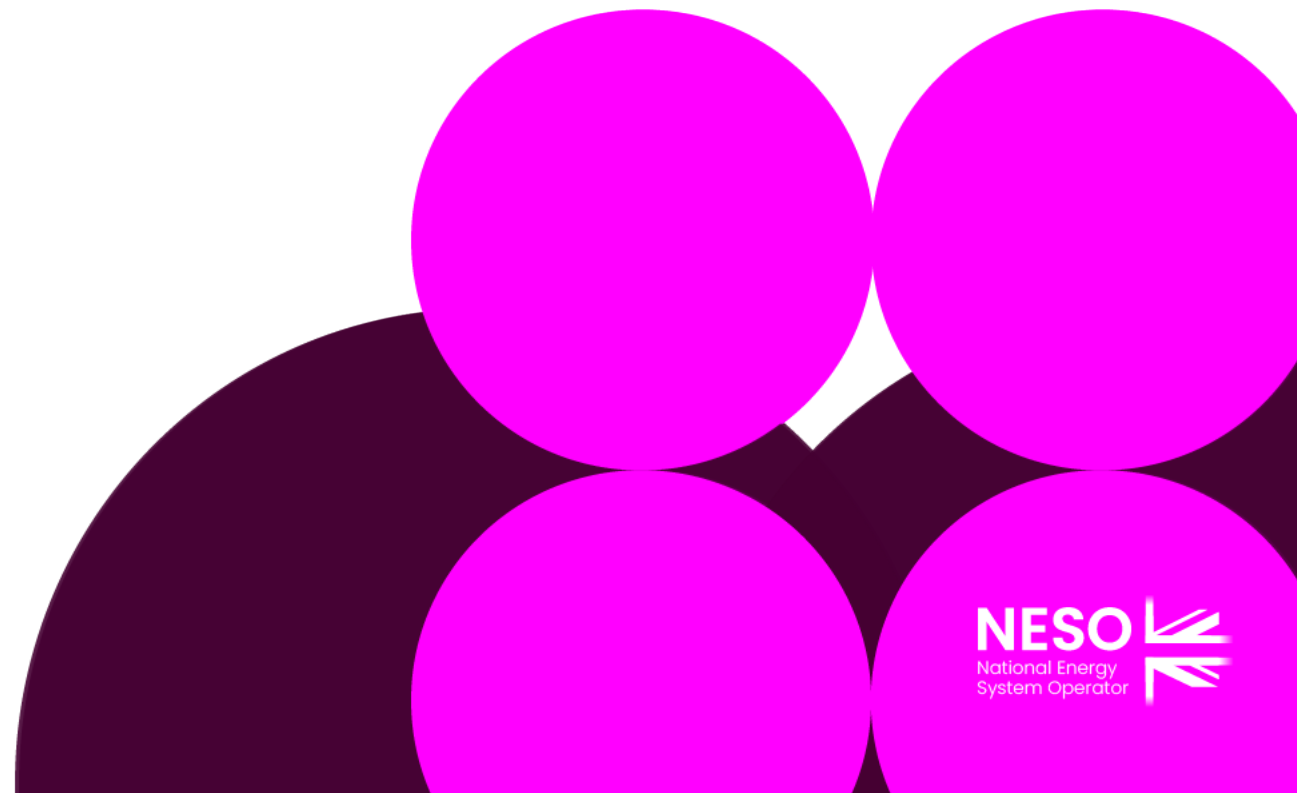
New Modifications

- **CM0106:** Interface Substation Compliance Assessment.

New Modification

CM0106: Interface Substation
Compliance Assessment

Stuart McLarnon, NESO



Critical Friend Feedback: CM0106

Code Administrator comments	Amendments made by the Proposer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removed table and requested these be added as an annex• Requested the Proposer to complete rationale for positive impacts• Requested the Proposer to complete acronyms to the list as required	Details agreed with the Proposer and amendments made.

CM0106 Proposed Timeline

Milestone	Date	Milestone	Date
Modification presented to Panel	25 March 2026	Code Administrator Consultation	05 October – 23 October 2026
Workgroup Nominations (15 Business Days)	26 March – 15 April 2026	Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel (5 Business Days)	17 November 2026
Workgroup 1 Workgroup 2 Workgroup 3	20 April 2026 11 May 2026 01 June 2026	Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote	25 November 2026
Workgroup Consultation (15 Business Days)	05 June – 26 June 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	26 November – 7 December 2026
Workgroup 5 Workgroup 6 Workgroup 7	14 July 2026 05 August 2026 25 August 2026	Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	08 December 2026
Workgroup report issued to Panel (5 Business Days)	15 September 2026	Ofgem decision	TBC
Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference	30 September 2026	Implementation Date	TBC

Problem Statement

Issue:

- Obligations In the Planning code used to require TOs and Network Operators to agree on Access Groups and Access Periods. Network Operators would share schedules which would allow TOs to determine site compliance. Since separation, it is unclear if there is any obligation on TOs to perform an assessment to check the submissions are compliant with the SQSS chapters on demand (3) and Voltage (6).

Proposal

Proposed Solution:

- A new obligation to provide these Compliance Assessments will be placed in the STC, likely in Schedule Three: Information And Data Exchange Specification
- A new STCP will be introduced to explain the process to meet these obligations for TOs with more than one directly connected Network Operator in their Transmission Area. This STCP will be similar to PC.7.

Impacts:

- NGET will continue to provide their completed assessments in the form of Compliance Reports, as they have been doing.
- The Scottish TOs will not have to provide these Compliance Reports until there are more than one directly connected Network Operator in their Transmission Areas.

Benefits and Impacts

Benefits:

- Improved clarity for industry parties
- Compliance Assessments continue to be performed

Impacts:

- Possible consequential Grid Code modification in clear up obligations and remove unnecessary text

Industry Engagement

Feedback from industry:

- I have discussed the first draft of Legal text with a Network Operator who is familiar with both the Grid Code and STCPs
- I have raised this issue as an AOB at STC panel last year

Proposers asks of Panel

1. Are there any impacts that have not been considered here?
2. Are there any other suggestions to consider within the proposal?
3. Are there any alternative routes (from codification) that should be considered?
4. Any other feedback from Panel members.

CM0106 – Terms of Reference

Workgroup Term of Reference

- a) Implementation;
- b) Review and support the legal text drafting;
- c) Ensure the appropriate Industry experts or stakeholders are engaged in the Workgroup to ensure that all potentially affected stakeholders have the opportunity to be represented in the Workgroup;
- d) Consider the cross-Code impacts this Modification has, particularly on the CUSC and the Grid Code;

CM0106 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 to Workgroup
- **AGREE** Workgroup Terms of Reference
- **NOTE** the proposed timeline

Inflight Modification Updates

Modification Withdrawal

- CM0105: Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity

Timeline Update

- CM097: Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) and Root Mean Square (RMS) Model Submission for Transmission Owners (TOs)

CM0105: Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity Withdrawal

The Proposer withdrew their support for CM0105 on 10 March 2026. A withdrawal window was opened up for 5 Business Days from this date.

No parties came forward to become the Proposer for this Modification.

CM0105– the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the Modification can be withdrawn

CM097: Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) and Root Mean Square (RMS) Model Submission for Transmission Owners (TOs) Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	20 August 2025	22 October 2025	07 November 2025	TBC	TBC
New timeline	15 April 2026	16 June 2026	16 July 2026	TBC	TBC

Rationale: CMP097 on hold since August 2025, to align with timelines of other EMT-related mods (GC0168, CMP456, and CMP466). New timeline required to bring CM097 in line with GC0168.

Workgroups Remaining: 2

CM097 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

Updates on other industry codes

05 December 2025 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#) (January 2026 Cancelled)

25 February 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

26 February 2026 Grid Code Review [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

27 February 2026 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

Any Other Business

- **Consequential STC /STCP Changes arising from GC0186** – System Restoration Proposed STC Changes – Post ESRS

System Restoration

Proposed STC Changes – Post ESRS

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26 March 2026

NESO

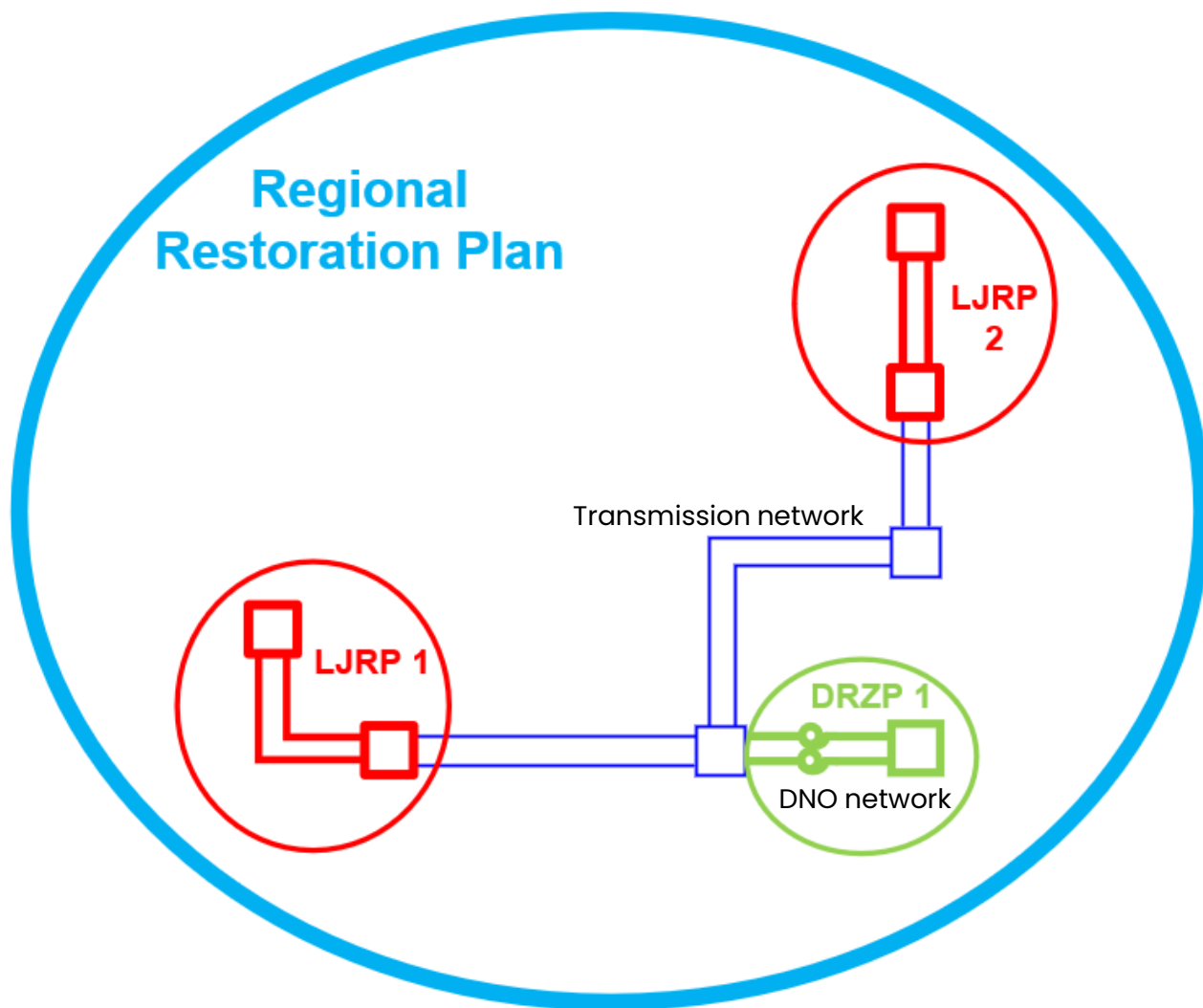
Background

- During the Code Development of the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) (Code Mods GC0156, CM089/CM091, PM0128/PM0132, CMP398/412) NGET queried at the STC Panel if there as any possibility of treating NGET in the same way as SPT and SHE Transmission during a System Restoration event (particularly in respect of autonomy and switching in the post LJRP and DRZP phases).
- It was agreed the above Code Mods would proceed as normal until Authority Approval, and NESO would then engage with NGET, SPT and SHE Transmission 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 a number of issues over and above the original request, many of which reside in the Grid Code and STC (see next slide)
- The proposal is to therefore raise a Grid Code mod and then shortly after that raise a consequential STC Mod.

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 a number of developments which will require Grid Code changes and STC / STCP changes.
- Requirements include
 - Equitable treatment of NGET, SPT and SHE Transmission during a Restoration event (OC9)
 - Introduction of Regional Restoration Plans
 - Changes to OC5.7.2.1(g) to accommodate testing (dead line 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 LJRPs 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 Code mod and then a consequential mod is then applied to the STC and STCPs

Regional Restoration Plans



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.

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 issue was presented to the February 2026 GCDF and GCRP
- The Grid Code Review Panel Agreed the issue should progress to a Workgroup via the Standard Governance Route and has Mod number GC0186. It is proposed to be a Joint Grid Code / Distribution Code Workgroup with expectation of the first workgroup in May.
- The plan is to develop the Grid Code drafting first and the STC drafting will follow shortly after.

Advice to Panel

- It is proposed to raise a formal Mod at the STC Panel later in the year when Grid Code Mod GC0186 starts or just before
- At this stage we may only need an STCP change (in particular STCP 06-1 (System Restoration) though other checks will need to be made.
- This presentation is for information only and no further action is necessary at this stage.

Activities ahead of the next STC Panel Meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for April STC Panel	14 April 2026
Papers Day	21 April 2026
STC Panel Meeting	29 April 2026

Close

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Chair, STC Panel