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Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma

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

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 **06 February 2026**. 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Lead Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other

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(Please mark the relevant box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Confidential (<i>this <u>will be shared</u> with industry and the Panel for further consideration</i>)
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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 4) 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;

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- 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;*
- 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

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1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution(s) against the Applicable Objectives against 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 type="checkbox"/> ii <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iii <input type="checkbox"/> iv <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> v <input type="checkbox"/> None
		Click or tap here to enter text.	
		<p>Enhancing the planning data exchange between Network Operators and the System Operator (and eventually the Transmission Owners via the STC) should result in more efficient, co-ordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity thereby better facilitating AO(i). In addition, ensuring that greater detail on what is connected to the total system is shared between parties, should contribute positively to the aims of AO(iii).</p>	
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<p>Given recent experiences with the delivery and implementation of the LTDS CIM, and as stated in our workgroup consultation response we believe that the proposed timeline is extremely challenging. In order to implement an effective and efficient solution it is important that CIM profiles are agreed with all relevant parties/stakeholders ahead of any development work commencing. As these profiles have yet to be agreed we have concerns that a January 2027 implementation date may prove to be unachievable, given the significant resource implications that this has on limited industry resource which has the relevant CIM experience and knowledge. The lack of agreed CIM profiles also has</p>	

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		a knock-on impact for software vendors offering a CIM solution as they will need clarity on the requirements before they commit resources to develop solutions to integrate into their software packages.
3	Do you have any other comments?	None other than to re-iterate the challenging timescales associated with the various activities (including testing) that are required to be undertaken by various industry parties to allow a successful implementation to be achieved.
4	Do you agree with the Workgroup's assessment that the modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Code?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Click or tap here to enter text.