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STC Modification Proposal Form																
<h1>CM0107:</h1> <h2>Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan</h2> <p>Overview: Due to the upcoming introduction of the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP), several sections of the STC/STCP need to be changed as the references are becoming outdated, including the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), the Seven Year Statement (SYS), the Network Options Assessment (NOA) and the Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS).</p>		<h3>Modification process & timetable</h3> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Proposal Form 10 April 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Workgroup Consultation N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Workgroup Report N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Code Administrator Consultation 06 May 2026 – 27 May 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Draft Final Modification Report 16 June 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Final Modification Report 13 July 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Implementation TBC</td> </tr> </table>	1	Proposal Form 10 April 2026	2	Workgroup Consultation N/A	3	Workgroup Report N/A	4	Code Administrator Consultation 06 May 2026 – 27 May 2026	5	Draft Final Modification Report 16 June 2026	6	Final Modification Report 13 July 2026	7	Implementation TBC
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<p>Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.</p>																
<p>This modification is expected to have a: Low impact Any STC parties currently impacted by the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), the Seven Year Statement (SYS), the Network Options Assessment (NOA) or the Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS).</p>																
<p>Proposer's recommendation of governance route</p>	<p>Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation</p>															
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What is the issue?

The introduction of the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) requires that any older references are updated to previous Electricity Planning Data methodologies such as the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), which provides NESO’s view of the future of transmission requirements.¹ The final iteration of the ETYS is currently scheduled for release in summer 2026. NESO’s licence has been changed to include the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP). The Grid Code and System Operator – Transmission Owner Code (STC) will need to have any references to previous iterations of planning documents removed, including the ETYS and remaining references to the previous Seven Year Statement (SYS), Network Options Assessment (NOA) or Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS). As functions of the ETYS and the data it produces are still valid, where the CSNP is directly taking over the function this needs to be included, and the wording of the legal text amended to ensure continuity.

Why change?

As above, the CSNP is taking over the functions previously provided by the ETYS, which is being phased out in 2026 as per the mandate from Ofgem, including the data which is input to NESO and the reports being produced.

Therefore, we need to ensure that the STC, STCPs, Grid Code and Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) are amended in line with the new situation and do not contain references to redundant processes, which would cause confusion and uncertainty among stakeholders. We are progressing the changes in these codes in parallel with this request.

The SYS, NOA and ODIS are already redundant at the time of writing and references need to be removed from the codes.

¹ <https://www.neso.energy/publications/electricity-ten-year-statement-etys>

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What is the Proposer’s solution?

As the ETYS is being removed and many of the functions replaced by the CSNP there is a clear need for the Codes to keep pace with these changes. The references to the ETYS and SYS will need to come out as they will be redundant, and where the function is being taken over by the CSNP this will need to be added into the legal text. A list of STC references to ETYS and SYS has been compiled (see Appendix) and there will be potentially three scenarios:

1. 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 (i.e. a straightforward replacement of ETYS for CSNP or similar).
2. 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 amended to describe the function and how they are being fulfilled.
3. 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 modification.

Draft legal text

As per the above sections there will be several different changes to the existing STC legal text depending on how the change from ETYS to CSNP affect the wording, and other than the three types of changes there is no standard pattern. A spreadsheet outlining the proposed changes for each reference to ETYS, SYS, NOA and ODIS is included as an appendix.

The specific sections of the STC affected are as follows:

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- Section D Planning Co-ordination, Part 1 Introduction 1.1.3,
- Section D Planning Co-ordination, Part 1, 4 Electricity Ten Year Statement: Entire section,
- Section H - Disputes: Section 4.3.12,
- Schedule 3 2.1 (j) and (k), 2.1.6 (b, ii), 3.7
- Schedule 8 1.3.3, STCP 16-1 Appendix D 'Abbreviations and Definitions',
- Schedule 8, TO Construction offer 1.1.3.2 (c),
- Schedule 9 A: 2.62, B: 2.4, Contents Headings,
- Schedule 9 C: 1.1, 2.7.2, Appendix
- STCP 03-1 Issue 008 Post Event Analysis and Reporting
- STCP 18-1 Issue 016 Page 34, Stage 3,
- STCP 20-1 Issue 007 Electricity Ten Year Statement: (Entire document),
- STCP 21-1 Issue 006 Network Options Assessment,
- STCP 22-1 Issue 006 Production of Models for GB System Planning

There will also need to be code modifications raised for the Grid Code, STCPs and CUSC as these will also be impacted by the same changes to the ETYS.

What is the impact of this change?

This Mod will impact any current STC parties who use or are involved with ETYS, i.e. anyone who provides data input to the ETYS process, and those who use the outputs of the ETYS. Ofgem has decided that the next iteration of the ETYS report (summer 2026) will be the final one. However, NESO's licence has already been updated regarding the requirements for CSNP.

We will be updating the codes to ensure that the information is submitted in accordance with the new processes.

Proposer's assessment against STC Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon	Positive

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<p>Transmission Licensees by Transmission Licences and the Electricity Act 1989;</p>	<p>This modification ensures that we have continuity in terms of the data gained from the affected parties. The expectations from customers will not be changing except for the new name, location and timing of the data they already provide.</p>
<p>(b) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon the licensee by the Electricity System Operator licence, the Energy Act 2023 and Electricity Act 1989;</p>	<p>Positive See (a), removes any ambiguity between the requirements of all parties</p>
<p>(c) development, maintenance, and operation of an efficient, economical, and coordinated system of electricity transmission;</p>	<p>Positive Ensuring that the references in the STC are up to date and redundancy is removed, we are ensuring a correct flow of information and facilitating more effective future planning operations</p>
<p>(d) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity;</p>	<p>Positive By ensuring the codes refer to the correct name for the published network planning data, Generators are better directed and can research the market better, facilitating more effective competition</p>
<p>(e) protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System insofar as it relates to interactions between</p>	<p>Positive The STC is, by this modification, kept up to date with the latest NESO Independent System Operator and Planner (ISOP) licence conditions</p>

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Transmission Licensees and the licensee;	C12/C17 regarding the production of a Centralised Strategic Network Plan in future
(f) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC;	Positive See (e)
(g) facilitation of access to the National Electricity Transmission System for generation not yet connected to the National Electricity Transmission System or Distribution System; and	Neutral
(h) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any Relevant Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	Neutral

* See Electricity System Operator Licence

Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories

Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability of the system	Neutral
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral
Benefits for society as a whole	Positive The investment NESO is putting into the CSNP project will not only take over the functions

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	which the ETYS provided but expand them as well. The new system will better utilise the data in terms of whole system analysis and future planning, ensuring that the network is as efficient and cost-effective as possible.
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral As the data that users send to NESO will be used as part of the overall CSNP process, analysis produced will better mitigate against environmental damage thanks to the whole system view the new process is conducting.
Improved quality of service	Positive See 'Benefits for Society as a whole'.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date:

31st of August 2026

Date decision required by

Mid – August 2026

Implementation approach

We have been discussing the implementation of the necessary STC changes with the TOs since the middle of 2025, and the draft of the changes has since been shared with them as well as approaching the STC Panel. Changes have also been discussed with Ofgem during this period. We have also been receiving comments in return over the last 6 months from the TOs, and the proposal has been raised in the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) sessions and their sub-groups, as well as the STC Panel in February 2026 in readiness for the full Proposal in the March Panel.

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Proposer’s justification for governance route

Governance route: Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

Having considered the required changes to the legal text in the STC & STCPs, most of which are a straightforward change from ETYS to CSNP, we do not consider that there is a need for workgroup discussion prior to the Consultation. Our communications with stakeholders during the CSNP proposal phase and also gained feedback regarding the required changes as a result of the implementation indicate that the overall premise and goals of the modification are understood and accepted.

We have assessed the materiality of the proposed change, and believe that it is unlikely to have a material impact on the Users, as the results of the proposed change will be updating the references relevant to changing from the ETYS process to CSNP. The information currently being submitted by Users will not be changing. For that reason, the Proposer believes that this should be treated as a Self-Governance Modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

Interactions

Grid Code BSC CUSC SQSS
 European Other Other
 Network Codes modifications

Alongside this STC Mod we are also raising one for the Grid Code changes as well as in the CUSC, and we will be raising STCP changes as a Consequential Mod.

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Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CM	Code Modification
CSNP	Centralised Strategic Network Plan
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
ETYS	Electricity Ten Year Statement
ISOP	Independent System Operator and Planner
NOA	Network Options Assessment
ODIS	Offshore Development Information Statement
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SYS	Seven Year Statement

Reference material

- [ETYS-CSNP STC Legal Text changes proposal v1.xlsx](#)
- [Centralised Strategic Network Plan \(CSNP\) | National Energy System Operator](#)
- [Electricity Ten Year Statement \(ETYS\) | National Energy System Operator](#)