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Grid Code Modification Proposal Form

GC0188: Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan

Overview: Due to the upcoming introduction of the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP), several terms in the Grid Code need to be removed as the references are becoming outdated, including the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), the Seven Year Statement (SYS) and the Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS).

Modification process & timetable

1	Proposal Form 09 June 2026
2	Code Administrator Consultation 02 July 2026 – 02 August 2026 Month
3	Draft Final Modification Report 19 August 2026
4	Final Modification Report 07 September 2026
5	Implementation 10 Business Days after Decision

Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.

This modification is expected to have a: Low impact

Any **Grid Code** parties currently impacted by ETYS/SYS or ODIS.

Modification drivers: Harmonisation (Change of Licence)

Proposer's recommendation of governance route

Standard Governance
modification to proceed to Code
Administrator Consultation

Proposer's view on modification priority

Not Applicable

Who can I talk to about the change?

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What is the issue?

The introduction of the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) requires updates to any older references to previous Electricity Planning Data methodologies such as the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), which provides the National Energy System Operator's (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 an obligation to develop the CSNP. The Grid Code and System Operator – Transmission Owner (STC) Code 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) 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.

Therefore, we need to ensure that as well as the Grid Code, the STC, STCPs and 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 and ODIS are already redundant at the time of writing and references need to be removed from the Codes.

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

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

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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 Grid Code 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 also 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.

What is in and out of scope?

The proposal will affect the following sections of the Grid 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)

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Glossary & Definitions (adding new/removing the old references)

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

Draft legal text

As per the above sections there will be several different changes to the existing Grid Code 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. Documents confirming the proposed changes for each reference of ETYS, SYS, and ODIS is included as an appendix.

What is the impact of this change?

This Mod will impact any current Grid Code parties who use or are involved with the ETYS, i.e. anyone who provides data input to the ETYS process, and those who use the output 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 Grid Code Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(i) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity;	Positive Ensuring that the references in the Grid Code are up to date and redundancy is removed, we are ensuring a correct flow of information and facilitating more

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	effective future planning operations.
(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);	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
(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;	Positive With the introduction of the CSNP (and phasing out of the ETYS) we are introducing a much more comprehensive and wide-ranging programme, not just a single system or report, which covers the overall strategy for the network.
(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	Positive The proposed changes to the Grid Code will ensure that our license obligations are discharged with the greatest efficiency and remove all redundancy.
(v) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements	Positive The removal of ETYS/SYS references in the Grid Code ensures that the Codes are as efficient as possible, with any redundant items removed and the

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	sections affected are affirming the current situation. The inclusion of the CSNP where it takes over sections formerly covered by the ETYS/SYS will also ensure continuity and give confidence to stakeholders that the useful information is still being provided.
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* 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 which the ETYS provided but expand them as well. Whilst the data that existing users provide NESO will be the same, the new system will better utilise it 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 users send to NESO will be used as part of the overall CSNP process, analyses produced will better mitigate against environmental damage thanks to the whole system view the new process is conducting.

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Improved quality of service	Positive See 'Benefits for Society as a whole'.
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When will this change take place?

Suggested Implementation date:

Mid-October 2026

Proposer's justification of Implementation date:

In the middle of August 2026, the initial transition period to set up CSNP will begin. It is at this point that users who are currently submitting data via the ETYS process will need to switch to the equivalent section of the CSNP.

Date decision required by

A Panel vote on 28 August would fit with the above,

Implementation approach

We have been discussing the implementation of the necessary Grid Code 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 Grid Code Review 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 JPC (Joint Planning Committee) sessions and their sub-groups, as well as the Grid Code Panel in February 2026 in readiness for the full Proposal in the March Panel.

Proposer's justification for governance route

Governance route: Standard Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

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Having considered the required changes to the Legal text in the Grid Code, most of which are a straightforward change from ETYS to CSNP, we do not consider there to be a need for discussion prior to the Consultation. Our communications with stakeholders during the CSNP proposal phase and also 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.

Having assessed the materiality of the proposed change, 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.

The changes to the Data Registration Code (DRC) are solely to update the references from ETYS to CSNP.

Proposer's view on prioritisation

Prioritisation: Standard

Prioritisation Criteria

The proposer must provide an initial assessment of their proposal against the prioritisation criteria, using the table below, and include a clear justification for classifying the Modification as a high priority. To be considered High priority all 3 Criteria must be High Impact. If not, the priority category should be Standard. This assessment will be taken into account when prioritisation determinations are made.

Proposers must:

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- demonstrate a link to the delivery of government policies and developments relating to the energy sector as set out in the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS).
- include the level of industry resource, knowledge and/or time required to progress the modification through to implementation.
- include the perceived value, criticality and risk to industry, consumers, and/or other stakeholders of the implementation of the modification.
- provide any additional information to support the proposal such as what is driving the priority, or any relevant deadlines for implementing the modification

Prioritisation Criteria	High Impact
Strongly aligns with the Strategic Direction Statement The Modification strongly supports key government energy policy actions that require immediate progress and aligns with SDS priorities under the Act Now category.	Yes
Complexity The Modification is highly complex, with a fast-approaching deadline, significant implementation challenges, and a requirement for extensive stakeholder engagement.	No
Importance The Modification addresses a high-risk or critical issue, making timely action important for stakeholders as it is anticipated to deliver substantial benefits and value.	Yes
Priority Category (To be considered High priority all 3 Criteria must be High Impact.)	Standard

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Interactions

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| ☒ CUSC | ☐ BSC | ☒ STC | ☐ SQSS |
| ☐ European
Network Codes | ☐ EBR Article 18
T&Cs ¹ | ☐ Other
modifications | ☐ Other
DRC Portal |

Alongside this Grid Code Modification we are also raising one for the STC and STCP changes as well as in the CUSC.

Industry engagement and feedback

Prior to raising this modification, there has been much work across not only NESO but with many stakeholders to decide how to implement the new centralised Strategic Network Plan, as this new plan is a much broader endeavour than a simple replacement of the ETYS and older documents. CSNP methodology has been consulted on and has now been approved and changes to the codes will be needed in order to ensure that the CSNP program is properly implemented.

This Modification is one aspect of the results from CSNP planning, in that some current functions will be subsumed by it, with the contributions from existing Industry parties being unchanged. The industry bodies agree that we do need to ensure the Codes are up to date with the latest developments rather than referencing out of date procedures and documents.

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CSNP	Centralised Strategic Network Plan
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code

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DRC	Data Registration Code
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
ETYS	Electricity Ten Year Statement
GC	Grid Code
JPC	Joint Planning Committee
NESO	National Energy System Operator
NOA	Network Options Assessment
ODIS	Offshore Development Information Statement
SDS	Strategic Direction Statement
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SYS	Seven Year Statement
TO	Transmission Owners
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions

Annexes

Annex	Information
Annex 01	GC0188 Legal Text

Reference material

- [ETYS-CSNP Grid Code Legal text Changes Proposal v1.xlsx](#)

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- [Centralised Strategic Network Plan \(CSNP\) | National Energy System Operator](#)
- [Electricity Ten Year Statement \(ETYS\) | National Energy System Operator](#)