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Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma

GSR036: System Access Reform: Review of the voltage limits

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 box.sqss@neso.energy by **5pm** on **03 July 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 box.sqss@neso.energy

Respondent details	Please enter your details	
Respondent name:	National Energy System Operator	
Company name:	National Energy System Operator	
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Phone number:	Not applicable	
Which best describes your organisation?	☐ Consumer body ☐ Demand ☐ Distribution Network Operator ☐ Generator ☐ Industry body ☐ Interconnector	☐ Storage ☐ Supplier ☒ System Operator ☐ Transmission Owner ☐ Virtual Lead Party ☐ Other

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I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)	☒ Non-Confidential (<i>this <u>will be shared</u> with industry and the Panel for further consideration</i>)
	☐ Confidential (<i>this will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless specified, <u>will not be shared</u> with the Panel or the industry for further consideration</i>)

For reference the Applicable SQSS Objectives are:

- a) *facilitate the planning, development and maintenance of an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission, and the operation of that system in an efficient, economic and coordinated manner;*
- b) *ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System;*
- c) *facilitate effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity; and*
- d) *facilitate Licensees to comply with any relevant obligations under Assimilated law.*

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Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions				
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution against the Applicable Objectives against the current baseline.	Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution better facilitates than the current baseline:		
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The proposed solution, including the increased 10% upper limit on voltage levels from 200kV to 300kV and the discretionary additional relaxation better facilitates the Applicable SQSS objectives when assessed against the current baseline. (a) The modification will improve the efficient <u>efficiency</u>, coordinated <u>coordination</u> and economical operation of the transmission system by because the wider voltage limit will: - Facilitat<u>inge</u> some additional construction and maintenance outages, supporting the timely delivery of planned reinforcements, increasing transmission capacity, maintaining the reliability and availability of plant and equipment; - Slightly reduc<u>inge</u> the costs of voltage management.				

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		(b) The modification will ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System as: - The increased<u>wider</u> voltage limits might<u>would</u> reduce the need to switch voltage control circuits out of service, and also reduce the instances when demand is put on single circuit risks. - Facilitation of timely maintenance outage is likely to have a positive impact on reliability and availability of equipment. (c) This modification will facilitate competition in generation and electricity supply by supporting construction outages that enable the timely connection of new generation plant to the transmission system, thereby increasing competition. (d) The modification is consistent with the relevant obligations under the assimilated laws.
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	☒ Yes ☐ No
		The proposed timetable, targeting implementation in Q4 2026 and taking effect ten Business Days after the Authority decision, is appropriate given the

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		limited nature of the changes (Tables 6.3 and 6.4 and the associated explanatory notes). The relaxation of the upper voltage limit from 9% to 10% does not require additional processes, governance arrangements or amendments to existing derogation routes.
3	Do you have any other comments?	No other comments