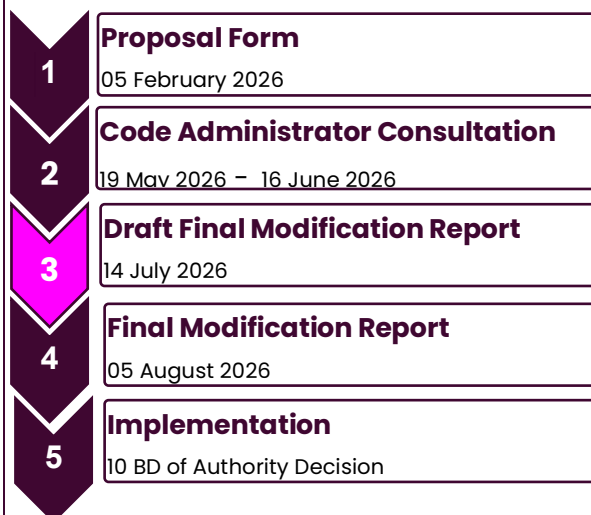


Draft Final Modification Report

GSR037: Formatting and Housekeeping

Overview: This modification aims to make the System Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS) a more readable, user-friendly document.

Modification process & timetable



Have 5 minutes? Read our [Executive summary](#)

Have 30 minutes? Read the full [Draft Final Modification Report](#)

Have 80 minutes? Read the full Draft Final Modification Report and Annexes

Status summary:

The Draft Final Modification Report has been prepared for the recommendation vote at Panel.

Panel recommendation: The Panel will meet on 28 July 2026 to carry out their recommendation vote.

This modification is expected to have a: Low Impact on Transmission Owners, Offshore Transmission Owners, Distribution Network Operators, National Energy System Operator and the Authority.

Governance route	Standard Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
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Who can I talk to about the change?	Proposer : Stuart McLarnon Stuart.McLarnon@neso.energy 07596579914	Code Administrator Chair: box.SQSS@neso.energy
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What is the issue?

The System Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS) document currently contains a significant number of formatting inconsistencies, structural issues, and referencing errors. These challenges make it difficult to efficiently develop and implement other code modifications, as Users often struggle to navigate and interpret the document in its existing form.

This modification seeks to address these issues by undertaking a comprehensive housekeeping exercise aimed at improving the clarity, consistency, and usability of the SQSS.

Why change?

The SQSS document is not easily accessible and not of a user-friendly standard. This will better support stakeholders when reviewing requirements, drafting changes, and ensuring alignment with the wider suite of industry codes and governance processes.

What is the solution?

The Proposer has drafted an updated SQSS document aimed at improving clarity, accessibility, and ease of use for all stakeholders.

Legal text

The updates include but are not limited to restructuring the definitions section into a table to improve clarity, renumbering Section J to simplify its layout and align it with the rest of the SQSS and applying consistent formatting across the entire document. The legal text can be seen in **Annex 03**.

Issues Not Addressed

A list of issues that were not addressed can be seen in **Annex 02**. These issues will be addressed in a subsequent SQSS modification.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's assessment against SQSS Objectives

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(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;	Positive Parties should be better able to review their respective responsibilities within the SQSS
(b) ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System;	Neutral
(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	Neutral
(d) facilitate Licensees to comply with any relevant obligations under Assimilated law	Neutral

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	Neutral

Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Neutral

Code Administrator Consultation Summary

The Code Administrator Consultation was issued on the 19 May 2026 closed on 19 June 2026 and received 4 non-confidential responses and 0 confidential responses, and no late responses. A summary of the responses can be found in the table below, and the full responses can be found in **Annex 04**.

Code Administrator Consultation summary	
Question	
Do you believe that the GSR037 Original Proposal better facilitates the SQSS Applicable Objectives?	Respondents considered that the original proposal better facilitates the SQSS by improving its readability, consistency, usability and clarity. Stakeholders noted that making the standard easier to navigate reduces the risk of parties misinterpreting obligations, and that the draft legal text addresses editorial and formatting issues that should make the SQSS easier to read and maintain.
Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	All respondents supported the proposed implementation approach.

Do you have any other comments?	No substantive issues were identified, although several minor formatting and drafting corrections were suggested.
Legal text issues raised in the consultation	
The summary of the legal text issues raised through the Code Administrator Consultation can be found in Annex 06 .	
EBR issues raised in the consultation	
No EBR issues were raised	

Panel Recommendation vote

The Panel will meet on the 28 July 2026 to carry on their recommendation vote.

They will assess whether a change should be made to the SQSS by assessing the proposed change and any alternatives against the Applicable Objectives.

Panel comments on Legal text

Ahead of the vote taking place, the Panel will consider the legal text amendments proposed as part of the Code Administrator Consultation and agree next steps. The suggested changes can be found in **Annex 07**.

Panel comments on EBR impacts

The Panel will discuss when they meet on the 28 July 2026 to carry out their recommendation vote.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

10 Business Days after Authority decision.

Date decision required by

As soon as possible.

Implementation approach

No processes or systems affected.

Interactions

☐ Grid Code ☐ BSC ☐ STC ☐ CUSC
☐ European ☐ Other ☐ Other
 Network Codes modifications

No Interactions

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
TSO	Transmission System Operator

Reference material

Annexes	
Annex	Information
Annex 01	GSR037 Proposal Form
Annex 02	List of Issues Not Addressed
Annex 03	GSR037 Legal Text (<i>pre-CAC</i>)
Annex 04	GSR037 Code Administrator Consultation Responses
Annex 05	GSR037 Code Administrator Consultation Responses Summary Table
Annex 06	GSR037 Summary of Legal Text queries raised through Code Administrator Consultation
Annex 07	GSR037 Final Legal text