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Dear Colleague,

### **Updates to published guidance documents**

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, Retail Code Consolidation came into full effect which meant that the requirements of the electricity Master Registration Agreement (MRA) and gas Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA), and a number of smaller codes and codes of practice, were consolidated into the Retail Energy Code (REC). We have therefore updated a number of guidance documents to incorporate this change as well as other housekeeping amendments.

The affected guidance documents are:

- Code Modification Urgency Criteria,
- Guidance on the launch and conduct of Significant Code Reviews,
- Self-Governance Modification Appeals Process.

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## Background

The industry codes are, broadly speaking, the contractual arrangements that underpin the operation of the electricity and gas industry. Each of the codes contain detailed rules governing how changes to the codes are made.

Among other things, the code rules may provide for modification proposals to be treated urgently<sup>1</sup>, how the Authority would raise modifications relating to a significant code review (SCR)<sup>2</sup>, and the process for appealing self-governance modification decisions<sup>3</sup> to the Authority.

We have identified a number of amendments that are needed to our guidance documents since they were last updated. The updates to the documents ensure they:

- Reference REC, and remove reference to the MRA, SPAA and a number of smaller codes and codes of practice,
- Reflect the relevant provisions in the REC,
- In relation to the Code Modification Urgency Criteria guidance, include the Grid Code in the list of codes for which we can set urgent timetables, and reflect the change process for Electricity Balancing Guidelines (EGBL)<sup>4</sup> related modification proposals that are considered urgent, and
- Include other housekeeping amendments.

A change-marked version of each guidance document is included in the annex to this letter, and updated guidance is published on our website.<sup>5</sup>

Yours faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> The code change rules may provide for modification proposals to be treated urgently, and therefore follow an expedited process compared to the standard modification process timescales.

<sup>2</sup> The Significant Code Review (SCR) process provides a tool for the Authority to initiate wide ranging and holistic change and to implement reform to a code based issue.

<sup>3</sup> Self-governance criteria for each code is set out in the relevant licence and/or code.

<sup>4</sup> Electricity Balancing Guidelines: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R2195&from=EN>

<sup>5</sup> [Code Modification Urgency Criteria](#), [Guidance on the launch and conduct of Significant Code Reviews](#), and [Self-Governance Modification Appeals Process](#).