

Electricity Distribution Licensees,
Distribution Code Review Panel
(DCRP) c/o Energy Networks
Association

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Dear Electricity Distribution Licensees,

Authority¹ decision to approve DCRP/MP/23/02 - Constitution & Rules of the Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP)

The Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) are the standing body established under the Distribution General Conditions to oversee the governance of the Distribution Code.² The DCRP is required to establish and comply at all times with its own Constitution and Rules and procedures relating to the conduct of its business. These arrangements are set out in a document titled 'The Constitution and Rules of the Distribution Code Review Panel of Great Britain' (hereafter referred to as 'the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP'). Any changes to this document must be approved by the Authority.³

On 18 October 2023 we received a request to approve a suite of revisions to the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP. The review of this document was undertaken by the Energy Networks Association (ENA) with the support of a panel of DCRP representatives, and the proposed changes were discussed by the DCRP on 5 October 2023. The revised version of the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP would introduce the following changes:

¹ References to the "Authority", "Ofgem", "we" and "our" are used interchangeably in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day to day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA

² Distribution Code documents can be found at <https://dcode.org.uk/>.

³ In accordance with DGC4.4 of the Distribution Code

1. Integration of previously approved changes, introduced by DCRP/21/07⁴
2. Updating DCRP membership arrangements
3. General housekeeping review of editorial changes
4. Removal of any gender specific terminology.

We have reviewed the revised version of the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP and have decided to approve the proposed changes.

The revisions ensure that the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP are aligned to the changes implemented following our decision to approve DCRP/21/07 which reflect retained EU law thus avoiding erroneous references or ambiguity following the UK's exit from the EU.

The changes proposed to the DCRP membership reflect the current working arrangements, and we consider that aligning the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP with current practices will provide additional clarity to Distribution Code parties. We expect the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP to be reviewed and updated as required to ensure it always aligns with the working practices of the DCRP.

Finally, we believe that the general housekeeping changes will ensure the accuracy of this document and agree with the removal of gender specific language as it promotes equality, diversity and inclusion in industry.

Decision notice

In accordance with paragraph DGC4.4 of the Distribution Code, we hereby approve version 9 of the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP, including the aforementioned revisions.

Carmel Golden

Deputy Director – Industry Rules

Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

⁴ These were previously approved in our decision on [DCRP/21/07 Distribution Code EU Exit Modifications - Modifications to The Distribution Code and Associated Documents to reflect the terms of the UK's departure from the EU](#).