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Ancillary Document 3: System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) Amendments

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This document contains proposed textual changes to the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) to give effect to the proposals to expand the scope of self-build and transfer of transmission level assets.

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1. Introduction

This document contains proposed modifications to the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC), including amendments to Section J, Schedule 5, Schedule 6 and Schedule 8. It does not reproduce the code in full and includes only those provisions affected by the proposed changes. The section summaries below indicate whether the provisions shown are new or contain amendments to existing licence conditions. Where amendments are proposed, the new text is highlighted in red.

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2. Section J – New Definitions

Section summary

The following text is proposed to be inserted into STC at Section J.

Definitions

- 2.1 'Adoption Agreement': the agreement to be offered by an Onshore Transmission Owner and entered into with a User under the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements. This agreement shall be in the standard form as published by the Onshore Transmission Owner;
- 2.2 'Contestable' or 'Contestability': in the context of the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements [means the activities and/or works in respect of [Sole Use Transmission Assets] between a Connection Point and SBT Point of Connection] as set out in the Relevant Transmission Licensees' published guidance on the type of works and activities which are Contestable;
- 2.3 'Contestable Works': in relation to a particular User where the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements apply means the Contestable activities and/or works as set out in and to be undertaken under the Adoption Agreement;
- 2.4 'Contestable Assets': in relation to a particular User where the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements apply, means any [Plant and Apparatus [and other assets]] resulting from the Contestable Works as identified in and to be adopted under the Adoption Agreement;
- 2.5 'Initial SBT Scope and Costs': the initial and indicative scope of Contestable Works and costs produced by an Onshore Transmission Owner for the purposes of the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements and inclusion in the TO Construction Offer;
- 2.6 'Non-Contestable Activities or Works': the activities and works that can only be undertaken by an Onshore Transmission Owner (which includes any Transmission works identified in the Centralised Strategic Network Plan at the time the Adoption Agreement is entered into] as set out in the Relevant Transmission Licensees' published guidance on the type of works and activities which are Non-Contestable;
- 2.7 'SBT Point of Connection': under the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements means the point of connection on to the existing Transmission System of the Onshore Transmission Owner as determined by the Onshore Transmission Owner in the context of the Contestable Works and as reflected in the Adoption Agreement;
- 2.8 'Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements': the Contestable arrangements as set out in combination in CUSC Section [20], the Transmission Licences and the Adoption Agreement

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- 2.9 'Sole Use Transmission Assets': Transmission assets (being Transmission Connection Assets or infrastructure assets) that are for the sole use of the User at the time that the Adoption Agreement is entered into;
- 2.10 'SBT Dispute Process': the specific process for referral of specified disputes between the Onshore Transmission Owner and the User to an independent third party for decision, that process and the nature of the disputes to which it applies being set out in the Adoption Agreement for
- 2.11 'TO Contestable Works Technical Standards': the technical standards that apply to Contestable Works and Contestable Assets as published by the Onshore Transmission Owner:

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3. Schedule 5

Section summary

The text highlighted in red is proposed to be inserted into Schedule 5. This document does not reproduce the STC in full. Only those provisions affected by the proposed changes in Schedule 5 are included below. Text shown in red identifies the amendments to be made to the existing STC provisions.

Programme – Section 1.1.18

- 3.1 The date on which **the User** wishes the New Connection Site to be made Operational.

Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements – Section 1.1.23/1.1.24

- 3.2 **1.1.23) Confirmation that the application is/is not made on the basis of the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements.**
- 3.3 **1.1.24) If made on the basis of the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements, The Company shall include in The Company Construction Application the User's preference for the SBT Connection Point, the nature and scope of the Contestable Works the User wishes to undertake and the programme suggested by the User (in bar chart form) in respect of the Contestable Works.**

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4. Schedule 6

Section summary

The text highlighted in red is proposed to be inserted into Schedule 6. This document does not reproduce the STC in full. Only those provisions affected by the proposed changes in Schedule 6 are included below. Text shown in red identifies the amendments to be made to the existing STC provisions.

Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements – Section 1.1.15/1.1.16

- 4.1 1.1.15) Confirmation that the application is/is not made on the basis of the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements.
- 4.2 1.1.16) If made on the basis of the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements, The Company shall include in The Company Modification Application the User's preference for the SBT Connection Point, the nature and scope of the Contestable Works the User wishes to undertake and the programme suggested by the User (in bar chart form) in respect of the Contestable Works.

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5. Schedule 8

Section summary

The text highlighted in red is proposed to be inserted into Schedule 8. This document does not reproduce the STC in full. Only those provisions affected by the proposed changes in Schedule 8 are included below. Text shown in red identifies the amendments to be made to the existing STC provisions.

Requirements of a TO Construction Offer – Section 1.2A

- 5.1 1.2A) In the case of a TO Construction Offer where the Self-Build and Transfer Arrangements apply such TO Construction Offer shall:
- 5.2 1.2A.1) include the Initial SBT Scope and Costs (and where requested by the User the initial design);
- 5.3 1.2A.2) confirm the date by which the Adoption Agreement must be entered into;
- 5.4 1.2.A.3) include a requirement for the Onshore Transmission Owner to notify The Company within 3 Business Days of the Adoption Agreement being entered into; and
- 5.5 1.2.A.4) include a requirement for the Onshore Transmission Owner to notify The Company as soon as practicable in the event that the Adoption Agreement is not entered into