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~~Final code modification template text~~ Annex 6A:

Section F – Code Modification Process

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A1. General

A1.1 This Section FA sets out the process for the maintenance and modification of the Code, as specified in the Code Manager Standard Licence Condition 27: Code maintenance and modification and additional requirements for amending the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions pursuant to Articles 4, 5, 6 and 10 of the Guideline on Electricity Balancing. To the extent that any conflict arises between the Code and the Code Manager Licence, the Code ManagerBSCCo must comply with the Code Manager Licence. the provisions set out in Section H, paragraph 1.5.

A1.2 The Code may only be modified:

a) In accordance with this Section AF; or
b) By the Secretary of State or the Authority pursuant to a power conferred in legislation.

A1.3 Each modification to the Code must commence with a Modification Proposal made in accordance with the provisions of this Section AF.

A1.4 Notwithstanding the Modification Procedures as set out in this Section F and subject to paragraph 1.5 below, the following Code provisions may not be amended without the prior consent of the Secretary of State:

a) this paragraph A1.4 and paragraphs A1.5, A8.1(g) and (h),A13.8A, A21.8(c) and (d), A25.1.7 and A25.1.8;
b) Any paragraph in this Section F to the extent only that it applies to the Secretary of State, a CfD Counterparty, the CM Settlement Body, a CfD Settlement Services Provider and any CM Settlement Services Provider or refers to the Capacity Market Rules and/or the AF Rules;
c) Section C1.2.1B, C11, paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 of Annex C-1, Section D7, Section K3.1.2A, Section K3.1.8, Sections K3.3.12 to 3.3.14 (inclusive), Section L7.6.1A, Sections S2.4.1(i), S2.9, S2.10 and S4.1.1(f), Section V5 and Section W1.5.3;
d) All terms and expressions that are defined in Annex X-1 and that are used only in the Code provisions specified in this paragraph a)-c) above; and
e) Any reference elsewhere in the Code to a CfD Settlement Services Provider, a CfD Counterparty, a Contract for Difference, a CM Settlement Services Provider, the CM Settlement Body, the Capacity Market Rules and/or an EMR Legal Requirement.

A1.5 Minor modifications (for example, any necessary changes to formatting, paragraph numbering and references to other paragraphs in the Code) to the Code provisions specified in paragraph A1.4 above that are required as a result of a Modification Proposal may be made without the consent of the Secretary of State to the extent necessary to implement that Modification Proposal.

A1.6 Where a Modification Proposal includes a proposal to amend the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions:

(a) the Modification Procedures set out in this Section F shall also constitute the procedures for amending or supplementing the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions for the purposes of Articles 4, 5, 6 and 10 of the Guideline on Electricity Balancing (the "EBGL Amendment Procedures");

(b) that Modification Proposal and any Alternative Modification Proposal shall constitute proposal(s) to amend the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions for the purposes of the EBGL Amendment Procedures;

(c) a Modification Proposal approved for implementation shall, to the extent that such modification includes an amendment to the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, also constitute an amendment to the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions approved by the relevant regulatory authority for the purposes of the EBGL Amendment Procedures;

(d) any reference to the Code in this Section F shall include, where appropriate, a reference to the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions.

A2. Roles and responsibilities

~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo

A2.1 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must carry out its role in accordance with:

(a) the Code Manager Objectives as set out in Part A of the Code Manager Standard Licence Conditions;
(b) where applicable, having had regard to the impact of Modification Proposals which seek to amend or supplement the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, the EGBL Objectives; and
(c) where applicable, in respect of amendments to the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, the EBGL Delegation Letter.

A2.2 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo is responsible for:

(a) the governance of the Code and must ensure that the Modification Procedures and other provisions set out in this Section ~~A~~ F are adhered to; and~~.~~

(b) in respect of amendments to the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, performing the tasks delegated to it by the NETSO pursuant to the EBGL Delegation Letter, in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

A2.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must engage closely with the SAF during the progress of a Modification Proposal in accordance with the provisions of this Section ~~A~~ F and share the views of the SAF with the Authority when making a recommendation or decision.

A2.4 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo is required to promptly update the Code once a Modification Proposal has been approved in accordance with A16 or an Authority-Led Modification has been approved in accordance with A17 and must ensure that the Code and all supporting documentation remain accurate and up to date.

A2.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo is responsible for publishing all documentation in relation to the Code in plain English and ensuring that all information in relation to the Code is promptly and publicly available to users.

Advice and assistance

A2.6 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must provide assistance, in so far as reasonably practicable and on reasonable request to all persons with an interest in the Modification Procedures. This includes, in particular, small participants, innovators and consumer representatives; and, to the extent relevant, consumer representatives that request the Licensee's assistance in relation to the Code.

A2.7 This assistance shall include, but not be limited to, assistance with:

a) drafting and submitting an Issue or Modification Proposal;
b) understanding the operation of the Code;
c) involvement in and representation through the Modification Procedures (including, but not limited to meetings of the SAF and any Workgroup established under the Modification Procedures);
d) accessing information relating to Issues and Modification Proposals; and
e) acting as a 'critical friend' in the provision of support to any person with an interest in the Code, particularly with respect to under-represented parties, innovators, small market participants and consumer representatives~~; and~~.

The Proposer

A2.8 The Proposer is the owner of the relevant Issue or Modification Proposal, and is responsible for attending relevant meetings, including SAF meetings, where the Issue or Modification Proposal will be discussed. Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo is not the Proposer, the Proposer is also responsible for engaging promptly and constructively with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A2.9 Should the Proposer of an Issue or Modification Proposal fail to engage with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo or acts in a manner which prevents ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo from being able to ensure progress of the Issue or Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must make reasonable and proportionate efforts to contact the Proposer to find out the reasons for this.

A2.10 'Fail(ure) to engage' means the failure of the Proposer to meaningfully engage within 2 months to any contact from ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A2.11 In instances where the Proposer fails to engage with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo or acts in a manner which prevents ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo from being able to ensure

progress of the Issue or Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo can decide to withdraw the Issue or Modification Proposal as set out in A6.

A2.12 The Proposer will retain ownership of the legal text of the Modification Proposal, and no changes can be made to the legal text of a Modification Proposal without the Proposer's approval.

A3. ~~Code manager~~BSCCo and SAF engagement

A3.1 There are three types of engagement between ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo and the SAF.

A3.2 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must inform the SAF of the following:

a) decisions by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to accept, or to refuse to accept, an Issue on the basis that it meets or does not meet the Issue triage criteria as set out in A7.7;
b) decisions by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to withdraw an Issue following a discussion of the Issue at the Pre-Modification Forum as set out in A6.3b;
c) decisions by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo or another person to accept ownership of an Issue or a Modification Proposal following an ownership request by the Proposer as set out in A5;
d) where neither ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo nor another person takes on ownership of the Issue or Modification Proposal, and the Proposer chooses not to retain the Issue or Modification Proposal, decisions by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to withdraw the Issue or Modification Proposal, following the process set out in A6a; and
e) decisions by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to accept a Modification Proposal.

A3.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that:

a) notification of the decisions described in A3.2a-e are circulated in writing to the SAF members together with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's rationale for any such decision(s), within 14 working days of the decision being made; and
b) any comments relating to those decisions, from the SAF members are recorded and published.

A3.4 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must consult with the SAF prior to finalising any decision, Modification Plan or review in respect of the following:

a) withdrawing an Issue or Modification Proposal as set out in A6.3 a), c) and d);
b) designation (or non-designation) of a non-code party in order to raise a Modification Proposal as set out in A8.2;
c) rejection of a Modification Proposal on the basis of failure to meet the assessment criteria as set out in A8.12;
d) the Modification Path of a Modification Proposal as set out in A9;

e) the Modification Plan produced by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo as set out in A11.2-A11.3;
f) the bi-annual review of the Prioritisation Category of Modification Proposals as set out in A10.5, as well as any ad hoc reviews carried out from time to time;
g) the rejection of any objection to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's decision that a Modification Proposal is a Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal as set out in A9.19; and
h) the deviation of the procedure and timetable of an Urgent Modification Proposal from all or part of the Modification Procedures or for it to follow any other procedure or timetable, as set out in A10.3.

A3.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that:

1. prior to finalising any decision, Modification Plan or review in respect of the matters in A3.4a-h above, that such matter is brought to a SAF meeting for discussion;

a) the initial decision, Modification Plan or review, together with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's rationale for it, is circulated as far in advance of the meeting as is reasonably practicable; and
b) the discussion and final decision, Modification Plan or review is minuted and published.

A3.6 At the Final Modification Report stage (as set out in the Code Maintenance and Modification SLC), the SAF must provide its assessment and vote on whether the Modification Proposal would, as compared with the existing provisions of the Code, better facilitate achieving the ~~Relevant Code~~Applicable BSC Objectives, and no other proposed modification under consideration would better facilitate achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives than the relevant proposed modification;

A3.7 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that the assessment(s) and outcome of the corresponding vote(s) are recorded in the Final Modification Report (or any revised Final Modification Report).

A4. Change register

A4.1 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must establish and maintain a register of all current and past accepted Issues and Modification Proposals (referred to as the Change Register).

A4.2 Where submission of an Issue or Modification Proposal is accepted ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must:

a) assign a unique identifier to the Issue or Modification Proposal and add it to the Change Register as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
b) inform the Proposer of its acceptance of a~~the Issue or~~ Modification Proposal within 5 W~~w~~orking D~~d~~ays for Urgent Modification Proposals or within 20

Wwworking Ddays for an Issue or where the Modification Proposal is not an Urgent Modification Proposal.

A4.3 The Code ManagerBSCCo must publish the Change Register on its the BSC Wwebsite.

A4.4 The Code ManagerBSCCo must ensure that the Change Register is updated at regular intervals so that the information it contains in relation to each Issue and Modification Proposal is, so far as is reasonably practicable, accurate and up to date.

A4.5 The Change Register must include:

a) the name of the Proposer;
b) whether a Modification Proposal is an Urgent Modification Proposal as set out in A10.1;
c) unless a Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal or a Fast Track Self Governance Modification Proposal, the Prioritisation Category of each Modification Proposal and reasons for such determination (or in the case of a revised Prioritisation Category, the date of and reasons for such revision as set out in A10.4 and 10.5;
d) the stage of the Modification Process reached by the Issue or Modification Proposal (e.g. consultation, Final Modification Report);
e) indication of any Issue or Modification Proposal that has been withdrawn;
f) indication of any Modification Proposal suspended or resumed as a result of a Modification Suspense Period as set out in A18.12 and A19.11;
g) any Direct Code Modifications that take place as set out in A19;
h) whether each Modification Proposal has been amalgamated or not;
i) andwhether a Modification Proposal has been assessed pursuant to the Modification Procedures as amending or likely to amend, the EBGL Article 18 terms; and
h)j) any such other detail or information BSCCo deems necessary to include.
i)

A4A. Transitional treatment of existing BSC Modification Proposals

A4A.1 This Paragraph A4A applies to any Modification Proposal which was accepted prior to the Code Manager Licence Commencement Date but which had not been approved, rejected or withdrawn prior to the Code Manager Licence Commencement Date.

A4A.2 From the Code Manager Licence Commencement Date, each Modification Proposal referred to in Paragraph A4A.1 shall be treated as a Modification Proposal for the purposes of this BSC Section.

A4A.3 Each Modification Proposal referred to in Paragraph A4A.2 shall continue to be progressed under this BSC Section from the stage which BSCCo considers most closely corresponds to the stage reached under the modification process that applied immediately prior to the Code Manager Licence Commencement Date.

A4A.4 Any step taken under the previous change process in respect of a Modification Proposal referred to in Paragraph A4A.1 shall be treated as having been taken for the purposes of this BSC Section, unless BSCCo determines that a further or repeated step is required in order to progress that Modification Proposal in accordance with this BSC Section.

A4A.5 Where BSCCo determines under Paragraph A4A.4 that a further or repeated step is required, BSCCo shall update the relevant Modification Plan and, where applicable, consult with the SAF in accordance with Paragraph A3.4.

A4A.6 Nothing in this Paragraph 4A shall require the BSCCo to repeat any consultation, workgroup assessment, impact assessment, legal text development or other step carried out prior to the Code Manager Licence Commencement Date, unless BSCCo determines that such step is required in accordance with Paragraph A4A.4.

A5: Requesting ownership

A5.1 A Proposer of an Issue or Modification Proposal can request to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo that another person takes on ownership of the Issue or Modification Proposal.

A5.2 This request must be made in writing to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo and include an explanation of the Proposer's reason(s) for the request.

A5.3 This request can be made at any stage of the modification process prior to the final decision to approve a Modification Proposal as set out in A16.

A5.4 Where a Proposer has made a request that another person takes on ownership ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo can either accept ownership of the Issue or Modification Proposal or can offer the ownership request to another person, with a clear and timely deadline for a response.

A5.5 Neither ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo nor any other person is required to accept ownership of an Issue or Modification Proposal.

A5.6 If any person that accepts ownership of an Issue or Modification is not a ~~code~~ P~~p~~arty, then they will be subject to the designation process contained in A8.2-A8.5.

A5.7 If no person takes on ownership of the Issue or Modification Proposal, the original Proposer must choose to either retain the Issue or Modification Proposal or withdraw it as set out in A6.1 and A6.2. Where no person takes on ownership of the Issue or Modification Proposal, and the Proposer chooses not to retain the Issue or Modification Proposal and does not withdraw it themselves, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must

withdraw the Issue or Modification Proposal, following the process set out in A6, and this must be recorded in the Change Register.

A5.8 Where an ownership request has been made by a Proposer, and:

a) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo or another person has taken on ownership; or
b) no other person has taken on ownership and the Proposer has decided to retain ownership,

~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must inform the SAF on this decision following the procedure set out in A3.2.

A5.9 Once a new person takes on ownership of an Issue or Modification Proposal, it is then the Proposer for the purposes of the modification process.

A6. Withdrawals

A6.1 A Proposer can withdraw an Issue at any time by notifying ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in writing.

A6.2 A Proposer can withdraw a Modification Proposal at any time prior to the final decision on a Modification Proposal by notifying ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in writing.

A6.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo may only withdraw an Issue or Modification Proposal in the following circumstances:

a) where the Proposer has requested another person take on ownership, and neither ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo nor any other person has accepted, and the Proposer does not wish to retain the Issue or Modification Proposal;
b) where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo decides the Issue requires no further action following discussion at the Pre-Modification Forum;
c) where the Proposer fails to engage with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, after ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's reasonable and proportionate efforts, as set out in A2.9, to contact the Proposer following an initial failure to engage, or acts in a manner which prevents ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo from being able to ensure progress of the Issue or Modification Proposal; or
d) where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo becomes aware of information meaning the Issue or Modification Proposal is no longer needed, or that in light of such information the Issue or Modification Proposal would not have been accepted initially.

A6.4 The decision to withdraw an Issue on the basis of A6.3b, or a Modification Proposal on the basis of A6.3a, must be notified by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to the SAF as set out in A3.2. Decisions to withdraw an Issue or Modification Proposal on the basis of any of the other circumstances listed in A6.3 can only be made by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo after consultation with the SAF following the procedure set out in A3.4.

A6.5 Once a final decision to withdraw an Issue or Modification Proposal is made ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must write to the Proposer, setting out its decision and rationale, including, where provided, the views of the SAF. This decision and rationale must also be published.

A6.6 Authority-Led Modification Proposals and Authority-Directed Modification Proposals cannot be withdrawn by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, except at the written request of the Authority.

A7. Pre-modification process

A7.1 The Pre-Modification process is not a mandatory step for any given Issue or Modification Proposal.

A7.2 Any interested person may submit an Issue, regardless of whether or not it is a ~~Code~~ Party.

Form of the Issue

A7.3 The Proposer must submit the Issue to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A7.4 ~~The~~ BSCCo ~~Code Manager~~ must prescribe the form in which Issues must be submitted and what supporting information will be required~~. The Code Manager~~ BSCCo must set out these requirements and publish accompanying guidance on the ~~Code Manager's w~~BSC Website.

A7.5 The Proposer must submit the Issue in accordance with the requirements as set out in A7.4.

A7.6 Each Issue will be expected to focus on a problem or other matter arising from the Code that the Proposer has identified and seeks to address. The Issue is not required to include any proposed solution, but where one is included, this will not preclude ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo from exploring and developing other solutions at its discretion, which, in ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's view, may better fulfil the Proposer's intention or the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives more generally.

Issue triage criteria

A7.7 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo may refuse to accept submission of an Issue if ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo considers that one or more of the following apply:

a) the Issue presented is incomplete or unclear;
b) the Issue could form part of a different Issue yet to be decided on (or is otherwise being addressed by an existing Modification Proposal); ~~or~~
c) the Issue is outside the scope of the Code~~;~~

A7.8 If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo refuses to accept submission of an Issue, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must write to the Proposer and offer assistance (where reasonably practicable) to address the reasons for the refusal.

A7.9 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must then inform the SAF of this decision following the procedure set out in A3.2 and then must inform the Proposer of this decision within 20 working days.

A7.10 If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo accepts an Issue, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must work with the Proposer to determine whether the Issue should be discussed at the Pre-Modification Forum. Following this decision, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must inform the Proposer of this decision within 20 working days:

a) that the Issue has been accepted; and

~~b)~~ whether the Issue should be discussed at the Pre-Modification Forum.

A7.11 Discussion at a Pre-Modification Forum is not mandatory for an Issue to progress to a Modification Proposal.

Pre-Modification Forum

A7.12 Each session of the Pre-Modification Forum will be chaired by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A7.13 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo will determine when sessions of the Pre-Modification Forum are required.

A7.14 The date and business of the Pre-Modification Forum must be published on the ~~Code Manager's w~~BSC Website at least 5 Working Days in advance, and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must make reasonable efforts to publicise the meeting to stakeholders impacted by the business of the Forum.

A7.15 The purpose of a Pre-Modification Forum includes, but is not limited, to:

a) review and assess Issues accepted by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo into the modification process;
b) identify any Issues that do not require any further action;
c) propose and develop solutions;
d) identify the impact of any solutions;
e) provide ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo with views on the impact of any proposed solution(s);
f) assess any proposed solution(s) against the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives; and
g) request that ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo consults on an Issue and/or a proposed solution with those stakeholders who are likely to be impacted by the Issue and/or proposed solution.

A7.16 The Proposer of the Issue (or a designated representative) must be in attendance at the relevant Pre-Modification Forum meeting to present its Issue.

A7.17 The Pre-Modification Forum is open to any stakeholder who would like to attend.

A7.18 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must make all reasonable efforts to ensure the Pre-Modification Forum is representative of all ~~Code~~ Parties impacted by the Issue being discussed.

A7.19 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must publish a summary of the discussion and outcomes of the Pre-Modification Forum and circulate as soon as is reasonably practicable.

A7.20 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must circulate a summary of the discussion and outcomes of the Pre-Modification Forum to the SAF Members, and the Pre-Modification Forum must feature as a standing item on the SAF's meeting agenda.

A7.21 There is no limit on the number of Pre-Modification Forums that can exist for each Code. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo will work with stakeholders to identify the need for any other forums that are needed to deliver an effective pre-modification process. If any other stakeholder forums are created, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must create terms of reference for each group.

A8. Raising modification proposals

A8.1 A Modification Proposal may be raised by any of the following persons (the Proposer):

a) a ~~Code~~ Party (including ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo~~-~~);
b) the Authority (for Authority-Led Modification Proposals);
c) Statutory Consumer Advocates;
d) other Code Managers to the extent that this is required as a result of a change that impacts multiple codes;
e) ~~sub-c~~Code Committees to the extent provided for in the Code~~listed in the Code~~;
f) non-code parties designated by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo for the purpose of raising a single modification proposal in accordance with A8.2; ~~or~~

g) a CfD Counterparty to reflect a proposed change to the CfD Arrangements which would, if made, have an impact on the Code;
~~f)~~ The CM Settlement Body to reflect a proposed change to the CM Arrangements which would, if made, have an impact on the Code;
h) ~~—~~Any DIP User (even where not a Party) in relation only to a Modification Proposal that amends the DIP Supplement or to a Code Embedded DIP Rule;
~~2.~~i) until completion of the MHHS transition (described as "M15" in the MHHS Implementation Timetable) and in so far as the proposal is necessary for the purposes of resolving issues within the scope of the MHHS IRG's remit only, the group established from time to time under the MHHS Governance Framework to expedite the resolution of issues affecting or having the potential to affect the

MHHS Implementation Timetable and/or effective MHHS Implementation, chaired by the MHHS SRO. For the purposes of the Code this group shall be known as the "MHHS Issue Resolution Group or MHHS IRG", whether known by this name or another under the MHHS Governance Framework;

~~g)~~j) any other person listed in the relevant Code Manager Licence or Code.

Designation of non-code parties

A8.2 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must consider the following when determining if a non-code party should be designated and therefore permitted to raise a Modification Proposal:

a) the interest the non-code party has in the Code and why they want to raise a Modification Proposal; and
b) whether the Modification Proposal is being raised as a result of an Issue that has gone through the Pre-Modification stage.

A8.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must consult with the SAF following the procedure set out in A3.4 and take into account its view on whether ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo should designate a non-code party for the purpose of raising a Modification Proposal.

A8.4 Following the decision by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to designate or refuse to designate a non-code party for the purpose of raising a Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must write to the non-code party setting out its decision, the views of the SAF, and the rationale for the decision and any other relevant details including guidance on how to appeal such decision.

A8.5 Where a non-code party disagrees with a decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo not to designate them for the purpose of raising a modification proposal then such party may, within the relevant appeal window, appeal the decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to the Authority. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, give effect to any direction of the Authority arising from such appeal

Content of the Modification Proposal

A8.6 The Proposer must submit the Modification Proposal to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A8.7 ~~The Code Manager must prescribe the form Modification Proposals must be submitted in and what information will be required to support the Modification Proposal. The Code Manager must set out these requirements and publish accompanying guidance on the submission of Modification Proposals on the Code Manager's website.~~ Modification Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the form set out in BSCP40. This form, together with any required supporting information and accompanying guidance shall be set out on the BSC Website.

A8.8 Each Proposer must use the prescribed form when submitting a Modification Proposal.

A8.9 A Modification Proposal must contain the following information:

a) the problem and the proposed solution;
b) an assessment of the Modification Proposal against the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives;
c) an assessment of the Modification Proposal's modification path;
d) an assessment of impacted stakeholders;
e) any cross-code impacts that the Modification Proposal may have;
f) an assessment by the Proposer as to whether the Modification Proposal is Urgent or not; and
g) an assessment by the Proposer of the Modification Proposal against the Prioritisation Criteria;
h) where possible, an indication of:
    (i) whether the modification proposal seeks to amend the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions;
    (ii) the impact of the modification proposal on BSC Systems and on other relevant computer systems and processes used by Parties; and
    (iii) any potential inconsistencies of the modification proposal with the Capacity Market Documents and/or the CfD Documents.

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Assessment Criteria

A8.10 Except in the case of an Authority-Led Modification Proposal or Authority-Directed Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may reject a Modification Proposal if ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo considers that one or more of the following apply:

a) the Modification Proposal has been submitted by a person not listed in or designated under A8.1;
b) the Modification Proposal does not contain the information specified in A8.9;
c) the Modification Proposal does not have a reasonable prospect of being approved; or
d) the Modification Proposal has substantially the same effect as a Modification Proposal ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo or the Authority has rejected within the last six months (except in cases where a Modification Proposal is being raised to directly address issues identified in a previously rejected Modification Proposal).

A8.11 Where the Proposer has not submitted all the information required as set out in A8.9 ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must write to the Proposer promptly, setting out the missing information and ask the Proposer to resubmit its proposal within a reasonable timeframe. If the Proposer does not submit the correct information within the requested timeframe(s) after two further attempts following the original submission, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may proceed to a decision to reject the Modification Proposal.

A8.12 Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo is minded to reject a Modification Proposal, it must consult with the SAF following the procedure set out in A3.4 and consider its view before reaching a final decision.

A8.13 Following a final decision by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to reject a Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must write to the Proposer promptly, setting out its decision, the views of the SAF, and the rationale for the decision and other relevant details including guidance on how to appeal such decision.

A8.14 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must publish its decision, with reasons for rejecting the Modification Proposal, together with any view from the SAF.

A8.15 Where a Proposer disagrees with a decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to reject its Modification Proposal then they may appeal the decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to the Authority, and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must give effect to any direction of the Authority arising from such appeal.

A9. Modification Path

A9.1 Each Modification Proposal will follow one of five modification paths, which are:

a) an Authority-Led Modification;
b) an Authority-Directed Modification;
c) an Authority-Consent Modification;
d) a Self-Governance Modification; or
e) a Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification

and must follow the relevant Modification Procedure corresponding with such path as set out in this Section ~~A~~F.

Authority-Led Modification

A9.2 A Modification Proposal submitted by the Authority pursuant to and in accordance with A17.1 will be an Authority-Led Modification.

Authority-Directed Modification

A9.3 A Modification Proposal raised by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo at the direction of the Authority is an Authority-Directed Modification.

A9.4 In its direction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, the Authority must specify whether the Authority-Directed Modification Proposal will follow:

a) the Modification Procedure for an Authority-Consent Modification; or
b) the Modification Procedure for an Authority-Led Modification Proposal as set out in A17.

A9.5 For Authority-Directed Modification Proposals the Authority may issue a direction setting out and/or amending a timetable for:

a) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to raise the Modification Proposal; and/or
b) the completion of each of the procedural steps outlined in the direction (including any steps that differ from the Modification Procedures referred to in this Section ~~A~~F, to the extent that they are relevant).

A9.6 An Authority-Led Modification Proposal and Authority-Directed Modification Proposal must be accepted by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo into the modification process and will not be subject to the Assessment Criteria set out in A8.10.

Authority-Consent Modifications

A9.7 A Modification Proposal which is neither an Authority-Led Modification Proposal nor an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal and satisfies one or more of the following criteria is an Authority-Consent modification:

a) the proposal is likely to have a material impact on
(i) existing or future Energy Consumers;
ii) competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity;
(iii) the operation of the national electricity transmission system;
(iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies;
~~a)~~
b) the proposal is likely to cause undue discrimination in its effect between one ~~Code~~ Party (or class of ~~Code~~ Parties) and another ~~Code~~ Party (or class of ~~Code~~ Parties); ~~or~~
c) the proposal is likely to have a material effect on the arrangements set out in this Section ~~A~~F;
(d) the proposal involves any amendments whether in whole or in part to:
(i) the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions; or
(ii) the DIP Supplement and/or Code ~~DIP~~ Embedded DIP Rules
~~c)~~ except to the extent required to correct an error or as a result of a factual change in the same (including but not limited to correcting minor typographical errors or formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering or updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs).

Self-Governance Modification

A9.8 A Modification Proposal which is neither an Authority-Led Modification Proposal nor an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal and does not satisfy the Authority-Consent criteria set out in A9.7 is a Self-Governance Modification.

A9.9 A Modification Proposal which meets the criteria of a Self-Governance Modification can be classified as Fast Track Self-Governance Modification if it is required as a result of some error or factual change, including but not limited to:

a) updating names or addresses listed in the Code;
b) correcting minor typographical errors;
c) correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering; or
d) updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs.

A9.10 Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposals are not required to go through the consultation stage as set out in A13.1 and may proceed directly to the Final Modification Report stage.

Determination of Modification Path

A9.11 Unless it is an Authority-Led Modification Proposal or an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo will make the determination of which path each Modification Proposal will follow, being either, an Authority-Consent Modification or a Self-Governance Modification, including Fast-Track Self-Governance Modifications. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must inform relevant parties of this determination as soon as is reasonably practicable.

A9.12 Prior to its determination in A9.11 above, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must consult with the SAF on which Modification Path a Modification Proposal should follow, in line with the procedure set out in A3.4 and consider its views.

A9.13 Where a ~~Code~~ Party disagrees with a decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo that a Modification Proposal is a Self-Governance Modification then the ~~Code~~ Party may appeal the decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to the Authority within the relevant appeal window. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, give effect to any direction of the Authority arising from such appeal. The progression of any Modification Proposal through the Modification Procedures must be paused pending the outcome of any such an appeal.

A9.14 The Authority may determine that a Modification Path should be reconsidered, and can instruct ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to change the Modification Path of any Modification Proposal by

a) Provide written instruction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to change the Modification Path alongside a rationale; and
b) Send this written instruction before ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo makes a final decision on the Modification Proposal.

Any such determination will be final and binding for the purposes of the Code.

Objections to Fast-Track Self-Governance Modifications

A9.15 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo's decision that a Modification Proposal is a Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification must be implemented unless an objection is raised in accordance with A9.17.

A9.16 The Proposer may raise an objection to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's decision that a Modification Proposal is a Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal.

A9.17 The objection must include an explanation of why the Proposer objects to the decision that the Modification Proposal is a Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal, including, where applicable, a rationale for why the Modification Proposal does not satisfy all of the Fast-Track Self-Governance criteria set out in A9.9.

A9.18 If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo accepts the objection raised, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must reclassify the Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal as a Self-Governance Modification Proposal or an Authority-Consent Modification Proposal, using the criteria as set out in A9.7.

A9.19 If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo does not accept the objection, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must submit the objection and its rationale for not accepting the objection to the SAF for consultation following the process as set out in A3.4 and must consider its views.

A9.20 If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, having considered the views of the SAF, makes a final decision not to accept an objection, it must:

a) write to the Proposer raising the objection with its decision; and
b) publish its decision, including a summary of the SAF views from the consultation in A9.19 and its rationale for such a decision.

A9.21 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must publish its final decision pursuant to A9.20 as soon as is reasonably practicable, with reasons for refusing to accept an objection, together with any view from the SAF.

Amalgamated Modifications

A9.22 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo may decide at any time to amalgamate a Modification Proposal with one or more other Modification Proposals where:

a) the subject-matter of such Modification Proposals is sufficiently proximate to justify amalgamation on the grounds of efficiency; and/or
b) such Modification Proposals are logically dependent on each other.

A9.23 Where Modification Proposals are amalgamated:

a) such Modification Proposals shall be treated as a single Modification Proposal;
b) without prejudice to each Proposer's right to withdraw their Modification Proposal prior to the amalgamation of their Modification Proposal, the Proposers of each such Modification Proposal shall co-operate in deciding which of them is to be the Proposer of the amalgamated Modification Proposal and, in default of agreement, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo shall nominate one of the Proposers for that purpose;
c) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo shall determine which Modification Path the amalgamated Modification Proposal shall follow;
d) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo shall determine which stage in the Modification Process the amalgamated Modification Proposal shall continue from;

e) using the process set out in A11, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo shall create a new Modification Plan for the amalgamated Modification Proposal; and
f) where Modification Proposals are amalgamated and the resultant amalgamated Modification Proposal is not an Urgent Modification Proposal or Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo shall determine the amalgamated Modification Proposal to have a single Prioritisation Category. When determining a Prioritisation Category for an amalgamated Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo shall consider the Prioritisation Categories, and the relevant assessments undertaken in determining these Prioritisation Categories, accorded to the original Modification Proposals that have been amalgamated.

A9.24 Authority-Led Modification Proposals and Authority-Directed Modification Proposals, whether in relation to a Significant Code Review or not, shall not be amalgamated with any other Modification Proposal without the prior consent of the Authority.

A9.25 If the Authority provides a notice requesting ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo not to amalgamate Modification Proposals, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must comply with such notice.

A10. Urgency and prioritisation

Urgency of Modifications

A10.1 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must make the determination of whether a Modification Proposal is to be an Urgent Modification Proposal, based on the criteria for urgency published by the Authority from time to time. BSCCo must notify the Secretary of State, CfD Counterparty, the CM Settlement Body, CfD Settlement Services Provider and any CM Settlement Services Provider of any Urgent Modification Proposal.

A10.2 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo's determination under A10.1 will apply unless and until over-turned by the Authority. Where, following discussion with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, the Authority issues a notice requesting ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to amend its urgency determination, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must comply with any such notice.

A10.3 Subject to paragraph 10.3A, t~~T~~he determination that a Modification Proposal is an Urgent Modification Proposal shall mean that the procedure and timetable in respect of such Modification Proposal may, subject to consultation with SAF, deviate from all or part of the Modification Procedures or follow any other procedure or timetable. Should such deviations occur, ~~the Code Manager~~the SAF and BSCCo must consider whether or not such deviations should allow for the Secretary of State, CfD Counterparty, the CM Settlement Body, CfD Settlement Services Provider and any CM Settlement Services

Provider to be consulted and, if so, how much time should be allowed.~~promptly notify relevant stakeholders of this.~~

10.3A Where an Urgent Modification Proposal seeks to amend the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, any deviations to the procedure and timetable must include:

(a) a consultation for a period of not less than one month;

(b) due consideration of the views of stakeholders resulting from such consultation; and

(c) the publication of BSCCo's sound justifications for including or not including the views resulting from that consultation.

Prioritisation

A10.4 Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has determined that a Modification Proposal is not an Urgent Modification Proposal, or the Modification Proposal is not a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must make a determination of the Prioritisation Category of the Modification Proposal, based on the criteria for prioritisation published by the Authority from time to time.

Review of the Prioritisation Category of Modification Proposals

A10.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must, in consultation with SAF and in line with the procedure set out in A3.4, review the Prioritisation Category of Modification Proposals on a bi-annual basis. Where relevant the Prioritisation Category and modification timetable for each affected Modification Proposal will be revised accordingly.

A11. Assessment of Modification Proposals

A11.1 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must produce a Modification Plan for each Modification Proposal.

A11.2 The Modification Plan must set out:

a) the Modification Path;
b) whether the Modification Proposal is an Urgent Modification Proposal or not as described in A10.1, and, in the case of an Urgent Modification Proposal any deviations to the Modification Procedures as described in A10.3;
c) where the Modification Proposal is not an Urgent Modification Proposal or a Self-Governance Fast Track Modification Proposal, the Prioritisation Category of the Modification Proposal, as described in A10.4;
d) the timeframe for progressing the Modification Proposal;
e) the rationale for the Modification Path selected;
f) whether an Authority-Consent or Self-Governance Modification Proposal;

i) needs further development or assessment through the Workgroup Process; or
ii) is sufficiently clear and complete to enter the consultation stage and the rationale for this proposal; and

g) whether a Modification Proposal is a Self-Governance Fast-Track Modification Proposal and can proceed directly to the Final Modification Report as set out in A9.10.

A11.3 Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo proposes that the Modification Proposal will proceed to a Workgroup, the Modification Plan must also set out the:

a) proposed terms of reference for the Workgroup;
b) proposed number and frequency of Workgroup meetings; and
c) proposed membership of the Workgroup.

A11.4 Before finalising the Modification Plan for a Modification Proposal, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must consult with the SAF on the proposals outlined in the Modification Plan, following the process as set out in A3.4, before making a final decision on these proposals.

A11.5 At any time during the Modification Procedure, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may, having consulted with the SAF following the process as set out in A3.4, change any element of the Modification Plan, as set out in A11.2.

A12. Workgroup

A12.1 A12 only applies in respect of a Modification Proposal where it is determined by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo that the Modification Proposal is to be subject to the Workgroup process.

A12.2 ~~Code Managers~~BSCCo must support the Proposer to develop the Modification Proposal ahead of the Workgroup.

Establishment of a Workgroup

A12.3 There is no restriction on the type and number of Workgroups ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may establish.

A12.4 Any Workgroups that are established must follow the procedure set out in A11.3 to establish the:

a) terms of reference;
b) number and frequency of meetings; and
c) membership.

A12.5 Once established, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may change the number or frequency of Workgroup meetings to aid in the efficiency of the Code Modification Process.

A12.6 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must publish a summary of the discussion and outcomes of all Workgroup meetings on ~~its w~~the BSC Website as soon as reasonably practicable following the meeting.

Role of ~~Code Manager~~BSCCo

A12.7 All Workgroup meetings will be chaired by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A12.8 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo will also be responsible for:

a) facilitating and coordinating input from Workgroup members or other interested stakeholders;

b) procuring additional analysis, where ~~this is~~deemed required after appropriate consultation with the Workgroup which may include (but is not limited to):

i) analysis and impact assessment from the NETSO in accordance with paragraph 12.A;

ii) an impact assessment from relevant BSC Agents;

iii) analysis from relevant Core Industry Document Owners and/or the STC Committee;

~~b)~~c) ensuring that the views of the under-represented participants are recorded and considered as part of the Workgroup discussion; and

~~c)~~d) drafting the Workgroup report or ensuring a suitable ~~Code~~ Party is responsible for drafting the Workgroup report.

Workgroup members

A12.9 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that the membership of the Workgroup has sufficient expertise and representation in order to fulfil the purpose of the Workgroup.

A12.10 Any person (whether as an individual or representative of an organisation) can request to join a Workgroup.

A12.11 Any requests to join a Workgroup must be made to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in writing who must then consider the request, with particular reference to its obligation in A12.9, including whether the person requesting membership will be impacted by the Modification Proposal or has expertise on the topic. If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo decides that a person does not qualify for joining the Workgroup as a member, it can invite such person to attend as an observer.

12.11A Where it is not itself the Proposer, the NETSO shall be entitled to appoint one member of any Workgroup.

Observers

A12.12 Observers may attend Workgroup meetings and input into discussions but are not required to agree the Workgroup report.

A12.13 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that Workgroup observers do not negatively impact on the business of the Workgroup.

A12.14 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo may remove an observer from a Workgroup if it considers that an observer is negatively impacting the business of the Workgroup.

Purpose of the Workgroup

A12.15 The purpose of a Workgroup Process is to:

a) evaluate, develop and refine the content of the Modification Proposal;
b) consider and clarify the likely effects of the Modification Proposal, including identifying the ~~Code~~ Parties, Energy Consumers and other stakeholders likely to be affected by the Modification Proposal;
c) consider any Alternative Modification Proposals that would also address the same problem; and
d) prepare a report which sets out a summary of the work and complete views of the Workgroup, including any minority or contested views, covering A12.15a-c and any other relevant information.

A12.16 The Workgroup report must be reviewed by all Workgroup members and agreed as an accurate record of the Workgroup discussions.

12A: Analysis of the NETSO

12.A.1 Subject to 12.A.2 and 12.A.3, at the request of BSCCo, the NETSO shall prepare an analysis of any Modification Proposal with:

(a) an assessment of the impact of the Proposed Modification (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modification) on the ability of the NETSO to discharge its obligations efficiently under the ESO Licence, to discharge its obligations under the Guideline on Electricity Balancing (and where relevant the Network Code on Electricity Emergency and Restoration) and on its ability to operate an efficient, economical and co-ordinated transmission system;

(b) the views and rationale of the NETSO as to:

(i) whether the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objective(s); and

(ii) where the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification includes an amendment to the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, whether such amendment proposal should be made;

(c) an assessment (where applicable) of:

(i) the impact of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification on the computer systems and processes of the NETSO;

(ii) the changes required to such systems and processes in consequence of the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification;

(iii) an estimate of the development, capital and operating costs (broken down in reasonable detail) which the NETSO anticipates that it would incur in and as a result of implementing the Proposed Modification and any Alternative Modification and any consequential change to Core Industry Documents and/or the System Operator-Transmission Owner Code;

(d) such other matters as BSCCo may reasonably request.

12.A.2 Where a Modification Proposal amends, or is expected to amend, EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions then the NETSO shall be entitled, at its discretion, to provide the analysis referred to in paragraphs 12.A.1 (a) and (b) notwithstanding that such analysis has not been requested.

12.A.3 The NETSO shall provide such further explanation of any analysis prepared pursuant to paragraph 12.A.1 as BSCCo may reasonably require and shall attend any meeting of the SAF or the Workgroup to answer questions or provide clarification in respect thereof.

12.A.4 Other than provision by the NETSO of any analysis or further clarification or explanation thereof as set out in paragraph 12.A.1 and 12.A.2, the NETSO shall not be obliged by virtue of any provision of this Section F to disclose or provide access to any information or data relating to its business which is not otherwise generally available.

12.A.5 In formulating its views as to whether a Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification would better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objective(s) (and, in particular, those Applicable BSC Objective(s) which

relate specifically to the NETSO), BSCCo, the SAF and any Workgroup shall have regard to the analysis provided by the NETSO under this paragraph and to any other information or data which is generally available in relation to the NETSO or its business.

12.B Analysis by the DIP Manager

12.B.1 BSCCo shall prepare an analysis of any Modification Proposal which would impact the DIP Supplement or a Code Embedded DIP Rule with:

(a) an assessment of the impact of the Proposed Modification (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modification) on the DIP and the DIP Applicable Objectives; and

(b) any other analysis that the DCAB reasonably consider relevant to the Proposed Modification (and, if applicable, any Alternative Modification).

A13: Consultation

A13.1 All Modification Proposals must go through the consultation stage, apart from Self-Governance Fast-Track Modification Proposals, which may proceed directly to the Final Modification Report stage, as set out in A9.10.

Draft Modification Report

A13.2 With the exception of Self-Governance Fast-Track Modification Proposals, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must, for each Modification Proposal, prepare a written report on the proposal for consultation (the Draft Modification Report).

A13.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must complete the Draft Modification Report as specified below in A13.4.

A13.4 The Draft Modification Report for each Modification Proposal must include the following:

a) the Modification Path of the Modification Proposal;
b) where the Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal, a statement, provided by the Authority as to why it believes that such Modification Proposal should be treated as an Urgent Modification Proposal and the extent to which the procedure followed deviated from the Modification Procedures;
c) where the Modification Proposal has been amalgamated pursuant to section A9.22, confirmation of such amalgamation;

d) where the Modification Proposal is not an Urgent Modification Proposal or a Self-Governance Fast Track Modification Proposal, details of the Prioritisation Category, and the reasons for this determination;
e) an explanation of the Modification Proposal and any Alternative Modification Proposals and how they address the problem with the Code identified in the Modification Proposal;
f) whether the approval of the Modification Proposal or Alternative Modification Proposals will require changes to other Energy Codes, and confirmation that Modification Proposals will be or have been raised in respect of the affected Energy Codes;
g) where the Modification Proposal was subject to the Pre-Modification process, a description of how the Modification Proposal developed from the original Issue raised;
h) where the Modification Proposal was subject to the Workgroup Process, a report from the Workgroup as set out in A12.15;
i) any analysis, including any impact assessment or cost benefit analysis, undertaken or commissioned by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo as part of the development of the Modification Proposal;
j) an assessment identifying the stakeholders (including Energy Consumers) likely to be affected by the Modification Proposal, and any Alternative Modification Proposals, and likely impact on each of the same. Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo considers the impact is significant for any such stakeholder, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must provide an overall evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of the Modification Proposal and any Alternative Modification Proposals across all affected stakeholders.
k) an estimate of the costs associated with making and delivering the changes and developments which would be required to services, processes, people and ~~Central~~ BSC Systems, if the Modification Proposal or Alternative Modification Proposal were to be approved, for both implementation and on an ongoing basis.
l) an assessment, and a detailed explanation of the reasons for that assessment, from the following parties whether, the Modification Proposal or any of the Alternative Modification Proposals would, as compared with the existing provisions of the Code, better facilitate the achievement of the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives, and no other proposed modification would better facilitate achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives:
    i.) The Proposer; and
    ii.) ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo;

m) whether (and the extent to which) the Modification Proposal will amend or supplement the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions and, in the case of Modification Proposals amending or supplementing EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions:

i) such Modification Proposal shall also constitute a proposal to amend or supplement the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Guideline on Electricity Balancing; and

ii) even though such Modification Proposal may not have been raised by the NETSO, the NETSO hereby agrees that it shall constitute a proposal to amend the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions but such agreement shall not fetter or restrict the NETSO's rights under the Modification Procedures to express its views on that Modification Proposal;

n) Where there has been no Workgroup Process and the Modification Proposal impacts the DIP Supplement or a Code Embedded DIP Rule, the assessment and analysis by the DIP Manager pursuant to paragraph 12.B.1;

~~n)~~o) the legal text of the Modification Proposal and, where applicable, the alternative legal text of any Alternative Modification Proposals; and

~~o)~~p) the proposed timetable for progressing the Modification Proposal to implementation (including the proposed implementation date).

A13.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo, if it deems necessary, can bring a Draft Modification Report to a SAF meeting for discussion before the consultation stage. If a Draft Modification Report is brought to a SAF meeting for discussion then this should be included in the Draft Modification Report, alongside a summary of the discussion.

Consultation

A13.6 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must arrange for a consultation seeking the views of all ~~Code~~ Parties on the Draft Modification Report (the Modification Report Consultation). ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must:

a) determine the form of consultation;
b) determine the timetable for consultation responses (which, in the case of a Modification Proposal (including Urgent Modification Proposals) amending or supplementing the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions shall be not less than one month); and
c) collate the responses received during the consultation and publish the collated responses on ~~its w~~the BSC Website (unless the respondent has requested that its response be treated confidentially).

A13.7 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo has the discretion to hold any additional consultations it deems necessary.

A13.8 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that all ~~Code~~ Parties and interested persons are informed about consultations and able to make their views known.

13.8A The term 'interested persons', when used in the context of consultation in this Section F, shall include the Secretary of State, a CfD counterparty, the CM Settlement

Body, a CfD Settlement Services Provider, any CM Settlement Services Provider and the DIP Manager.

Post consultation

A13.9 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must share responses to the consultation with the SAF. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo and the SAF must consider such responses prior to finalising their respective views in the Final Modification Report.

A13.10 If ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo deems necessary, additional meetings of the Workgroup may be held to consider matters raised as a result of the consultation, prior to the Final Modification Report being drafted.

A14. Final Modification Report

A14.1 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must produce a final report for submission to the Authority (Final Modification Report). This report will set out the Modification Proposal and either:

a) seek the Authority's determination to the Modification Proposal (or identified Alternative Modification Proposal) in respect of an Authority-Consent Modification Proposal; or
b) inform the Authority of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's decision in respect of a Self-Governance Modification Proposals (including Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal).

A14.2 The Final Modification Report for each Modification Proposal must set out the following:

a) the information specified in A13.9 (a)-~~n~~(p), excluding A13.4(l);
b) a summary of the views expressed by respondents through consultation on the Modification Proposal, including views on any Alternative Modification Proposals and, where the Modification Proposal includes a proposed amendment to EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, a sound justification for including or not including respondent's views of the Modification Proposal;
c) any changes that have been made to the Modification Proposal as a result of the consultation stage;
d) links to all copies of all representations made by respondents to the consultation on the Draft Modification Report (unless the respondent has requested that its response be treated confidentially);
e) a statement of how the Modification Procedures have operated in relation to the Modification Proposal and any Alternative Modification Proposals;
f) the SAF's assessment, including its corresponding vote on the same matter to be assessed by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo under A14.2h;

g) an explanation from ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo about how it has taken the view of the SAF into account in its final assessment in A14.2h and, where its assessment differs from that of the SAF, the reasons for this difference; and

h) the final assessment of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must assess the Modification Proposal, and any Alternative Modification Proposals, as to whether it meets the following requirement:

i) the Modification Proposal would, as compared with the existing provisions of the Code, better facilitate achieving ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives; and

ii) no other proposed modification under consideration would better facilitate achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives than the relevant proposed modification.

A14.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must complete a draft of the Final Modification Report as specified above in A14.2, with the exception of sections A14.2f, A14.2g and A14.2h.

A14.4 The SAF Secretary will arrange for the draft of the Final Modification Report and any supporting documents to be circulated to SAF members for assessment and corresponding vote at the next available SAF meeting.

A14.5 Following the SAF meeting, the SAF chair will ensure that the SAF's written assessment of the Modification Proposal and outcome of the vote is circulated to all SAF members for comment and approval.

A14.6 The SAF's assessment of the Modification Proposal must clearly set out the complete views of the SAF, including any minority or contested views, and the reasons underpinning these views.

A14.7 Once approved by SAF, the SAF Chair will confirm the SAF's assessment (including the outcome of the vote) to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

A14.8 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must include the SAF assessment as confirmed by the SAF Chair and add section A14.2f, A14.2g and A14.2h to the Final Modification Report.

A14.9 The assessments of the SAF and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo are to be made without regard to whether the Modification Proposal was raised in consequence of a Strategic Direction Statement.

A15. Alternative Modification Proposals

A15.1 An Alternative Modification Proposal is an alternative solution to the Issue identified by a Modification Proposal.

A15.2 An Alternative Modification Proposal can only be raised by either ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo or by members of the Workgroup.

A15.3 The provisions set out in A2.8-A2.12 apply to the Proposer of an Alternative Modification Proposal.

A15.4 An Alternative Modification Proposal must meet the following criteria in order to be accepted into the process. An Alternative Modification Proposal must:

a) address the original issue;
b) have a clear rationale as to why it has been raised; and
c) be sufficiently different in outcome and impact from the original Modification Proposal and any other Alternative Modification Proposal.

A15.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo will decline to accept any Alternative Modification Proposal that does not meet the criteria in A15.4.

A15.6. Whether or not an Alternative Modification Proposal meets the criteria in A15.4, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must decline to accept it if, in its view, the overall number of Alternative Modification Proposals that have been put forward is disproportionate to the materiality of the issue sought to be addressed.

A15.7 In considering whether to decline an Alternative Modification Proposal under A15.6, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must have regard to:

a) efficient progression: Whether the volume of Alternative Modification Proposals would materially impede timely assessment and progression of the Modification Proposal; and
b) proportionality: Whether additional alternatives would provide meaningful incremental value compared with the resource and stakeholder burden required to assess them.

A15.8 Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has decided to decline an Alternative Modification Proposal on the basis of A15.4 or A15.6 they must write to the Proposer of the Alternative Modification Proposal setting out the decision and the reasons why.

A15.9 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo can combine suggested Alternative Modification Proposals if it determines that they are sufficiently similar or if, in the opinion of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, they produce a better proposal once combined.

A15.10 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo can instruct the Workgroup, other ~~Code~~ Parties or the Proposer of the Modification Proposal to work together to develop or combine one or more Alternative Modification Proposals.

A15.11 Where Alternative Modification Proposals have been combined ~~the Code Manager~~ BSCCo can decide who the Proposer of the combined Alternative Modification Proposal will be.

A16. Decision

A16.1 The final decision as to whether or not to approve a Modification Proposal will depend upon whether the Modification Proposal is:

a) an Authority-Led Modification (see A17);
b) an Authority-Directed or Authority-Consent Modification; or

c) a Self-Governance Modification, including Self-Governance Fast-Track modifications.

Authority-Directed and Authority-Consent Modification Proposals

A16.2 An Authority-Directed or Authority-Consent Modification Proposal will only be approved where the Authority makes the decision to approve the Modification Proposal.

A16.3 The Authority may consent to the approval of the Modification Proposal where, in the opinion of the Authority, that Modification Proposal facilitates achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives (taken as a whole and without priority as between them):

a) better than the existing provisions of this Code; and
b) as well as, or better than, any other proposed modification specified in the report.

Send-Back Process

A16.4 The Authority may send-back a Modification Proposal if it:

a) is not satisfied ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has demonstrated in the Final Modification Report that it has taken into account the views of the SAF in forming its recommendation on the Modification Proposal;
b) is not satisfied that ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has sufficiently assessed whether one of the Modification Proposals would better facilitate achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives than the others; or
c) otherwise considers that it cannot form an opinion on consenting or refusing consent to the Modification Proposal.

A16.5 In these circumstances the Authority may issue a direction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo specifying any additional steps that the Authority requires and a timeline for resubmission (including drafting or amending the proposed relevant legal text, revising the proposed implementation timetable, and/or revising or providing additional analysis and/or information).

A16.6 The direction may specify a timeframe for the revised Final Modification Report to be submitted or, if the Authority decides to publish a notice under s.193(1) of the Energy Act 2023 of a Proposed Direct Modification in respect of any of the matters addressed by the Final Modification Report, suspend a decision about the Modification Proposal specified in the Final Modification Report for the duration of the Proposed Direct Modification C~~c~~onsultation P~~p~~hase.

A16.7 Where the Authority issues a direction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in accordance with A16.5:

a) the recommendation of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in respect of the Modification Proposal will be null and void;
b) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may send the Modification Proposal back to the relevant Workgroup (or may establish a Workgroup) to consider the matters raised by the Authority;
c) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must revise the implementation timetable applying to the Modification Proposal;
d) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must prepare a revised Final Modification Report;
e) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must submit the revised Final Modification Report to the SAF for its assessment and vote in respect of the revised Report as set out in A14.2; and
f) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must update the Change Register to record the status of the Modification Proposal.

16.7.A Amendments Required by the Authority (EBGL)

16.7.A.1 In respect of a Modification Proposal which amends or supplements EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions, where the Authority requires an amendment to such Modification Proposal, in accordance with Article 6(1) of the Guideline on Electricity Balancing, in order to approve such Modification Proposal it may direct BSCCo to make such amendment in which case BSCCo shall comply with such direction and:

(a) make such directed amendments to the Proposed Modification and/or any Alternative Modification;

(b) submit such amended Modification Proposal to the SAF for its revised assessment (if any) of whether the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification would or would not, in its opinion, better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives and its corresponding vote;
(c) amend its Modification Report to include:

(i) its evaluation of the proposed amendments directed by the Authority;

(ii) revised recommendations (if any) to the Authority as to whether the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification should be made;

(iii) its revised assessment (if any) as to why the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification would or would not, in its opinion, better facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objectives and, where such assessment differs from the SAF's assessment of the same, the reasons justifying this difference;

(iv) its view, together with rationale, as to whether the proposed implementation date needs to be amended and, except to the extent that

the Authority has so directed, the revised proposed implementation date for the Proposed Modification or any Alternative Modification; and

(d) submit the revised Modification Report to the Authority within 2 months of the Authority's originating direction.

16.7.A.2 Subject always to the 2 month time limit in 16.7.A.1 d) above, BSCCo may reconvene the Workgroup and/or conduct such consultation with Parties and interested third parties as it considers necessary. Where BSCCo is unable to reconvene a Workgroup and/or conduct a consultation despite considering such steps necessary, it may, in its re-submitted Modification Report, request that the Authority direct BSCCo that such further steps are necessary in order for the Authority to approve the Modification Proposal.

16.7.A.3 Any direction from the Authority pursuant to this paragraph shall not fetter the assessment of the SAF or BSCCo pursuant to paragraph 16.7.A.1 above.

Self-Governance Modification Proposals, including Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification Proposals

A16.8 A Self-Governance Modification will only be approved where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo makes the decision to approve the Modification Proposal. In making such a determination ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must have regard to the following:

a) whether or not the approval of the Modification Proposal would, as compared with the existing provisions of the Code, better facilitate the achievement of the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives than if the Modification Proposal was rejected;
b) whether any other proposed modification would better facilitate achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives than the relevant proposed modification; and
c) the assessment of the SAF as to whether or not to approve the Modification Proposal.

A16.9 Any decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in accordance with A16.8 is final, subject to the following:

a) any ~~Code Party~~Party that disagrees with the decision of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in accordance with A16.8 may, within 10 working days following the publication of that decision, refer the matter to the Authority, and the Authority shall determine whether the Modification Proposal should be rejected or approved in accordance with A16.8; and
b) accordingly, where the consequence of the Authority's determination is that the Modification Proposal is to be rejected, where it has previously been approved, the Modification Proposal will be cancelled and not implemented, or, if already implemented, will be reversed.

A16.10 An appeal will only be considered by the Authority where it meets the following conditions:

a) the appellant considers that ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has wrongly assessed the Modification Proposal or Alternative Modification Proposal as set out in A16.8a-b; and
b) the Authority considers that the appeal has not been raised for reasons that are trivial or vexatious, or has a reasonable prospect of success.

A17. Authority-Led Modifications

A17.1 The Authority may submit an Authority-Led Modification Proposal to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, together with such supplemental information as the Authority considers appropriate.

A17.2 In response to an Authority-Led Modification Proposal ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must prepare a written report on the proposal (the 'Authority-Led Modification Report'). The Authority-Led Modification Report must be consistent with the information provided by the Authority under A17.1 and must:

a) set out the legal text of the Modification Proposal;
b) specify the likely effects of the Modification Proposal if it is implemented;
c) specify which stakeholder categories are likely to be affected by the Modification Proposal;
d) specify whether or not the approval of the Modification Proposal would better facilitate the achievement of the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives than if the Modification Proposal was rejected;
e) specify whether approval of the Modification Proposal will have a material impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and if so, assess the effect in accordance with guidance issued by the Authority from time to time;
f) suggest any Alternative Code Modifications that, in ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's opinion, could also address the problem, ensuring that any Alternative Modification Proposals meet the criteria set out in A15.4;
g) specify a timetable for the implementation of the Authority-Led Modification, including the date from which such modification could take effect; (implementation date); and
h) specify whether approval of the Modification Proposal is likely, as far as is reasonable for ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to anticipate, to lead to changes to other Energy Codes and if Modification Proposals have been raised for those effected.

SAF

A17.3 Upon completion of the Authority-Led Modification Report ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must schedule the report as an agenda item for the next meeting of the SAF for its consideration.

A17.4 The SAF, upon receiving an Authority-Led Modification Report must assess it following the procedures set out in B12.

A17.5 The Authority's Significant Code Review conclusions document will not fetter the assessment of the SAF under B12.

A17.6 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must communicate the outcome of the SAF assessment to the Authority including the reasons given by the SAF members.

A17.7 As soon as appropriate, the Authority-Led Modification Report must be submitted by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to the Authority.

A17.8 The Authority-Led Modification Report must set out whether the Authority-Led Modification Proposal has been determined to be an Urgent Modification Proposal or not, and where it has been determined to not be an Urgent Modification Proposal, or is not a Self-Governance Fast Track Modification Proposal, the Prioritisation Category.

Authority Decision

A17.9 An Authority-Led Modification Proposal will only be approved where the Authority makes the decision to approve the Modification Proposal.

A17.10 The Authority may consent to the approval of the Modification Proposal where, in the opinion of the Authority, that proposed modification facilitates achieving the ~~Relevant Code Objectives~~Applicable BSC Objectives (taken as a whole and without priority as between them):

a) better than the existing provisions of the Code; and
b) as well as, or better than, any other proposed modification specified in the report.

Send-Back Process

A17.11 Where the Authority considers that it is unable to form an opinion in relation to a proposed Authority-Led Modification, it may issue a direction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo specifying any additional steps that the Authority requires in order to form such an opinion.

A17.12 Where the Authority issues a direction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo in accordance with A17.11 ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must address the matters raised by the Authority and must, where necessary, produce an updated Authority-Led Modification Report.

A18. Significant code review

A18.1 The Authority may, at any time, notify affected parties of a Significant Code Review.

A18.2 The notice referred to in A18.1 will include:

a) a statement that the Authority's review will constitute a Significant Code Review;
b) the start date of the Significant Code Review;
c) a description of the matters within the scope of the Significant Code Review; and
d) confirmation that a Modification Suspense Period has begun or will commence on a specific date as a result of the Significant Code Review.

A18.3 The Authority may direct ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to provide assistance during a Significant Code Review. This assistance may include:

a) collating and canvassing views from ~~Code~~ Parties and the Stakeholder Advisory Forum, including less well-resourced ~~Code~~ Parties, on the proposal; and
b) providing advice on the proposal.

A18.4 A Modification Suspense Period in relation to a matter within the scope of the Significant Code Review will commence on the date specified by the Authority as set out in A18.2d, and ends for the purposes of the Code:

a) where the Authority has issued a direction to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to raise an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal(s) or itself has raised, an Authority-Led Modification Proposal(s), on the date on which the Authority either:
    i) consents to the modifying of the Code in accordance with that Modification Proposal(s); or
    ii) refuses such consent.
b) on the date on which the Authority publishes a statement that it will not issue a direction to raise an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal, or itself raise an Authority-Led Modification Proposal;
c) if by the end of 28 working days from the Authority publishing any of its Significant Code Review conclusions it has taken none of the actions specified in that conclusion; or
d) if the Authority issues a statement that it will continue work on the Significant Code Review in respect of the matters included in its published conclusions, on the date:
    i) the Authority issues a statement confirming that the Modification Suspense Period has ended; or
    ii) where the Authority has issued a direction to raise an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal(s) or, itself has raised, an Authority-Led Modification Proposal(s) (irrespective of whether such circumstance occurs within 28 working days after the Authority has published any of its Significant Code Review conclusions), whichever is earlier.

A18.5 A Significant Code Review ends in respect of each matter within its scope, on the date the Modification Suspense Period ends in respect of that matter.

A18.6 Where the Authority publishes its Significant Code Review conclusions in parts, the 28-day period referred to in A18.4c will run from the date of each respective published conclusion.

A18.7 The Authority's published conclusions in relation to a Significant Code Review will not fetter the assessment nor voting rights of the SAF referred to in B12 nor the assessment of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo.

Backstop Direction

A18.8 Where an Authority-Led Modification Proposal or an Authority-Directed Modification Proposal has been raised in respect of the Significant Code Review the Authority may issue a direction (a "backstop direction"), which requires such proposal(s) and any alternatives to be withdrawn, and which causes the Modification Suspense Period to recommence.

Modifications Proposals raised before or during the Modification Suspense Period

A18.9 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must report to the Authority on whether or not ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo considers that any Modification Proposals on which ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has not yet made a decision (for Self-Governance Modification Proposals) or sent the Final Modification Report to the Authority (for Authority-Consent Modification Proposals) (whether submitted before or after the commencement of the Modification Suspense Period) falls within the scope of the Significant Code Review.

A18.10 The Authority may direct ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to suspend the progress of any Modification Proposal that the Authority considers falls within the scope of that Significant Code Review, and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must comply with such directions.

A18.11 The Authority may direct ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to cease the suspension of any Modification Proposal that has been suspended in accordance with A18.10, and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must comply with such directions.

A18.12 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must regularly update the Change Register to reflect any suspension or resumption of Modification Proposals during a Significant Code Review.

A18.13 Any and all suspensions as set out in A18.10 will automatically cease at the end of any Modification Suspense Period.

A18.14 The commencement and cessation of suspensions in respect of a Modification Proposal as set out in A18.10 and A18.11 will have the effect of modifying the timetable applying to the Modification Proposal.

A19. Direct Code Modifications

A19.1 A Proposed Direct Modification means a proposal by the Authority to modify an Energy Code pursuant to s.192 of the Energy Act 2023.

A19.2 The Authority may at any time notify relevant stakeholders of a Proposed Direct Code Modification.

A19.3 The notice referred to in paragraph A19.1 will include:

a) a description of the matters within scope of the Proposed Direct Code Modification; and
b) confirmation that a Modification Suspense Period has begun, or will commence on a specific date, as a result of the Proposed Direct Code Modification.

A19.4 The Modification Suspense Period in relation to a Proposed Direct Code Modification ends:

a) on the date the Authority publishes a notice of decision under s. 193(5) of the Energy Act 2023; or
b) if the Secretary of State directs the Authority not to make the Proposed Direct Code Modification pursuant to s.193(4) of the Energy Act 2023, on the date the Authority publishes that it has received such a direction.

Modifications raised before or during the modification suspense period

A19.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must report to the Authority on whether or not ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo considers that any Modification Proposals on which ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has not yet made a decision (for a Self-Governance Modification Proposal) or sent the Final Modification Report to the Authority for a decision (in the case of an Authority-Consent Modification Proposal) falls within the scope of the Proposed Direct Modification.

A19.6 A19.5 applies to any Modification Proposal whether submitted before or after the commencement of the Proposed Direct Modification.

A19.7 The Authority may direct ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to suspend the progress of any Modification Proposal that the Authority considers to fall within the scope of that Proposed Direct Modification (and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must comply with such directions).

A19.8 The Authority may direct ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to cease the suspension of any Modification Proposal that has been suspended in accordance with A19.6 (and ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must comply with such directions).

A19.9 Any and all suspensions in accordance with A19.6 will automatically cease at the end of any Modification Suspense Period.

A19.10 The commencement and cessation of suspensions in respect of a Modification Proposal as set out in A19.6 and A19.7 will have the effect of modifying the timetable applying to the Modification Proposal.

A19.11 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must regularly update the Change Register to reflect any suspension or resumption of Modification Proposals during a Modification Suspense Period.

A20. Implementation

General

A20.1 Once a Modification Proposal has been approved in accordance with A16 or an Authority-Led Modification has been approved in accordance with A17, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must modify the Code in accordance with the Modification Proposal or Authority-Led Modification.

Implementation

A20.2 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must, after a Modification Proposal has been approved:

a) determine what actions are required in order to ensure that the approved modification to the Code is made in accordance with the approved implementation timetable; and
b) set a timetable for the completion of each of those actions.

A20.3 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that the required actions in the approved implementation timetable are carried out so that the approved Modification Proposal is fulfilled.

A20.4 Each ~~Code Party~~Party will co-operate with ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to the extent required to ensure that such modification is implemented with effect from the approved date.

Subsequent Amendment to the Implementation Timetable

A20.5 For Authority-Consent, Authority-Directed and Authority-Led Modification Proposals where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo considers that it is not reasonably practicable to make the approved modification to the Code in accordance with the approved implementation timetable:

a) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo may request the Authority to direct that a new implementation timetable be substituted for the original timetable; and
b) where the Authority makes such a direction following a request by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, the new implementation timetable replaces the original implementation, and the requirements set out in A20.2 will be defined in relation to that later date.

A20.6 Where the Authority declines ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's request as set out in A20.5a ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must adhere to the original timetable.

20.7 For Self-Governance Modifications, where BSCCo considers that it is no longer reasonably practicable or appropriate to make the approved modification to the Code in accordance with the approved implementation timetable, BSCCo may determine that a revised implementation timetable shall apply. Before making such a determination, BSCCo shall:

(a) consider the impact of the proposed revision on Parties, BSC Agents and any other affected persons;

(b) consult with such persons as BSCCo considers appropriate, unless BSCCo considers that the urgency or limited nature of the proposed revision makes consultation unnecessary; and

(c) be satisfied that the revised implementation timetable is reasonable and supports the effective implementation of the Self-Governance Modification.

20.8 In respect of any revised implementation timetable made pursuant to paragraph 20.7 above, BSCCo shall publish:

(a) the revised implementation timetable;

(b) the reasons for the revision;

(c) a summary of any consultation undertaken and the responses received; and

(d) the date on which the revised implementation timetable takes effect.

The revised implementation timetable shall replace the previously approved implementation timetable from the date specified by BSCCo.

A21. Cross-code working

Cross Code Steering Group

A21.1 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must:

a) in accordance with A2.6, help Proposers to identify potential cross-code impacts;
b) communicate, coordinate and work with other code managers, code administrators, and the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) on Modification Proposals that impact more than one Energy Code to ensure changes are progressed efficiently;
c) ensure it is represented at meetings of the CCSG by individuals with sufficient expertise and authority, attends meetings of the CCSG and update any documentation that is required following each meeting;
d) inform the SAF of any cross-code impacts that affect the Code that are identified at meetings of the CCSG; and

e) identify when it would be useful for ~~the Central System Delivery Body~~any BSC Agent to attend a meeting of the CCSG.

Lead Code

A21.2 Where the Cross Code Steering Group determines that the Code is to be used as the Lead Code, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must:

a) progress the Lead Code Modification Proposal in accordance with the Code;
b) coordinate with the Code Managers of the other affected Energy Codes so that they can raise and progress a Consequential Change under their Energy Codes in parallel with the process under the Code; and
c) consult with the other affected Energy Codes to agree upon and publish a timetable setting out the proposed progression of the Lead Code Modification Proposal and any associated Consequential Changes.

A21.3 Notwithstanding Section A16, the Modification Proposal under the Code will only be approved if both:

a) the Modification Proposal is approved in accordance with the Code; and
b) the associated Consequential Changes under the other Energy Codes are all approved in accordance with those other Energy Codes.

Consequential Change

A21.4 Where the CCSG determines that another Energy Code is the Lead Code for a Modification Proposal, then ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must progress the relevant Consequential Change to the Code in accordance with this A21.4, but subject to the following:

a) ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must progress the Modification Proposal to the timetable determined under the Lead Code;
b) if the Lead Code Modification Proposal under the Lead Code is withdrawn or rejected prior to a decision, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must also withdraw the Consequential Change in accordance with A6;
c) the Modification Proposal under this Code will only be approved if both:
    i) the Modification Proposal is approved in accordance with the Code; and
    ii) the Modification Proposal to the Lead Code is approved in accordance with the Lead Code.

Appeal to the Authority

A21.5 ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo may appeal the decision of any associated Consequential Change to the Authority where:

a) this Code is the Lead Code;
b) the Lead Code Modification Proposal is approved; and
c) one or more associated Consequential Changes are not approved.

A21.6 An appeal must be raised within 30 working days of a decision on the Lead Code Modification Proposal or relevant Consequential Change.

A21.7 Where another Energy Code is the Lead Code, any decision under this Code on an associated Consequential Change may be sent to the Authority for appeal within 30 working days of such determination on request of the Code Manager of the Lead Code.

Other Change Coordination requirements

21.8 BSSCo shall establish (and, where appropriate, revise from time to time) joint working arrangements, with

a) each Core Industry Document Owner to facilitate the identification, co-ordination, making and implementation of change to Core Industry Documents consequent on a Code Modification;

b) the STC Committee to facilitate the identification, co-ordination, making and implementation of change to the System Operator-Transmission Owner Code consequent on a Code Modification;

c) the Secretary of State, the CM Settlement Body and any CM Settlement Services Provider (as applicable) to facilitate the identification of potential inconsistencies between a Code Modification and the Capacity Market Documents; and

d) the Secretary of State to facilitate the identification of potential inconsistencies between a Code Modification and the CFD Documents.

21.9 The working arrangements referred to in paragraphs 21.8 are to enable the consideration, development, evaluation and, where applicable, implementation of Modification Proposals to proceed in a full and timely manner and enable:

(a) changes to Core Industry Documents and/or the System Operator-Transmission Owner Code (as applicable) consequent on a Code Modification to be made and given effect wherever possible (subject to any necessary consent of the Authority) at the same time as such Code Modification is made and given effect; and

(b) potential inconsistencies between the Code Modification and the Capacity Market Documents and/or the CFD Documents (as applicable) to be raised with the CM Settlement Body, the CM Settlement Services Provider and the Secretary of State (as applicable).

21.10 BSCCo shall ensure that the REC Meta Data for all REC Market Messages and REC Data Items utilised under the Code are defined within the Energy Market Data Specification administered in accordance with the REC Change Management Schedule.

21.11 Where an approved BSC Modification or Change Proposal requires an amendment to a Data Flow or Data Item for which BSCCo is designated as the Meta Data Owner in the Energy Market Data Specification, and such amendment has been

incorporated into the Energy Market Data Specification in accordance with the Retail Energy Code, the responsible body for the Data Transfer Service shall process and implement such change in accordance with the Change Procedures set out in the Data Transfer Service Agreement.

A22 Reasonableness criteria and SDS

A22.1 Where reasonably requested by ~~a Code Manager~~BSCCo, in relation to the Code, the ~~Code Party~~Party must take reasonable steps to cooperate with the development of the Code by:

a) providing ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo with information relating to the ~~Code~~ Party which ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo would reasonably require to plan, assess or implement code modifications related to a Strategic Direction Statement; and
b) disclosing to ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo, if it reasonably expects that proposed modifications related to the Strategic Direction Statement, may have a significant impact on its processes or systems.

A22.2 Where ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo is considering proposed modifications relating to the content of a Strategic Direction Statement, it may request cooperation from a ~~Code~~ Party where it is proportionate and reasonable to do so. In doing so, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must have regard to the following:

a) nature of cooperation: ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must review existing information and attempt to engage informally with a ~~Code~~ Party prior to deciding to issue a formal request for cooperation;
b) timing: ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must ensure that any request for cooperation is made at an appropriate stage in the process, considering whether early engagement could reduce the need for subsequent requests. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must take into account other energy sector activities that may affect a ~~Code~~ Party's ability to cooperate, which may include price controls, calls for evidence and consultations. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo will also seek to provide sufficient notice of any request;
c) impact on ~~Code~~ Parties: ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must consider the resource implications for ~~Code~~ Parties in responding to a request for cooperation and the availability of the data sought under a request for cooperation. Requests for cooperation must only be issued to relevant ~~Code~~ Parties, and where possible, will include ~~Code~~ Parties of varying sizes and role;
d) volume: ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must take reasonable steps to avoid issuing duplicate requests for cooperation, including consideration of requests for cooperation made by other code managers. ~~The Code Manager~~BSCCo must identify similarities between requests for cooperation and consolidate them where appropriate; and
e) other impacts: ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must consider cross code or system interactions.

A22.3 Prior to issuing a formal request for cooperation, ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo must:

a) assess the request against the criteria set out above; and
b) record the outcome of that assessment.

A22.4 The formal request for cooperation will be in writing and contain the following:

a) the outcome of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's assessment under Section A22.3; and
b) details of the informal engagement methods undertaken prior to issuing the request.

A23 Creation and Modification of Code Subsidiary Documents

A23.1 BSCCo may modify (whether by way of amendment, deletion, addition, replacement or otherwise) existing Code Subsidiary Documents or create additional Code Subsidiary Documents in accordance with this paragraph A23 (as long as such Code Subsidiary Document(s) are:

a) consistent with and do not impair, frustrate or invalidate the provisions of the Code; and

b) do not impose new obligations or restrictions of a material nature on Parties or Party Agents which are not authorised, envisaged by or subsidiary to the rights and obligations of the Parties under the Code.

A23.2 BSCCo shall notify:

a) Each Party;
b) Each BSC Agent; and
c) The Authority

of any modification to or creation of a Code Subsidiary Document and such modification or creation shall take effect on the later of the date specified by BSCCo or date of notification.

A23.3 BSCCo may establish a Code Committee, in accordance with Section C, which shall be responsible for reviewing, considering and recommending changes to Code Subsidiary Documents or the establishment of new Code Subsidiary Documents with a view to ensuring that the Code and the Code Subsidiary Documents together continue to facilitate achievement of the Applicable BSC Objective(s).

A23.4 Prior to modifying a Code Subsidiary Document or creating a new Code Subsidiary Document, BSCCo shall consult with Parties and interested third parties in such manner as it considers appropriate, in the light of the complexity, importance and urgency of the proposed change and shall have regard to any representations made and not withdrawn during such consultation.

A23.5 BSCCo shall ensure that the proposed draft changes are copied to each Party and (subject, to the extent applicable, to Section H1.4.3) otherwise published in such manner as it sees fit, and Parties and interested third persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed changes, having regard to the urgency of the matter.

A23.6 The provisions of BSCP40 shall apply in relation to the modification of any existing or creation of any new Code Subsidiary Document pursuant to this paragraph A23.

A23.7 Where a proposed modification to a Code Subsidiary Document qualifies as a Standard Change in accordance with the Standard Change Criteria outlined in Annex X-1 and paragraphs A23.4 and A23.5 do not apply and the process set out in BSCP40 shall be followed.

Modification and creation of Code Subsidiary Documents by the Authority

A23.8 In addition to BSCCo's power to modify existing Code Subsidiary Documents or create additional Code Subsidiary Documents under this paragraph A23, the Authority may, following recommendation by the MHHS IRG in accordance with the MHHS Governance Framework and until completion of the MHHS transition (described as "M15" within the MHHS Implementation Timetable):

(a) modify existing Code Subsidiary Documents; or

(b) create additional Code Subsidiary Documents

that relate to MHHS Implementation. For the purposes of this paragraph A23.8 and paragraphs A23.9, A23.10, A23.12 and A23.13 below, the definition of Code Subsidiary Documents shall be deemed to include BSC Configurable Items as defined in BSCP40.

A23.9 The Authority shall, prior to making any modification to a Code Subsidiary Document or to establishing a new Code Subsidiary Document pursuant to paragraph A23.8 consult with Parties and interested

third persons in such manner as it considers appropriate, in the light of the complexity, importance and urgency of the proposed change and shall have regard to any representations made and not withdrawn during such consultation. In complying with this paragraph, BSCCo shall, on behalf of the Authority, ensure that the proposed draft changes are copied to each Party and otherwise published in such manner as it sees fit for Parties and interested third persons to be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed changes, having regard to the urgency of the matter.

A23.10 The Authority shall notify BSCCo of any modification or creation of a Code Subsidiary Document made pursuant to paragraph A23.8 and BSCCo shall promptly notify each Party and each BSC Agent of the same.

23.11 The sunset clause specified in paragraph 12.20 of Section C shall apply to this paragraph, paragraphs A23.8, A23.9, A23.10, A23.12, A23.13 and paragraph A8.1(k) above. For the avoidance of doubt, once the Authority has confirmed for the purpose of paragraph 12.20 of Section C that MHHS Implementation is complete (or sufficiently complete), then this Code shall automatically be modified by the deletion of such paragraphs. Such deletions shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations arising under such paragraphs prior to such deletion.

A23.12 The Authority may only make modifications to existing Code Subsidiary Documents or create additional Code Subsidiary Documents if and to the extent that:

(a) the modified Code Subsidiary Document or additional Code Subsidiary Document is consistent with, and does not impair, frustrate or invalidate, the provisions of the Code; and

(b) the modification or addition does not impose new obligations or restrictions of a material nature on Parties or Party Agents (or classes thereof) which are not authorised or envisaged by, or subsidiary to, the rights and obligations of the Parties under, the Code.

A23.13 A modification to or the addition of a Code Subsidiary Document pursuant to this paragraph 23 shall take effect on the later of:

(a) the date specified by the Authority; or

(b) the date of any notice issued pursuant to paragraph A23.10.

A23.14 During a Significant Code Review Phase relating to MHHS Implementation, the Authority shall have such powers to suspend Change Proposals raised by any interested party in respect of the creation of new or modifications to existing Code Subsidiary Documents as set out in BSCP40. Once the Significant Code

Review Phase relating to MHHS Implementation has ended or has been deemed to end in accordance with paragraphs A17.4 or A17.5 above, then the Code shall automatically be modified by the deletion of this paragraph and consequential deletions of BSCP40 accordingly. Such deletions shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations arising under this paragraph A23.14 and BSCP40 prior to such deletions.

25 Definitions

25.1 The following definitions shall apply:

~~25.1.1~~ Alternative Modification Proposal means an alternative solution to the issue identified by a Modification Proposal in accordance with standard condition 27 of the Code Modification and Maintenance SLC.

~~Authority means the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority that is established under section 1 of the Utilities Act 2000.~~

~~25.1.2~~ Authority-Consent Modification has the meaning given to it in the Code Modification and Maintenance SLC.

~~25.1.3~~ Authority-Directed Modification Proposal means a proposal for modification that is raised by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo at the direction of the Authority pursuant to SLC 27.14a).

~~25.1.4~~ Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation means any guidance published by the Authority from time to time on code modification prioritisation.

~~25.1.5~~ Authority-Led Modification Proposal means a proposal for modification that is submitted by the Authority in the event that either standard condition 27.14(a)(i) or 27.14(a)(ii) of the Code Manager Licence apply.

~~25.1.6~~ Authority-Led Modification Report has the meaning given to that term in section A.18.2.

~~Central System Delivery Body/bodies means the persons responsible for operating or procuring the operation of a Central System, where "Central System" has the meaning given to that term in Section 184 of the Energy Act 2023.~~

~~25.1.7~~ Capacity Market Documents means the Capacity Market Rules, The Electricity Capacity Regulations 2014 and any other regulations made under Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Energy Act 2013 which are in force from time to time;

~~25.1.8~~ CfD Documents means the AF Rules, The Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014, The Contracts for Difference (Definition of Eligible Generator) Regulations 2014 and The Contracts for Difference (Supplier Obligation) Regulations 2014 and any other regulations made under Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Energy Act 2013 which are in force from time to time;

~~25.1.9~~ Change Proposal has the meaning given to that term in BSCP40;

~~25.1.10~~ Change Register means the register established and maintained of all current and past Issues and Modification Proposals.

~~Code means [insert name of code].~~

~~25.1.11~~ Code Embedded DIP Rule means:

(a) this definition, paragraphs 8.1(i), 12.B.1, 12.7(vi), 13.9(n) and 13.12.A of this Section F;

(b) Section C3.1.1(z), Section D2.1.1(b)(v), Section D4.7, Section D6.7, Section H1.2.1(c), Section H1.3A, Section H3.2.1(g);

(c) any reference elsewhere in the Code to the DIP Applicable Objectives, the DIP Manager, the DIP Change and Advisory Board (DCAB), the DIP Rules or the DIP Supplement; and

(d) all terms and expressions that are defined in the DIP Rules or are defined in Annex X-1

~~25.1.12~~ Code Maintenance and Modification SLC means standard condition 27 contained in the Code Manager Licence.

~~Code Manager means the persons responsible for the governance of the [relevant] Code in accordance with its Licence.~~

~~25.1.13~~ Code Reform Go-Live Date means [00:00] hours on the date designated by [the Authority / the Secretary of State] in a notice issued pursuant to its powers under Section 185 of the Energy Act 2023 for the purpose of implementing the Code Manager governance framework, being the date on which the Code Manager License granted to BSCCo takes full legal effect in respect of the Code.

~~25.1.14~~ Consequential Change means, for any cross-code modifications, a modification to an Energy C~~c~~ode that is necessary to support or enable the lead Modification Proposal.

~~25.1.15~~ Consultation Phase means the period starting on the date which the Authority publishes a notice under s 193(1) of the Energy Act 2023 and ending on the date on which the Authority publishes a notice of decision under s193(5) of the Energy Act 2023.

~~Code Party/parties means persons who are party to the relevant Code (including the Licensee).~~

~~25.1.16~~ Core Industry Documents shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the ESO Licence;

~~25.1.17~~ Core Industry Document Owner means, in relation to a Core Industry Document, the body or entity which is responsible for the management and operation of procedures for making changes to such document;

~~25.1.18~~ Cross Code Steering Group, referred to in Section A21, means the group established under the REC to support the development of ~~change~~ modification proposals that impact multiple Energy C~~c~~odes.

~~Designation Document means a document that is (i) maintained in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted for the purposes of s.4 of the Electricity Act 1989 and s.5 of the Gas Act 1986; and (ii) designated under either s.182 of the Energy Act 2023 or Schedule 12 to the Energy Act 2023.~~

~~25.1.19~~Draft Modification Report has the meaning given to that term in section A13.2.

~~25.1.20~~ Energy means either or both of gas (as supplied to premises under or pursuant to the Gas Act 1986) and electricity (as supplied to premises under or pursuant to the Electricity Act 1989).

~~25.1.21~~ Energy Code means a multilateral code or agreement, whether or not it is at the relevant time a Designated Document, created and maintained pursuant to a licence granted by the Authority under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 or under sections 7, 7ZA or under sections 7, 7ZA, 7A, 7AA, 7AB, or 7AC of the Gas Act 1986

~~25.1.22~~ Energy Consumers means a person who is supplied or requires to be supplied with Energy at any premises in Great Britain.

Fail(ure) to engage means the failure of the Proposer to meaningfully engage within 2 months to any contact from the Code Manager.

~~25.1.23~~ Fast-Track Self-Governance Modification has the meaning given to it in the Cod~~e~~ Modification and Maintenance SLC.

~~25.1.24~~ Final Modification Report means a report submitted to the Authority by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo recommending a Modification Proposal and either: (i) seeking the Authority's determination where it is an Authority-Consent Modification Proposal or (ii) informing the Authority of ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo's decision where it is a Self-Governance Modification.

~~25.1.25~~ Greenhouse Gas has the meaning given to that term in section 92 of the Climate Change Act 2008.

~~25.1.26~~ Greenhouse Gas Emissions means emissions of that Greenhouse Gas into the atmosphere that are attributable to human activity.

~~25.1.27~~ Issue means an issue arising in relation to the relevant Code that may result in a Modification Proposal in accordance with the Modification Procedures.

~~25.1.28 Lead Code means, for any cross-code modifications, the code manager or code administrator with primary responsibility for developing and progressing the lead Modification Proposal.~~ Lead Code means the Energy Code which the Cross Code Steering Group has designated as such for the purpose of progressing a modification proposal that is likely to have an impact on any other Energy Code

~~Licence means the Code Manager licence granted pursuant to section 6(1)(g) of the Electricity Act 1989 or section 7AC of the Gas Act 1986.~~

~~25.1.29~~ Modification Plan means a plan produced by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo that contains the information set out in A11.2.

Modification Path means the classification of Modification Proposals, as outlined in A9.1.

Modification Procedures has the meaning given to it in section 1 'Definitions' of the Code Manager ~~SLCs.~~Licence;

Modification Proposal has the meaning given to it in section 1 'Definitions' of the Code Manager ~~SLCs.~~Licence;

Modification Suspense Period means:

a) in relation to a matter within the scope of a Significant Code Review, the period starting on the date the review starts, as specified by the Authority, and ending on the date as set out in A17.4;
b) in relation to a ~~[~~matter within the scope of a~~]~~ Proposed Direct Modification, the Consultation Phase. [or] the period starting on the date which the Authority publishes a notice under s 193(1) of the Energy Act 2023 and ending on the date on which the Authority publishes a notice of decision under s193(5) of the Energy Act 2023.

Pre-Modification Forum means a forum chaired by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to discuss Issues~~;~~.

Prioritisation Category has the meaning given to that term by the Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation~~;~~.

Prioritisation Criteria has the meaning given to that term by the Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation~~;~~.

Proposer means the owner of an Issue or Modification Proposal throughout the modification process~~;~~.

Proposed Direct Code Modification means a proposal by the Authority to modify an Energy Code pursuant to s.192 of the Energy Act 2023~~;~~.

~~Relevant Code Objectives means the objectives set out in the Licence or [section x] of the relevant Code.~~

~~SAF Secretary means the person nominated and appointed by the Code Manager for the purpose of providing secretariat support to the SAF.~~

REC Data Item has the meaning given to the term Data Item in the REC;

REC Market Message has the meaning given to the term Market Message in the REC;

REC Meta Data means the meta data described in the Energy Market Data Specification;

Self-Governance Modification means a modification that does not satisfy the criteria to be an Authority-Consent Modification.

Significant Code Review means a review of one or more matters which the Authority considers is likely to: (a) relate to the relevant Code (either on its own or alongside other Energy Codes); and (b) be of particular significance in relation to its statutory duties; and for which the Authority has issued a notice specifying scope and start date of the review.

STC Committee means, in relation to the STC, the body or entity which is responsible for the management and operation of procedures for making changes to the STC;

Stakeholder means any individual, group, body, or institution with an interest in the Ccode regardless of whether they are a Pparty to the Ccode or not.

~~Stakeholder Advisory Forum means the body required by standard condition 27 (Code maintenance and modification).~~

Strategic Direction Statement means a statement prepared and published by the Authority under section 190 of the Energy Act 2023 setting out a strategic direction for Designated Documents.

Statutory Consumer Advocate means representatives appointed by Citizens Advice or Consumer Scotland.

System Operator-Transmission Owner Code or STC means the code so called and created, and from time to time modified by the NETSO, in accordance with the Transmission Licence;

Urgent Modification Proposal means a modification that ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo has determined to be urgent, based on the criteria for urgency published by the Authority from time to time.

Workgroup means a group established by ~~the Code Manager~~BSCCo to carry out the functions set out in section A13.16.

Workgroup Process means the process set out in A12.