

Change proposal:	Grid Code C/09: Housekeeping Amendments		
Decision:	The Authority ¹ directs that the proposed change to the Grid Code ² be made		
Target audience:	National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET), Grid Code users and other interested parties		
Date of publication:	20 December 2010	Implementation Date:	31 December 2010

Background to the change proposal

NGET keeps a log of any housekeeping changes to be made to the Grid Code identified by it or by system users. These changes correct typographical, punctuation or other errors, e.g. unnecessary additional words that may have crept into the Grid Code legal text. From time to time, NGET groups these changes into a single change proposal and presents the proposal to the Authority.

In February and May 2009, NGET presented a number of housekeeping changes to the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) and requested agreement to include these in a change proposal. The GCRP agreed to NGET's request.

The change proposal

NGET raised Grid Code change proposal C/09 in February 2009. The proposal set out a number of housekeeping changes which, for ease of reference, NGET prefixed with the letters HA. The proposed changes affect different parts of the Grid Code:

- Glossary and Definitions – HA1 and HA2
- Planning Code – HA3 to HA10
- Connection Conditions – HA11 to HA14
- Data Registration Code – HA17

Full details of the individual changes are set out in the final report to the Authority.

Between the time that the change proposal was raised and NGET's final report to the Authority, a further three proposed changes were superseded by updated versions of the Grid Code which contain Grid Code changes associated with the introduction of the "Go Active" Offshore transmission regime and other amendments.

Since the submission of the final report, NGET has agreed to withdraw HA2 (as the proposed change would be inconsistent with the same definition in the CUSC) and HA13 as this change has already been made to the Grid Code. An additional minor change was added to HA17 (amending the word 'my' to 'may' in the Data Registration Code Schedule 11 page 2, note 3).

NGET's recommendation

¹ The terms 'the Authority', 'Ofgem' and 'we' are used interchangeably in this document. Ofgem is the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

² This document is notice of the reasons for this decision as required by section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.

NGET submitted its final Report to the Authority in November 2010. In its view, the implementation of the change proposal would help it to meet its licence obligations and to achieve Grid Code objective (iii) (to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution system in Great Britain) as it would clarify the requirements in the Grid Code and make the legal text more robust.

The Authority's decision

The Authority has considered the issues raised by the change proposal and in the final Report dated 29 November 2010. The Authority has considered and taken into account the responses to NGET's consultation on the change proposal which are included in the final Report³. The Authority has concluded that:

1. implementation of the change proposal will better facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Grid Code⁴; and
2. approving the change is consistent with the Authority's principal objective and statutory duties⁵.

Reasons for the Authority's decision

We note the views of the proposer and respondents to the consultation who support the proposal. In some cases, respondents helped to further clarify the proposed changes.

Grid Code objective (iii) (to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution system in Great Britain)

We agree that the change proposal removes unnecessary additional words, incorrect cross-references and corrects typographical errors in the Grid Code legal text. The improvements made by the change proposal to the legal text will assist those with an interest in the Grid Code in better understanding the Grid Code provisions and improve the security and efficiency of the GB electricity system as a result. The proposed changes assist in both clarifying the text and making it more robust.

We therefore agree that the change proposal does better facilitate this objective.

Decision notice

In accordance with Standard Condition C14 of NGET's Transmission Licence, the Authority, hereby directs that change proposal Grid Code C/09: 'Housekeeping Changes' be made on 31 December 2010.

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

³ Grid Code proposals, final reports and representations can be viewed on NGET's website at:

<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Electricity/Codes/gridcode/consultationpapers/>

⁴ As set out in Standard Condition C14(1)(b) of NGET's Transmission Licence, see: http://epr.ofgem.gov.uk/document_fetch.php?documentid=14343

⁵ The Authority's statutory duties are wider than matters which NGET must take into consideration and are detailed mainly in the Electricity Act 1989 as amended.