

Change proposal:	Grid Code G/11: Grid Code Housekeeping Modifications		
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:	17 January 2012	Implementation Date:	To be confirmed

Background to the change proposal

There are a number of typographical and formatting errors that National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) and other Grid Code users have identified within the Grid Code document. NGET considers that although minor, these errors could lead to confusion and lack of clarity which increases the potential for errors to be made when following the processes set out in the Grid Code.

The change proposal

G/11 was raised by NGET and submitted to the Grid Code Review Panel on 17 November 2011. The proposal aims to correct the typographical and formatting errors that NGET and other Grid Code users have identified. Some of these errors have been listed in Annex 1 of the G/11 Report to the Authority³. However, a number of errors have, for efficiency reasons, not been individually listed. These consist of a number of punctuation marks which are incorrectly in bold:

- 230 Commas;
- 330 Full stops;
- 230 Brackets; and
- 20 Quotations marks.

There are also some inconsistencies in the use of abbreviations for units, e.g. MVAR – Mega Volt Ampere Reactive and kV – Kilovolt, to be corrected. The intention is to align all the occurrences of these units throughout the Grid Code to ensure consistency.

NGET considers that the implementation of G/11 will improve the clarity of the Grid Code text. This will facilitate industry understanding of the Grid Code statements and will better facilitate Applicable Grid Code Objectives (i), (ii) and (iii). NGET believes that G/11 will have a neutral effect on Applicable Grid Code Objective (iv).

NGET's recommendation

NGET submitted a final report to the Authority in January 2012 recommending that change proposal G/11 is implemented.

The Authority's decision

The Authority has considered the issues raised by the change proposal and in the final report dated 4 January 2012. The Authority has considered and taken into account the

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.

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/>

responses to NGET's consultation on the change proposal which are included in the final Report. The Authority has concluded that:

- 1. implementation of the change proposal will better facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Grid Code; and**
- 2. approving the change is consistent with the Authority's principal objective and statutory duties⁴.**

Reasons for the Authority's decision

In reaching our decision we have considered how the change proposal better meets the applicable objectives of the Grid Code as set out in Standard Licence Condition C14 (1) (b). We agree with NGET that the proposal has a neutral impact on Applicable Grid Code Objective (iv).

- (i) *To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity*

We agree with the proposer's view that G/11 will facilitate this objective. By improving the clarity of the Grid Code text, G/11 will facilitate users' understanding of the Grid Code. It will also reduce the risk for misunderstandings caused by the typographical errors in the existing text and enable parties to maintain and operate an efficient and more co-ordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity.

- (ii) *To facilitate competition in the generation and supply of electricity (and without limiting the foregoing, to facilitate the GB transmission system being made available to persons authorised to supply or generate electricity on terms which neither prevent nor restrict competition in the supply or generation of electricity)*

We agree that G/11 will facilitate this objective for the same reasons as the objective above. However, we consider the benefits to be marginal under this objective.

- (iii) *Subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems in Great Britain taken as a whole*

We also agree with the proposer's view that G/11 will facilitate this objective for the same reasons above, though again these benefits are marginal.

Decision notice

In accordance with Standard Condition C14 of NGET's Transmission Licence, the Authority hereby directs that change proposal Grid Code G/11 'Grid Code Housekeeping Modifications' be made.

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

⁴The Authority's statutory duties are wider than matters which NGET must take into consideration and are detailed mainly in the Electricity Act 1989.