

# Proposal for a Capacity Market Rules Change



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Reference number (to be completed by Ofgem):  
**P083**

Name of Organisation(s) / individual(s):  
**DECC**

Date Submitted:  
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**Type of Change:**

- Amendment
- Addition
- Revoke
- Substitution

**If applicable, whether you are aware of an alternative proposal already submitted which this proposal relates to:**

Proposals P039 submitted by SSE and P069 submitted by National Grid relate to a similar issues

**What the proposal relates to and if applicable, what current provision of Rules the proposal relates to (please state provision number):**

Clarification of how connection capacity is determined and evidenced under Rules 3.5, 3.6.3(c)(ii)(aa) and 3.7.3(b)(ii)(aa) in order to avoid potential ambiguity in future years' prequalification windows.

**Description of the issue that the change proposal seeks to address:**

- Clarification that for the purposes of Rule 3.5, references to the Grid Connection Agreement, Distribution Connection Agreement or connection offer for a Generating Unit are to the agreement or offer in force at the date on which the Application is made.
- Clarification that for the purposes of Rule 3.5, if a Distribution Connection Agreement or connection offer states a range of values for the registered capacity or inverter rating of a Generating Unit, the registered capacity or inverter rating of the Generating Unit must be taken to be the lowest value in that range.”.
- Consequential amendment to previous paragraph. In Rules 3.6.3(c)(ii)(aa) & 3.7.3(b)(ii)(aa) clarification that where a Distribution Connection Agreement specifies a range of values for the registered capacity or inverter rating, the minimum and maximum values in that range are to be confirmed.
- Clarification that for the purposes of Rule 3.5, references to Connection Entry Capacity, Registered Capacity or Inverter Rating are **net of the generating unit's auxiliary load**, as declared in their pre-qualification application. Please note, no proposed revised drafting is provided for this amendment.

**If applicable, please state the proposed revised drafting (please highlight the change):**

1. After Rule 3.5.5 insert:

“3.5.6, For the purposes of this Rule 3.5:

(a) references to the Grid Connection Agreement, Distribution Connection Agreement or connection offer for a Generating Unit are to the agreement or offer in force at the date on which the Application is made; and

(b) if a Distribution Connection Agreement or connection offer states a range of values for the registered capacity or inverter rating of a Generating Unit, the registered capacity or inverter rating of the Generating Unit must be taken to be the lowest value in that range.”.

2. In Rule 3.6.3, at the end of paragraph (c)(ii)(aa) insert “, or, if the Distribution Connection Agreement specifies a range of values for the registered capacity or inverter rating, the minimum and maximum values in that range”.

3. In Rule 3.7.3, at the end of paragraph (b)(ii)(aa), insert “, or, if the Distribution Connection Agreement or connection offer specifies a range of values for the registered capacity or inverter rating, the minimum and maximum values in that range”.

**Analysis and evidence on the impact on industry and/or consumers including any risks to note when making the revision - including, any potential implications for industry codes:**

None

**Details of Proposer** *(please include name, telephone number, email and organisation):*

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