

Proposal for a Capacity Market Rules Change



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Reference number (to be completed by
Ofgem): CP337

Name of Organisation(s) / individual(s):
ScottishPower

Date Submitted:
17 October 2017

Type of Change:

- Amendment
- Addition
- Revoke
- Substitution

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

Proposal summary (short summary, suitable for published description on our website)

This proposal would amend the rules relating to Opt-out Notifications. It removes the need for participants to repeatedly Opt-out stations that hold a connection agreement but have been closed for some time.

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

These changes would mean that participants would no longer have to repeatedly submit Opt-out Notifications for a closed plant.

The provision in the rules is under 3.11:

3.11 Opt-out Notifications

3.11.1 For each Capacity Auction, if no Application is made in relation to a Mandatory CMU, the person who is the legal owner of that Mandatory CMU must, during the Prequalification Window, submit an Opt-out Notification to the Delivery Body.

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

The current rules create an unnecessary administrative burden during a busy time for the teams involved.

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

The following sections have been identified as potentially requiring amendment or removal (proposed changes highlighted in red):

3.11 Opt-out Notifications

3.11.1 For each Capacity Auction, if no Application is made, the person who is the legal owner of that Mandatory CMU must, during the Prequalification Window, submit an Opt-out Notification to the Delivery Body (unless an Opt-out Notification was made in respect of the CMU in relation to a previous closed auction and no notification made to the Delivery Body revoking that Notification).

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:

As a portfolio operator we have first-hand experience of how busy the Prequalification period can be for the teams involved. The need to repeatedly provide an Opt-out Notification creates an unnecessary administration burden.

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

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