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Electricity Distribution Licensees,
Distribution Code Review Panel
(DCRP), Grid Code Review Panel
Chair, GCRP, and other
interested parties

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Dear Electricity Distribution Licensees and GCRP chair,

Our decision to send back modification proposal DCRP/MP/18/01 'Revision to Engineering Recommendation P28 (Voltage fluctuations and the connection of disturbing equipment to transmission systems and distribution networks in the United Kingdom)' (DCRP/MP/18/01)

On 17 May 2018, the electricity distribution licensees submitted a Final Modification Report (FMR) for Distribution Code modification proposal DCRP/MP/18/01 to us. We have decided that we cannot form an opinion on this modification proposal based on the FMR as submitted. We are therefore sending the FMR back to industry for further work.

We consider that there has not been sufficient industry consideration of the impact of DCRP/MP/18/01 on other industry codes. Specifically, we do not consider that the impact on the Grid Code has been properly considered. We note that Engineering Recommendation P28¹ is referenced multiple times within the Grid Code. The changes proposed under DCRP/MP/18/01, which have a direct impact on the requirements for parties connecting to the electricity networks, could result in consequential changes to Grid Code requirements that have not been assessed and which may be relevant to inform our decision.

We expect distribution licensees and the Grid Code Review Panel ('GCRP') to work together and submit any proposed Distribution and Grid Code changes to us as a package, which should include co-ordinated implementation timetables. We expect the GCRP to discuss the issues set out in this letter and DCRP/MP/18/01 at the next GCRP meeting, on 28 June 2018.

We therefore direct that the FMR be sent back to the electricity distribution licensees to be reviewed once work to assess the impact of DCRP/MP/18/01 on the Grid Code is complete. To achieve this, we expect the relevant Code Administrators (CA) to follow Principle 13² of the CA Code of Practice.³

This should be carried out as soon as practicable.

Yours faithfully,

¹ Planning limits for voltage fluctuations caused by industrial, commercial and domestic equipment in the United Kingdom, please see http://www.dcode.org.uk/assets/uploads/ENA_ER_P28_Issue_1_1989.pdf

² CA will ensure cross code coordination to progress changes efficiently where modifications impact multiple codes.

³ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/code-administration-code-practice-version-4>

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose