

# Reforming Code Content Has Open Governance delivered?

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# The role of the System Operator in Code Change

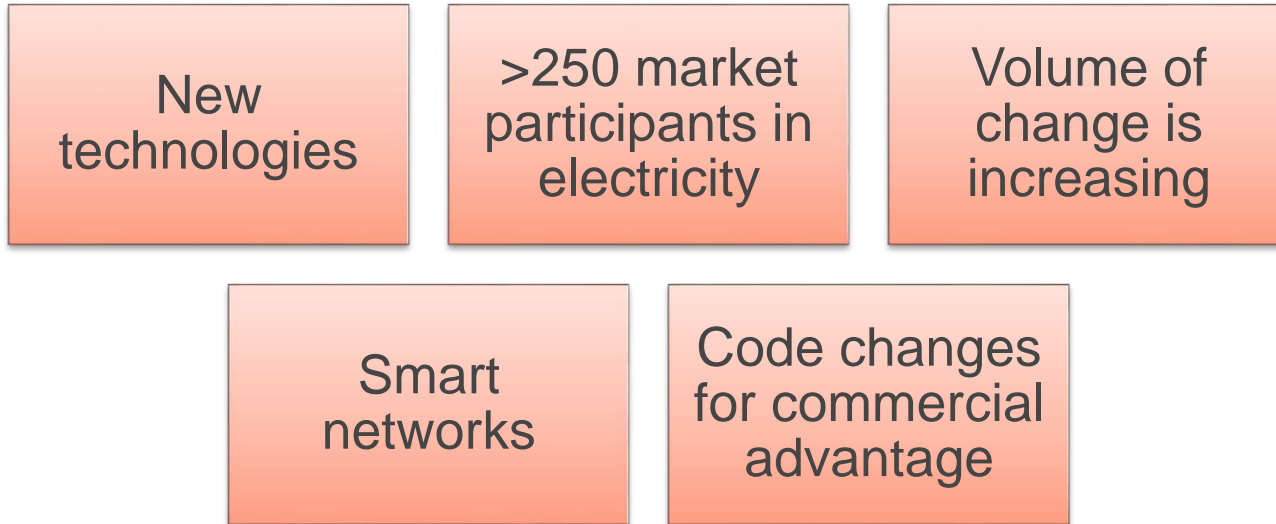
## Code Administrator responsible for

- Connection and Use of System (CUSC)
- Grid Code
- System Operator – Transmission Owner Code (STC)
- Our industry codes determine the commercial and technical obligations across range of different industry participants
- We play an important role in facilitating the process of change and ultimately delivering valued outcomes for consumers

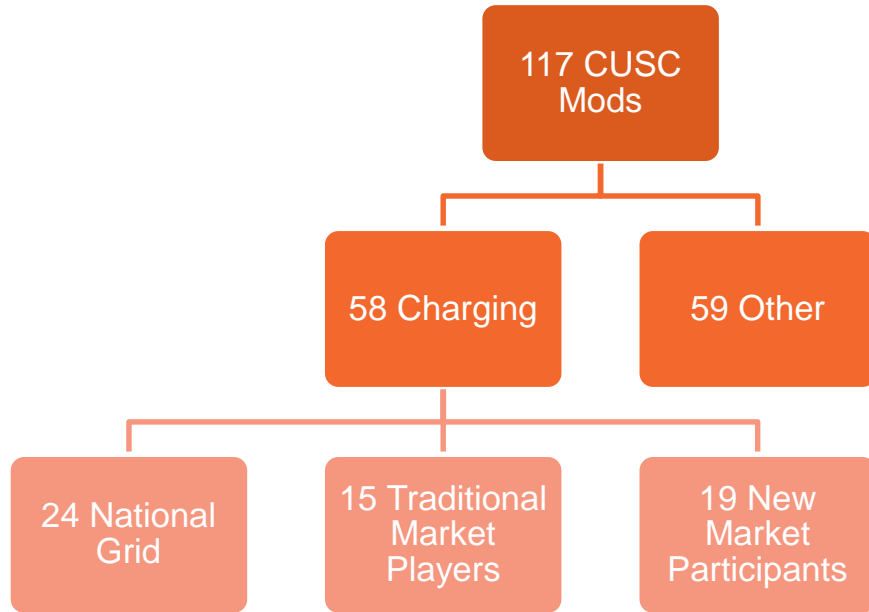
## Wider participant in code change

- Lead secretariat for Charging Futures Forum
- Key participant in European Code Change and implementation
- Participate in change in other codes such as BSC and UNC
- As the SO we have a unique market perspective and focus on end consumer value

# In a changing world are our governance processes still fit for purpose?



## Open Governance for Charging Methodology was introduced in Dec 2010



- Changes to charging methodologies creates winners and losers so change is contentious
- Change is time consuming
  - Average of 16 full day workshops per modification
  - Up to 2 years from proposal to decision
- Relatively small number of participants proposing change
  - 25 market participants proposed modifications out of 622 CUSC signatories
  - We are frequently told that it is difficult to participate in change
- Two Significant Code Reviews (SCRs)

All numbers refer to period Jan 2011 to Dec 2018

# Has Open Governance delivered what was hoped for in charging?

## Hoped For

- Engagement, participation and transparency
- Facilitate competition by enabling market participants to influence code change
- Accessible and open process to develop and determine changes
- Bring forward innovative changes and address deficiencies in existing codes

## Outcome

- Tactical change 'skirmishes' in commercially sensitive areas
- Strategic and/or transformational change has been impeded
- Recourse to SCRs
- Increased time for change
- Keeping charging methodology aligned with the changing system has been difficult

# Some thoughts

- It is difficult for Open Governance to work efficiently in areas like Charging where there are winners and losers
- We are used to Open Governance in GB but it is not widely used in other European countries and there are other models
- The choice of governance approach is linked to the content of code
- What is important - that participants can raise changes or that their views are taken into account in the change process?
- The governance process should efficiently deliver strategic change and work for the large number of participants
- End value for consumers must be a central driver of change