

Condition B12: System Operator – Transmission Owner Code

1. The licensee shall, in common with those other transmission licensees to which this condition applies, at all times have in force a STC, being a document which:
 - (a) sets out terms as between STC parties whereby the national electricity transmission system and each STC party's transmission system forming part thereof is to be planned, developed or operated and transmission services are to be provided together with any associated arrangements;
 - (b) is designed to facilitate achievement of the objectives set out in paragraph 3;
 - (c) includes the modification procedures required by paragraph 6-6H;
 - (d) provides for mechanisms for the resolution of any disputes arising in relation to any of the matters addressed in the STC; and
 - (e) The licensee shall be taken to comply with this paragraph by:
 - (i) adopting (through entry into the STC Framework Agreement), as the STC in force with effect from the date this condition comes into effect, the document designated by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this condition; and
 - (ii) modifying such document from time to time in accordance with the transition modification provisions and the provisions of paragraphs 6-6H and 7 below.
2. For the purposes of this condition, the terms and arrangements referred to in paragraph 1(a) whereby the national electricity transmission system and each STC party's transmission system forming part thereof are to be planned, developed or operated and transmission services are to be provided are those which:
 - (a) are requisite for the enjoyment and discharge of the rights and obligations of transmission licensees and STC parties arising under any relevant licences codes or other document as may be specified from time by the Authority including, but not limited to, rights and obligations which may arise under each of the core industry documents, the BSC and the CUSC; and
 - (b) provide for matters which include:
 - the provision of transmission services,
 - the operation, including the configuration, of the national electricity transmission system,
 - the co-ordination of the planning of STC parties' transmission systems,
 - the progression of matters necessary to respond to applications for new connections (or modifications of existing connections),
 - planning for, and co-ordination of, transmission outages,
 - procedures for developing, agreeing and implementing party entry processes,

- the resolution of disputes,
- the exchange of information between STC parties, which information they are free to disclose and relates to the discharge of their duties under the Act, transmission licences and other relevant statutory obligations,
- procedures to enable the system operator to produce information about the national electricity transmission system in accordance with standard condition C11 (Production of information about the national electricity transmission system), and
- procedures established in pursuance of paragraphs 6-6H.

Nothing in this condition shall preclude the licensee entering into other terms and arrangements connected with these terms and arrangements, outside of the STC, where such other arrangements are not inconsistent or in conflict with this licence or the STC or other relevant statutory requirements.

3. The objectives of the STC referred to in sub-paragraph 1(b) are the:

- (a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act;
- (b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and co-ordinated system of electricity transmission;
- (c) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity;
- (d) protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system insofar as it relates to interactions between transmission licensees;
- (e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC;
- (f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system; and
- (g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.

4. The STC shall provide for:

- (a) there to be referred to the Authority for determination such matters arising under the STC as may be specified in the STC;
- (b) a copy of the STC or any part(s) thereof (which excludes any confidential information contained in the STC, as provided in that document) to be provided to any person requesting the same upon payment of an amount not exceeding the reasonable costs of making and providing such copy;
- (c) a panel body, as specified in the STC (the "panel") whose functions shall include the matters required by this condition and as set out in the STC;

- (d) a secretarial or administrative person or body, as specified in the STC, to perform the role of code administrator (the "code administrator"). In addition to any powers, duties or functions set out in the STC, the code administrator shall:
- (i) together with other code administrators, publish, review and (where appropriate) amend from time to time the Code of Practice approved by the Authority (any amendments to the Code of Practice are to be approved by the Authority);
 - (ii) facilitate the procedures for making a modification to the STC; and
 - (iii) have regard to, and in particular (to the extent relevant) be consistent with the principles contained in, the Code of Practice;
5. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 10 shall not limit the matters which may be provided for in the STC.
6. The STC shall include procedures for its own modification (including procedures for the modification of the modification procedures themselves), so as better to facilitate achievement of the applicable STC objectives, which procedures shall provide:
- (a) for proposals for modification of the STC to be made by any of the STC parties, the Authority (in relation only to modifications which ~~it reasonably considers are necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency~~ fall within the scope of paragraph 6GE), the licensee or such other persons or bodies as the STC may provide;
 - (aa) for modification proposals made by the Authority or the licensee under 6(a) and 6(ab)(i) respectively which ~~the Authority reasonably considers are necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency~~ fall within the scope of paragraph 6GE:
 - (i) to be accepted into the STC modification procedures by the panel;
 - (ii) where they are raised by the licensee, not to be withdrawn without the Authority's prior consent; and
 - (iii) to proceed in accordance with any timetable(s) directed by the Authority in accordance with paragraph 6(ab);
 - (ab) for compliance by the licensee and (where applicable) the panel with any direction(s) issued by the Authority under this paragraph setting and/or amending a timetable (in relation only to modifications ~~which the Authority reasonably considers are necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency~~ fall within the scope of paragraph 6GE) for:
 - (i) the licensee to raise a modification proposal(s); and/or
 - (ii) the completion of each of the procedural steps outlined in paragraph 6 or 6GC, to the extent that they are relevant; and/or
 - (iii) the implementation of a modification.

- (b) except for modifications made pursuant to paragraph 6D or 6GB, where a modification proposal is made:
- (i) for bringing the proposal to the attention of the STC parties and such other persons as may properly be considered to have an appropriate interest in it;
 - (ia) for the proper evaluation of the suitability of the self-governance route (in accordance with paragraph 6A) for a particular modification proposal;
 - (ib) during a significant code review phase, for the proper evaluation of the relevance of the significant code review to a particular modification proposal
 - (ii) for proper consideration of any representations on the proposal itself or on the likely effect of the proposal on the core industry documents;
 - (iii) for the preparation by the panel of an assessment of the likely impact of the proposal on each STC party's transmission system and its other systems, provided that, so far as any such assessment requires information which is not generally available concerning any STC party or STC party's transmission system, such assessment shall be made on the basis of the panel's proper assessment (which the panel shall make available for these purposes) of the impact of the proposal on each STC party's transmission system;
 - (iv) for properly evaluating whether the proposed modification would better facilitate achieving the applicable STC objectives, provided that so far as any such evaluation by the panel requires information which is not generally available concerning any STC party or STC party's transmission system or the national electricity transmission system, such evaluation shall be made on the basis of the panel's proper assessment (which the licensee shall make available for these purposes) of the effect of the proposed modification on the matters referred to in paragraph 3;
 - (v) for development of any alternative modification which may, as compared with the proposed modification, better facilitate achieving the applicable STC objectives;
 - (vA) for the evaluation required under paragraph 6(b)(iv) (and, if applicable, paragraph 6(b)(v)) in respect of the applicable STC objective(s) to include, where the impact is likely to be material, an assessment of the quantifiable impact of the proposal on greenhouse gas emissions, to be conducted in accordance with any such guidance (on the treatment of carbon costs and evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions) as may be issued by the Authority from time to time;
 - (vi) for the preparation of a report on behalf of the panel which includes the following:
 - the proposed modification and any alternative;
 - an evaluation of the proposed modification and any alternative;

- an assessment of the extent to which the proposed modification or any alternative would better facilitate achieving the applicable STC objectives and a detailed explanation of the reasons for that assessment (such assessment to include, where applicable, an assessment of the quantifiable impact of greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with paragraph 6(b)(vA));
 - to the extent practicable, an assessment of the likely impact on each STC party's transmission system and any other systems of that STC party and an assessment of the likely impact on the national electricity transmission system, of the proposed modification;
 - an assessment of the impact of the modification on the core industry documents and the changes expected to be required to such documents as a consequence of the modification;
 - a recommendation by the panel (or in the case of a proposal falling within the scope of paragraph 6A, a determination), by reference to the panel's assessment against the applicable STC objectives, as to whether the proposed modification or any alternative should be made;
 - to the extent practicable, the inclusion in the report of the combined views of the STC parties concerning the modification and any alternative or, where a combined view is not practicable, the views of each STC party;
 - a timetable for implementation of the modification and any alternative, including the date with effect from which such modification (if made) is to take effect; and
- (vii) for the submission of the report to the Authority as soon after the proposal is made as is appropriate (taking into account the complexity, importance and urgency of the modification) for the proper execution and completion of the steps in sub-paragraphs (i) to (vi);
- (c) for the timetable (referred to in sub-paragraph (b)(vi)) for implementation of any modification to be either:
- (i) in accordance with any direction(s) issued by the Authority under paragraph 6(ab); or
 - (ii) where no direction has been issued by the Authority under paragraph 6(ab),

such as will enable the modification to take effect as soon as practicable after the Authority has directed such modification to be made (or after a determination by the panel in accordance with paragraph 6A), account being taken of the complexity, importance and urgency of the modification, and for that timetable to be extended with the consent of or as required by the Authority after those persons likely to be affected by the revision of the timetable have been consulted;

- (d) for the completion of each of the procedural steps outlined in this paragraph 6, to the extent that they are relevant, to be in accordance with any timetable(s) directed by the Authority under paragraph 6(ab);
 - (e) for separate processes for the modification of STC Procedures and the schedule listing the STC Procedures in force from time to time and which otherwise forms a part of the STC, to those for the modification of other parts of the STC set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) above and paragraphs 6A-7; and
 - (f) for the revision and resubmission of the modification report submitted to the Authority pursuant to sub-paragraphs 6(b)(vi) and 6(b)(vii) upon, and in accordance with, a direction issued to the panel by the Authority where the Authority determines that it cannot properly form an opinion on the approval of the modification proposal.
- 6A. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that modification proposals shall only be implemented without the Authority's approval pursuant to this paragraph 6A (the "self-governance route") where:
- (a)
 - (i) in the view of the panel, the modification proposal meets all of the self-governance criteria, and the panel has submitted to the Authority in respect of the modification proposal and not withdrawn a self-governance statement; or
 - (ii) if a self-governance statement has not been made, or has been withdrawn, the Authority has determined that the self-governance criteria are satisfied and the modification proposal is suitable for the self-governance route; and
 - (b) unless otherwise exempted by the Authority, the panel has sent copies of all consultation responses to the Authority at least seven (7) days before the panel intends to make its determination under paragraph 6A(d); and
 - (c) the Authority has not directed that the Authority's decision is required prior to the panel's determination under paragraph 6A(d); and
 - (d) the panel has, no earlier than seven (7) days after sending the consultation responses referred to at paragraph 6A(b), determined that the modification proposal or any alternative should be implemented on the basis that it would, as compared with the then existing provisions of the STC and any other modifications proposed in accordance with paragraph 6(b)(v), better facilitate the achievement of the applicable STC objective(s); and
 - (e)
 - (i) no appeal has been raised up to and including 15 working days after the panel's determination under paragraph 6A(d) in respect of such modification proposal and any alternative; or
 - (ii) an appeal has been raised in respect of such a modification proposal and any alternative in accordance with paragraph 6B and the Authority has not quashed the panel's determination referred to at paragraph 6A(d) (and either remitted the relevant modification proposal and any alternative back to the panel for reconsideration

or taken the decision on the relevant modification proposal and any alternative itself following the appeal).

6B. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that those persons set out at paragraph 6(a) may appeal to the Authority the approval or rejection by the panel of a modification proposal and any alternative falling under the self-governance route (in accordance with paragraph 6A), provided the appeal has been made up to and including 15 working days after the approval or rejection and in accordance with the procedures specified in the STC and, in the opinion of the Authority:

(a)

(i) the appealing party is likely to be unfairly prejudiced by the implementation or non-implementation of that modification or alternative proposal; or

(ii) the appeal is on the grounds that:

(1) in the case of implementation, the modification or alternative proposal may not better facilitate the achievement of at least one of the applicable STC objectives; or

(2) in the case of non-implementation, the modification or alternative proposal may better facilitate the achievement of at least one of the applicable STC objectives; and

(b) the appeal is not brought for reasons that are trivial or vexatious, nor does the appeal have no reasonable prospect of success.

6C. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that:

(a) where an appeal has been raised in respect of a modification proposal and any alternative in accordance with paragraph 6B, that modification proposal and any alternative shall be treated in accordance with any decision and/or direction of the Authority following that appeal; and

(b) if the Authority quashes the panel's determination referred to at paragraph 6A(d) of this condition and takes the decision on the relevant modification proposal and any alternative itself following an appeal in accordance with paragraph 6A(d), the panel's determination of that modification shall be treated as a recommendation under sub-paragraph 6(b)(vi).

6D. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that modifications shall only be implemented without the Authority's approval pursuant to this paragraph 6D (the "fast track self-governance route") where:

(a) in the unanimous view of the panel, the proposed modification meets all of the fast track self-governance criteria;

(b) the panel unanimously determines that the modification should be made;

(c) STC parties and the Authority have been notified of the proposed modification;

- (d) none of the persons named in sub-paragraph (c) have objected to the proposed modification being made via the fast track self-governance route in the fifteen (15) working days immediately following the day on which notification was sent; and
 - (e) notification under sub-paragraph (c) contains details of the modification proposed, that it is proposed to be made via the fast track self-governance route, how to object to the modification being made via the fast track self-governance route, the proposed legal drafting and the proposed implementation date.
- 6E. Without prejudice to paragraph 6GB, ~~The~~ procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that proposals for the modification of the STC falling within the scope of a significant code review may not be made during the significant code review phase, except:
- (a) where the Authority determines that the modification proposal may be made, having taken into account (among other things) the urgency of the subject matter of the proposal; or
 - (b) at the direction of , or made by, the Authority.
- 6F. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that, where a modification proposal is made during a significant code review phase, the panel shall:
- (a) unless exempted by the Authority, notify the Authority as soon as practicable of:
 - i. any representations received in relation to the relevance of the significant code review; and
 - ii. the panel's assessment of whether the proposal falls within the scope of the significant code review and its reasons for that assessment; and
 - (b) if the Authority so directs, not proceed with the modification proposal until the significant code review phase has ended.
- 6G. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that if, within twenty-eight (28) days after the Authority has published its significant code review conclusions, ~~the Authority issues to the licensee:~~
- (a) the Authority issues directions to the licensee, the licensee shall comply with those directions and shall treat the significant code review phase as ended;
 - (b) the Authority issues to the licensee a statement that no directions under sub-paragraph (a) will be issued in relation to the STC, the licensee shall treat the significant code review phase as ended;
 - (ba) the Authority raises a modification proposal in accordance with paragraph 6(a), the licensee shall treat the significant code review phase as ended;
 - (bb) the Authority issues a statement that it will continue work on the significant code review, the licensee shall treat the significant code review phase as continuing until it is brought to an end in accordance with paragraph 6GA;

- (c) neither directions under sub-paragraph (a), nor a statement under sub-paragraph (b) or (bb), has been issued, nor a modification proposal under sub-paragraph (ba), has been made, the significant code review phase will be deemed to have ended.

The Authority's published conclusions and directions to the licensee will not fetter any voting rights of the members of the panel or the recommendation procedures informing the report described at paragraph 6(vi).

6GA. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that, if the Authority issues a statement under paragraph 6G(bb) and/or a direction in accordance with paragraph 6GD, the significant code review phase will be deemed to have ended when either:

- (a) the Authority issues a statement that the significant code review phase has ended;
- (b) one of the circumstances in sub-paragraphs 6G(a) or (ba) occurs (irrespective of whether such circumstance occurs within twenty-eight (28) days after the Authority has published its significant code review conclusions); or
- (c) the Authority makes a decision consenting, or otherwise, to the modification of the CUSC following the panel's submission of its report under sub-paragraph 6GC(b).

6GB. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that, where the Authority has issued a statement in accordance with paragraph 6G(bb) and/or a direction in accordance with paragraph 6GD, the Authority may submit a modification proposal for a modification falling within the scope of paragraph 6GE(b) to the panel.

6GC. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide, where the Authority submits a significant code review modification proposal to the panel in accordance with paragraph 6GB:

- (a) for the preparation of a panel report:
- (i) evaluating the proposed modification;
- (ii) assessing the extent to which the proposed modification would better facilitate achieving the applicable STC objectives and providing a detailed explanation of the panel's reasons for that assessment (such assessment to include, where the impact is likely to be material, an assessment of the quantifiable impact of the proposal on greenhouse gas emissions, to be conducted in accordance with any such guidance on the treatment of carbon costs and evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions as may be issued by the Authority from time to time);
- (iii) assessing, to the extent practicable, the likely impact on each STC party's transmission system and any other systems of that STC party and an assessment of the likely impact on the national electricity transmission system, of the proposed modification;
- (iv) assessing the impact of the modification on the core industry documents and the changes expected to be required to such documents as a consequence of the modification;

- (v) including a recommendation by the panel, by reference to the panel's assessment against the applicable STC objectives, as to whether the proposed modification should be made;
 - (vi) to the extent practicable, the inclusion in the report of the combined views of the STC parties concerning the modification or, where a combined view is not practicable, the views of each STC party; and
 - (vii) setting out a timetable for implementation of the modification, including the date with effect from which such modification (if made) would take effect;
- (b) for the submission of the report to the Authority as soon after the significant code review modification proposal is submitted for evaluation as is appropriate (taking into account the complexity, importance and urgency of the modification) for the proper execution and completion of the steps in sub-paragraph (a);
 - (c) for the revision and resubmission of the modification report submitted to the Authority pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) upon, and in accordance with, a direction issued to the panel by the Authority where the Authority determines that it cannot properly form an opinion on the approval of the modification proposal; and
 - (d) for the timetable (referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(vii)) for implementation of any modification to be either:
 - (i) in accordance with any direction(s) issued by the Authority; or
 - (ii) where no direction has been issued by the Authority, such as will enable the modification to take effect as soon as practicable after the Authority has directed that such modification should be made, account being taken of the complexity, importance and urgency of the modification, and for that timetable to be extended or shortened with the consent of or as directed by the Authority after those persons likely to be affected by the revision of the timetable have been consulted.
 - (e) for the completion of each of the procedural steps outlined in this paragraph 6GC, to the extent that they are relevant, to be in accordance with any timetable(s) directed by the Authority under paragraph 6(ab).

The Authority's published conclusions and significant code review modification proposal shall not fetter the voting rights of the members of the panel or the recommendation procedures informing the report described at paragraph 6GC(a).

6GD. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall provide that, where a proposal has been raised in accordance with sub-paragraph 6G(a) or 6(ab), or by the Authority under paragraph 6(a) and it falls within the scope of paragraph 6GE(b), the Authority may issue a direction (a "backstop direction"), which requires such proposal(s) and any alternatives to be withdrawn and which causes the significant code review phase to re-commence.

6GE. Modification proposals fall within the scope of this paragraph where:

- (a) the Authority reasonably considers the modifications are necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency; and/or

(b) the modification proposal is in respect of a significant code review.

6H. The procedures for the modification of the STC shall be consistent with the principles set out in the Code of Practice, to the extent that they are relevant.

7.

(a) If a report has been submitted to the Authority pursuant to procedures described in paragraph 6(b)(vii) or 6GC(b), and the Authority is of the opinion that an modification set out in such report would, as compared with the then existing provisions of the STC and any alternative modification set out in such report, better facilitate achieving the applicable STC objectives, the Authority may direct the system operator to make that modification on behalf of the STC parties and the system operator shall provide a copy of the direction to all other STC parties.

(b) The system operator, on behalf of the STC parties, shall only modify the STC:

(i) in order to comply with any direction of the Authority pursuant to sub-paragraph (a); or

(ii) in order to comply with any direction from the Secretary of State to do so, so as to incorporate any changes directed by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 90 of the Energy Act 2004 during or before the offshore transmission implementation period; or

(iii) with the consent of the Authority; or

(iv) in accordance with paragraph 6A (the "self-governance route"); or

(v) in accordance with paragraph 6D (the "fast track self-governance route").

and it shall not have the power to modify the STC in any other circumstance; and the system operator shall furnish the Authority with a copy of any modification made.

(c) Only the system operator shall have the power to modify the STC.

(d) The system operator shall ensure that a copy of any direction of the Authority pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) is made available to each STC party, including by way of publication.

(e) The system operator shall ensure that the other STC parties are furnished with a copy of any modification so made.

8. The system operator shall prepare and publish a summary of the STC as modified or changed from time to time in such form and manner as the Authority may from time to time direct.

9. The licensee shall be a party to the STC Framework Agreement and shall comply with the STC.

10. The STC Framework Agreement shall contain provisions:

- (a) for admitting as an additional party to the STC Framework Agreement any person who accepts the terms and fulfils the conditions (each as specified in the STC) on which accession to the STC Framework Agreement is offered; and
 - (b) for referring for determination by the Authority any dispute which shall arise as to whether a person seeking to be admitted as a party to the STC Framework Agreement has fulfilled any accession conditions; and if the Authority determines that the person seeking accession has fulfilled all relevant accession conditions, for admitting such person to be a party to the STC Framework Agreement.
11. The licensee shall, in conjunction with the other STC parties, take all reasonable steps to secure and implement (consistently with the procedures applicable under or in relation to such documents), and shall not take any steps to prevent or unduly delay, changes to the core industry documents (other than the Grid Code) to which it is a party (or in relation to which it holds rights in respect of modification), such changes being changes which are appropriate in order to give full and timely effect to and/or in consequence of any modification which has been made to the STC.
 12. The licensee shall, in conjunction with the other STC parties, take all reasonable steps to secure and implement (consistently with the procedures for modification set out in the STC and in this condition), and shall not take any steps to prevent or unduly delay, changes to the STC which are appropriate in order to give full and timely effect to or in consequence of any change which has been made to the core industry documents (other than the Grid Code).
 13. For the avoidance of doubt, paragraphs 11 and 12 are without prejudice to any rights of approval, veto or direction in respect of proposed changes to the documents referred to in those paragraphs, which the Authority may have.
 - 13A. Without prejudice to any rights of approval, veto or direction the Authority may have, the licensee shall use its best endeavours to ensure that procedures are in place that facilitate its compliance with the requirements of this condition including, but not limited to, modifying the STC where necessary no later than ~~31 December 2013~~ 31 March 2017.
 14. The licensee shall comply with any direction to the licensee made pursuant to this condition.
 15. The Authority may (following consultation with all affected STC parties) issue directions relieving the licensee of its obligations to implement or comply with the STC in respect of such parts of the licensee's transmission system or the national electricity transmission system or to such extent as may be specified in the direction.
 16. In this condition:

"applicable STC objectives" means:

- ~~in relation to a proposed modification of the modification procedures, the requirements of paragraph 6 (to the extent that they do not conflict with the objectives set out in paragraph 3); and~~
- in relation to any other proposed modification, the objectives set out in paragraph 3.

"party entry processes"	means the procedures, processes and steps to be followed by a party following accession to the STC Framework Agreement.
"STC Procedures"	means the processes and procedures from time to time listed in the STC that the parties to such processes and procedures consider and agree are appropriate to support their compliance with the rest of the STC.
"transition modification provisions"	means the provisions of this condition which apply or applied during the transition period and which enable or enabled the Authority (whether with or without the consent of the Secretary of State) to direct the licensee to modify the STC in certain circumstances.
"fast track self-governance criteria"	means that a proposal, if implemented, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) would meet the self-governance criteria; and (b) is properly a housekeeping modification required as a result of some error or factual change, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) updating names or addresses listed in the STC; (ii) correcting minor typographical errors; (iii) correcting formatting and consistency errors, such as paragraph numbering; or (iv) updating out of date references to other documents or paragraphs.
"Code of Practice"	means the Code Administration Code of Practice approved by the Authority and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) developed and maintained by the code administrators in existence from time to time; and (b) amended subject to the Authority's approval from time to time; and (c) re-published from time to time.
"directions"	means, in the context of paragraph 6G(a), direction(s) issued following publication of significant code review conclusions which will contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) instructions to the licensee to make (and not withdraw, without the Authority's prior consent) a modification proposal; (b) the timetable for the licensee to comply with the Authority's direction(s); and

(c) the Authority's reasons for its direction(s).

"self-governance criteria"

means that a proposal, if implemented:

- (a) is unlikely to have a material effect on:
 - (i) existing or future electricity consumers; and
 - (ii) competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity; and
 - (iii) the operation of the national electricity transmission system; and
 - (iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and
 - (v) the STC's governance procedures or modification procedures, and
- (b) is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of STC parties.

"self-governance statement"

means a statement made by the panel and submitted to the Authority in accordance with paragraph 6A(a)(i)

- (a) confirming that, in its opinion, the self-governance criteria are met and the modification is suitable for the self-governance route; and
- (b) the panel's reasons for that opinion.

"significant code review"

means a review of one or more matters which the Authority considers likely to:

- (a) relate to the STC (either on its own or in conjunction with any other industry code(s)); and
- (b) be of particular significance in relation to its principal objective and/or general duties (under section 3A of the Electricity Act), statutory functions and/or relevant obligations arising under EU law; and

concerning which the Authority has issued a notice to the STC parties (among others, as appropriate) stating:

- (i) that the review will constitute a significant code review;
- (ii) the start date of the significant code review; and
- (iii) the matters that will fall within the scope of the review.

“significant code review phase”

means the period

(a) commencing either:

- (i) on the start date of a significant code review as stated by the Authority; or,
- (ii) on the date the Authority makes a direction under paragraph 6GD (a “backstop direction”);

and

(b) ending either:

~~(a)—(i)~~ on the date on which the Authority issues a statement under sub-paragraph 6G(b) that no directions will be issued in relation to the STC; or

~~(b)—(ii)~~ if no statement is made under sub-paragraph 6G(b) or (bb), on the date on which the licensee has made a modification proposal in accordance with directions issued by the Authority under sub-paragraph 6G(a), or the Authority makes a modification proposal under paragraph 6G(ba); or

~~(c)—(iii)~~ immediately under sub-paragraph 6G(c), if neither a statement, a modification proposal, nor directions are issued-made by the Authority within (and including) twenty-eight (28) days from the Authority’s

publication of its significant code review conclusions; or

(iv) if a statement has been made under sub-paragraph 6G(bb) or a direction has been made under paragraph 6GD, (a "backstop direction") on the date specified in accordance with paragraph 6GA.