

To: All holders of an Electricity Transmission licence

**Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(2)**

**Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the standard conditions
of all Electricity Transmission licences**

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ proposes to modify the standard conditions of all Electricity Transmission licences granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 by amending standard licence conditions:
 - C17: Transmission system security standard and quality of service
 - D3: Transmission system security standard and quality of service
 - E16: Transmission system security standard and quality of service
2. We are proposing these modifications to update all references to the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard (NETS SQSS) to reflect the latest version number 2.4. Licences currently refer to the out-of-date version number 2.3.
3. The effect of the proposed modifications, which are set out in the Annex to this notice, will be that all Electricity Transmission licence conditions will refer to the most up-to-date version of the NETS SQSS. Version 2.4 incorporates changes made to the NETS SQSS, which relate to our decision to approve modification GSR018².
4. Copies of the proposed modifications and other documents referred to in this Notice have been published on our website (www.ofgem.gov.uk). Alternatively, they are available from foi@ofgem.gov.uk.
5. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before 19 March 2018 to: Shilen Shah, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 9 Millbank, London, SW1P 3GE or by email to shilen.shah@ofgem.gov.uk.
6. We normally publish all responses on our website. However, if you do not wish your response to be made public, then please clearly mark it as not for publication. We prefer to receive responses in an electronic form so that they can be published easily on our website.
7. If we decide to make the proposed modifications they will take effect not less than 56 days from the publication of the decision to proceed with the modifications.

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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¹ The terms "the Authority", "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

² Link to our GSR018 modification decision - <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/gsr018gc0077-sub-synchronous-oscillations>. GSR018 modified the NETS SQSS to include sub-synchronous oscillation (SSO) - related provisions and to clarify the associated accountabilities. This includes the SSO modes that need to be considered, the definitions of acceptable and unacceptable SSO conditions and the operating conditions and secured events for which acceptable and unacceptable SSO conditions should be assessed.

Annex

Condition C17: Transmission system security standard and quality of service

1. Subject to any connect and manage derogation made pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this condition, the licensee shall at all times:
 - (a) plan, develop and operate the licensee's transmission system; and
 - (b) co-ordinate and direct the flow of electricity onto and over the national electricity transmission system,

in accordance with the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard version 2.34, together with the STC, the Grid Code or such other standard of planning and operation as the Authority may approve from time to time and with which the licensee may be required to comply (following consultation (where appropriate) with any authorised electricity operator liable to be materially affected thereby).

Condition D3: Transmission system security standard and quality of service

1. Subject to any connect and manage derogation made pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this condition, the licensee shall at all times plan and develop the licensee's transmission system in accordance with the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard version 2.34, together with the STC or such other standard of planning and operation as the Authority may approve from time to time and with which the licensee may be required to comply (following consultation (where appropriate) with any authorized electricity operator liable to be materially affected thereby) and shall, in so doing, take into account the system operator's obligations under standard condition C17 (Transmission system security standard and quality of service) to co-ordinate and direct the flow of electricity onto and over the national electricity transmission system.

Condition E16: Transmission system security standard and quality of service

1. The licensee shall at all times plan and develop the licensee's transmission system in accordance with the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard version 2.34, together with the STC or such other standard of planning and operation as the Authority may approve from time to time and with which the licensee may be required to comply (following consultation (where appropriate) with any authorised electricity operator liable to be materially affected thereby) and shall, in so doing, take into account the system operator's obligations under standard condition C17 (Transmission system security standard and quality of service) to co-ordinate and direct the flow of electricity onto and over the national electricity transmission system.