





Stage 2. Industry Consultation	At what stage is this document in the process?
CM072: STC changes in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement	<div>01 Initial Modification Report</div> <div>02 Industry Consultation</div> <div>03 Draft Modification Self-Governance Report</div> <div>04 Final Self-Governance Modification Report</div>
<p>Purpose of Modification: This proposal seeks to ensure that retained EU law will function effectively in the context of the STC. In the event the United Kingdom leaves the European Union without an agreement, it will ensure that the STC takes into account the provisions in the relevant Statutory Instruments that have been prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as well as relevant consequential licence modifications.</p>	
	<p>The purpose of this document is to consult on CM072 with STC Parties and other interested industry members. Representations received in response to this consultation document will be included in the Code Administrator's Draft Final Modification Report that will be presented to the STC Panel for their determination.</p> <p>Parties are requested to respond by 5pm on 15 March 2019 to STC.team@nationalgrid.com using the industry consultation response proforma which can be found via the following link:</p> <p>https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/system-operator-transmission-owner-code/modifications/stc-changes-event-uk-leaves-eu-without</p> <p>Published on: 1 March 2019 Length of Consultation: 10 Working Days Responses by: 15 March 2019</p>
	<p>High Impact: None</p>
	<p>Medium Impact: None</p>
	<p>Low Impact: Minimal impact on all STC parties</p>

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Any questions?

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Impact on Core Industry Documentation.

BSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grid Code	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUSC	<input type="checkbox"/>

It is understood that other GB frameworks will require revision in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement. Modifications have been raised at the CUSC and Grid Code panels at the same time as this modification. However, this modification is not interactive with any proposal for changes to other GB frameworks.

1 Summary

Defect

In the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the STC needs to be amended to ensure the provision in the relevant Statutory Instruments that have been prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as well as relevant consequential licence modifications will function effectively in the context of STC.

What

The STC contains a small number of references to EU Regulations and EU entities that require revision. The proposed modifications will ensure that the STC is aligned with retained EU law and licence obligation, in the event of 'no deal' and from 'Exit Day'.

Why

In an absence of agreements concerning the UK's withdrawal from the EU and future trade and political relationship with the EU ('no deal'), from Exit Day, EU Regulations will no longer be directly applicable in the UK. In addition, EU entities will no longer have a part to play in the creation of UK policy and legislation.

The approach specified in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 is to incorporate EU law into UK law (where possible). The UK Government has published statutory instruments with the aim of correcting or removing inoperable provisions of EU Regulations, relevant to the electricity industry, such that they reflect the UK no longer being an EU Member State. The Authority is also proceeding with a statutory consultation on consequential licence modifications.

How

It is proposed to modify existing references to EU Regulations with appropriate references. The objective being that the references appropriately reflect the changes as foreseen in the relevant Statutory Instruments that have been prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

2 Governance

The Proposal follows the principle of minimal changes required to ensure continued operability of the prevailing STC arrangements and minimise disruption in the UK's energy market following Exit Day. As set out above the changes proposed in this modification proposal are not considered material, therefore the proposed changes should be suitable for Self-Governance procedures and not require development by a work group.

On 27 February 2019, the STC Panel agreed that CM072 meets the self-governance criteria and should proceed to Industry Consultation for 10 Working Days.

3 Why change

The STC contains a small number of references to EU Regulations and EU entities. These were introduced as a consequence of the integration of the UK into the EU Internal Energy Market (IEM) and more specifically in order to comply with a number of EU Regulations, which were directly applicable in UK Law.

Following the outcome of a referendum on UK membership of the EU on 23 June 2016, the UK government notified its intention to leave the EU in March 2017 (as permitted by Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union). This departure will become effective on 'Exit Day' (currently legislated for 23:00 on 29 March 2019). In the absence of agreements concerning the UK's withdrawal from the EU ('no deal'), from Exit Day, EU Regulations will no longer be directly applicable in the UK and EU entities will no longer have a part to play in the creation of UK policy and legislation.

The approach specified in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 is to incorporate EU law into UK law (where possible). The UK Government has published statutory instruments with the aim of correcting or removing inoperable provisions of EU Regulations, relevant to the electricity industry, such that they reflect the UK no longer being an EU Member State. The Authority is also proceeding with a statutory consultation on consequential licence modifications.

As a consequence, the STC needs to be changed so that the references appropriately reflect this change in approach.

Should a Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU be concluded and take effect from Exit Day, this Modification in this form and timescale will no longer be required.

4 Panel view

The STC Panel, at its February 2019 meeting agreed that CM072 should be progressed using self-governance and be issued to Industry Consultation for 10 Working Days.

The views of the STC Panel were as follows:

National Grid

National Grid is supportive of CM072 and agrees it meets the Self-Governance criteria.

Offshore Transmission Owners (OFTOs)

The OFTO's are supportive of CM072 and agree it meets the Self-Governance criteria.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc. (SHET)

SHET is supportive of CM072 and agree it meets the Self-Governance criteria.

SP Transmission Limited (SPT)

SPT is supportive of CM072 and agree it meets the Self-Governance criteria as the Modification is updating changes that are already in place.

CM072 has been issued for Industry Consultation for 10 Working Days, with responses due by 5pm on 15 March 2019.

5 Code Specific Matters

Technical Skillsets

Knowledge of EU Exit principles.

Reference Documents

[European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018](#)

[The Electricity and Gas etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)

[The Electricity Network Codes and Guidelines \(Markets and Trading\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)

[The Electricity Network Codes and Guidelines \(System Operation and Connection\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)

[The Electricity and Gas \(Market Integrity and Transparency\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)

[Statutory Consultation on licence modification in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal](#)

6 Solution

In section J (interpretation and definitions), it is proposed to update some definitions where there are references to EU legislation or EU entities.

It is also proposed to add a definition on “Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency”, aligned with the modification proposed in the statutory consultation of the licence. In the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, future decisions of the Commission and the Agency will no longer have any legal effect in the UK. However, decisions made prior to “Exit Day” are to continue to have effect.

In section B (Governance), some reformatting is proposed to reflect the new definition.

In section C (Transmission Services and Operations), it is proposed to update the reference to EU legislation.

Proposed legal text has been added to section 9 of this proposal form.

7 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

None

Consumer Impacts

None

8 Relevant Objectives

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act	Positive
(b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission	None
(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	None
(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	None
(e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC.	None
(f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;	None
(g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	None

These changes will positively impact objective (a) as they will ensure references to EU regulations and EU entities are modified to reflect the changes as foreseen in the relevant Statutory Instruments that have been prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

9 Implementation

No implementation costs are associated with this Modification.

No implementation timescales are set out or proposed, although implementation of this modification would be sought as soon as practicable following the UK's exit from the EU, in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement. However, implementation is specifically dependent upon the implementation of the relevant Statutory Instruments that have been prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as well as relevant consequential licence modifications and so implementation of this proposal should align with the Statutory Instruments and licence modifications.

The STC Panel agreed that this Modification meets the Self-Governance criteria and will be implemented one working day following the closure of the appeal window.

10 Industry Consultation: How to Respond

If you wish to respond to this Industry Consultation, please use the response proforma which can be found under the 'Industry Consultation' tab via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/system-operator-transmission-owner-code/modifications/stc-changes-event-uk-leaves-eu-without>

Responses are invited to the following questions;

1. **Do you believe that CM062 better facilitates the STC objectives? Please include your reasoning.**
2. **Do you support the proposed implementation approach?**
3. **Do you have any other comments?**

Views are invited on the proposals outlined in this consultation, which should be received by **5pm on 15 March 2019**. Please email your formal response to STC.team@nationalgrid.com

If you wish to submit a confidential response, please note the following;

Information provided in response to this consultation will be published on National Grid's ESO website unless the response is clearly marked 'Private & Confidential', we will contact you to establish the extent of this confidentiality. A response marked 'Private & Confidential' will be disclosed to the Authority in full by, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the STC Modifications Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.

Please note an automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT System will not in itself, mean that your response is treated as if it had been marked 'Private & Confidential'.

11 Legal Text

The legal text below has been drafted on the current STC as of 19 February 2019.

SECTION B - GOVERNANCE
7.1.3A Amendments to The Code and Code Procedures may be in response to a Significant Code Review or the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency legally-binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency , as provided for in the Transmission Licence.
7.1.3B (a) A STC Modification Proposal may be a Standard STC Modification Proposal, or it may be subject to additional process steps, if raised during a Significant Code Review, or it may be raised pursuant to paragraph 7.1.10.1 where the Authority reasonably considers that such STC Modification Proposal is necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency legally-binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency .
7.1.10.1 The Authority may: (a) itself; or (b) direct a Party to raise a STC Modification Proposal that is in respect of a Significant Code Review and/or where the Authority reasonably considers that such STC Modification Proposal is necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency legally-binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency .
7.1.10.8 In relation to any STC Modification Proposal raised by a Party other than pursuant to Paragraph 7.1.10.1, where the Authority reasonably considers such STC Modification Proposal to be necessary to comply with or implement the Electricity Regulation and/or any relevant Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency legally-binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency .

SECTION C - TRANSMISSION SERVICES AND OPERATIONS
4.5A As a part of, or otherwise at the same time as, notice to NGET under paragraph 4.5, an Offshore Transmission Owner shall provide NGET with all of the necessary information required in order to fulfil its reporting obligations under Retained EU Law Article 10.1c of European Commission Regulation No. 543/2013 Article 10.1c of European Commission Regulation No. 543/2013 within the required timescales (i.e. as soon as possible but no later than one hour after the change in actual

availability) in accordance with STCP 02-1 (Alarm & Event Management).

SECTION J - INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

"Competent Authority" the Secretary of State, the Authority and any local or national agency, authority, department, inspectorate, minister (including Scottish ministers), ministry, official or public or statutory person (whether autonomous or not) of, or of the government of, the United Kingdom ~~or the European Community~~;

"Legally Binding Decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency" means any relevant legally binding decision or decisions of the **European Commission** and/or the **Agency**, but a binding decision does not include a decision that is not, or so much of a decision as is not, **Retained EU Law**;

"Retained EU Law" has the same meaning as that given by section 6(7) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

"Significant Code Review" means a review of one or more matters which the Authority considers is likely to: (a) relate to the Code (either on its own or in conjunction with other industry codes); and (b) be of particular significance in relation to its principal objective and/or general duties (under section 3A of the Act), statutory functions ~~and/or relevant obligations arising under EU law~~, and concerning which the Authority has issued a notice to a Party or the 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;

12 Recommendations

At the STC Panel meeting on 27 February 2019, the STC Panel agreed unanimously that Self Governance procedure should apply and that CM072 should be issued for Industry Consultation for 10 Working Days.

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1 March 2019
Reference: CM072 Self Governance Statement

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Dear Roberta,

This is the STC Modifications Panel's Self-governance Statement to the Authority for STC Modification Proposal CM072. National Grid ESO has prepared this Self-governance Statement on behalf of the STC Modifications Panel and submits it to you in accordance with the STC.

On 27 February 2019, the STC Modifications Panel considered CM072 and confirmed unanimously that it meets the Self-governance criteria.

As such, CM072 is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of STC Parties and is unlikely to have a material effect on:

- i) Existing or future electricity customers;
- ii) Competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution or supply of electricity,
- iii) The operation of the National Electricity Transmission System
- iv) Matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies
- v) The STC's governance procedures or the STC's modification procedures

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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