

Dear John,

Thank you for your response to the NETS SQSS GSR008 text consultation.

The consultation in April 2010 discussed issues in three categories: those that were sufficiently worked up to be submitted to the Authority; those where the principles were reasonably well established but further work was needed, and those that had only been considered at a high level. The intention of the March 2011 text consultation was to seek comments on the NETS SQSS wording intended to implement the first of these categories. Primarily, these proposals remove some regional differences and provide clarification and alignment with other documents, as you comment. There is one change to the NETS SQSS principles, in that the requirements relating to equipment that may be on outage prior to a fault, at peak demand levels, are relaxed in the design criteria. This change may potentially reduce investment, and consequently costs to all users. As you note, we do not believe any of the proposals will lead to additional costs. As you are aware, three new working groups have been established this year to take forward some of the more complex issues. Further work will be prioritised and progressed under the governance arrangements that we hope will shortly be introduced.

We agree that inefficiencies are sometimes found in new text once it is put into application. Should this occur we will seek to address the issues as soon as possible, working with the wider industry.

I apologise for the fact that the correspondence relating to the two GSR008 consultations has not been made visible. It is always our intention to place all such documentation on our website and I will endeavour to bring the site up to date as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement in the development of the NETS SQSS. We value the input of all industry parties.

Regards

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