

## Great Britain Security and Quality of Supply Standard Fundamental Review

### Drafting Working Group Terms of Reference

<b>Working Group:</b> 6	<b>Chairperson:</b> Noel McGoldrick <b>Secretary:</b> Graham Bailey
<b>Title of Working Group:</b> GB SQSS Drafting (SQSSD)	
<b>Background:</b> <p>This Working Group has been formed by the GB SQSS Project Steering Group and forms part of the project for the Fundamental Review of the GB SQSS as detailed in the GBSQSS Fundamental Review Project Definition Document.</p> <p>The Office of Gas and Electricity markets (Ofgem) and the Department for Business and Regulatory Reform (BERR) have been working together to implement a regulatory regime for offshore transmission systems.</p> <p>As part of the Ofgem / BERR work to implement a regulatory regime for offshore transmission system, Ofgem requested that National Grid develop the current GB SQSS (2004) to include offshore transmission systems as well as the onshore transmission system.</p> <p>The new draft offshore generation connection criteria have been based on a series of cost benefit analyses (CBA) conducted by The Centre for Sustainable Electricity and Distributed Energy (SEDG). The scope of the CBA was bounded by certain pragmatic assumptions, which recognised the technology available at the time the analyses were carried out; including the Round 1 and Round 2 offshore developments. National Grid submitted their final change proposals to Ofgem in the form of a drafted <b>GB SQSS dated 29 April 2008</b><sup>1</sup>. The change proposals currently form part of Ofgem's consultation process on offshore electricity transmission.</p> <p>It should be noted that the change proposals included in the above referred to 29 May 2008 draft have been limited to those changes necessary to accommodate offshore transmission systems. Accordingly, housekeeping changes identified during the drafting process have been deliberately ignored.</p> <p>In view of the advanced stage of development of the redrafting of the GB SQSS to include offshore transmission systems, the draft GB SQSS, dated 29 April 2008, rather than the existing GB SQSS dated 2004, will be used as a basis for the change proposals arising out of the Fundamental Review. This will avoid confusion and duplication of work.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> A PDF copy of the 29 April 2008 draft GB SQSS can be accessed from the Ofgem website at the following link: [draft GB SQSS, dated 29 April 2008](#)

**Scope:**

Based on the conclusions of the other Working Groups of the Fundamental Review, the Drafting Working Group will, in liaison with, and with the assistance of, the other Working Groups:

- Develop a co-ordinated and consolidated set of change proposals in the form of a redraft of the GB SQSS. The change proposals will be in respect of changes relative to the draft GB SQSS dated 29 April 2008, which covers both onshore and offshore transmission systems.
- The change proposals shall be developed progressively on the basis of the draft and detailed proposals issued by the other Working Groups in accordance with milestone reporting requirements of the overall Project Plan.
- Produce co-ordinated and consolidated change proposals documents based, amongst other things, on the proposals issued by individual Working Groups.
- Issue interim versions of the co-ordinated and consolidated set of change proposals as Working Group progress permits and as deemed appropriate and in accordance with the milestone reporting requirements of the overall Project Plan.
- Where housekeeping changes are identified during the course of the drafting process, those changes will also be included in the change proposals. In particular updates to definitions should be included for clarity and understanding.
- Assist the Programme Manager in the preparation of consultation documentation, secretarial and organisational duties.
- Prepare a set of 'Drafting Notes' to provide a record of the reasoning behind the change proposals and, time permitting, prepare a set of 'Guidance Notes' which would include supporting material and explain how the onshore and offshore criteria and methodologies relating to the planning and operation of the GB transmission system (i.e. the onshore transmission system and the offshore transmission systems) should be applied.

**Deliverables:**

The Working Group deliverables include:

- Outline Principles Document (22 October 2008)  
Assist the Programme Manager in the preparation and issue of the consolidated Outline Principles Document (OPD) for consideration by the Project Steering Group. The consolidated OPD is to be based on the individual OPDs prepared by each of the other Working Groups (WG1 to WG6), which are scheduled for submission to the Programme Manager by 15 October 2008.
- High Level Proposals (19 January 2009)  
Assist the Programme Manager in the preparation and issue of the consolidated High Level Proposals Report for consideration by the Project Steering Group. The consolidated report is to be based on the individual High Level Proposals Reports prepared by each of the other Working Groups (WG1 to WG6) and should, inter alia, reflect progress to date. The individual High Level Proposals Reports are scheduled for submission to the Programme Manager by 23 December 2008.
- Draft Change Proposals(18 May 2009)  
Prepare and issue a consolidated set of draft change proposals to the GB SQSS in the form of additional and/or modified change proposals to the NGET change proposals dated 29 April 2008. The consolidated change proposals are to be prepared in liaison with other Working Groups and draw on the results of the work to

date conducted by the other Working Groups including the individual draft change proposals scheduled for submission to the Programme Manager by each of the other Working Groups on 6 May 2009. The consolidated set of draft change proposals are scheduled to be available for consideration by the Project Steering Group from 18 May 2009.

- Final Change Proposals (17 August 2009)  
Prepare and issue a consolidated set of final change proposals to the GB SQSS in the form of additional and/or modified change proposals to the NGET change proposals dated 29 April 2008. The consolidated final change proposals are to be prepared in liaison with other Working Groups and take due account of: the results of the work conducted by the other Working Groups; comments received from the other Working Groups; and comments received from the Project Steering Group.
- Final Change Proposals Consultation (First Consultation), (Sept to Oct 2009)  
Assist the Project Steering Group, as required, to conduct a targeted consultation (First Consultation) on the consolidated final change proposals with participants of the Industry Peer Review Group.  
Following the First Consultation the GB SQSS Drafting Working Group will (with assistance of other Working Groups as necessary) amend the final change proposals to take due account of comments received. The revised final change proposals will be submitted to the GB SQSS Review Group for sign-off.  
The Project Steering Group (on behalf of the GB SQSS Review Group) will then submit the final change proposals to Ofgem (scheduled for 14 December 2009).

In addition to the above, the Working Group shall:

- Prepare and maintain Working Group Risk and Assumptions Registers in accordance with the requirements set out in the Project Definition Document;
- Prepare and maintain a detailed plan covering the scope and deliverables contained within these Terms of Reference, again in accordance with the requirements set out in the Project Definition Document; and
- Liaise with other Working Groups; particularly on areas of interaction; and take due account of other reviews which are currently in progress (e.g. Transmission Access Review).

**Program:**

The program for delivery of results will be in line with the GBSQSS Fundamental Review Project Plan. The Working Group will prepare a detailed Working Group Program for review by the Steering group.

**Members:**

Provisional Working Group membership:

- Noel McGoldrick NGET Chairperson
- Graham Bailey NGET
- Colin Bayfield SPT
- Chandra Trikha SHETL

**Meetings:** The meetings for the Working Group will alternate between Scotland and England and consideration will be given to using technology to minimise travel requirements.

**Approved by:**

**Project Manager:** Andrew Hiorns

**Working Group Chairman:** Noel McGoldrick

**Date:** 14 October 2008