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Dear Nisar,

### **Authority view on amending the implementation date of GC0130 in the Grid Code**

I refer to NG ESOs letter to us<sup>1</sup> dated 30 October 2020 requesting Grid Code modification proposal GC0130, *OC2 Change for simplifying 'output useable' data submission and utilising REMIT data*, implementation date be changed from 27 November 2020 to 2 February 2021.

GC0130 was proposed by NG ESO following industry feedback, and seeks to simplify the process for generators to submit Generator Output Useable (GOU) and outage data to NG ESO and to reduce duplication in the data submission process. This data is required under Grid Code Operational Code no.2 (OC2), which prescribes that it must be submitted in Transmission Outages Generator Availability - Generator Outage and Margin Process (TOGA-GOAMP) format but not that submitted under Regulation on Wholesale Energy Markets Integrity and Transparency (REMIT). Currently many generators are required to submit the data via both channels resulting in duplication. The changes will allow the data, as required under OC2, to be submitted via either REMIT, or a new NG ESO platform Electricity Generator Availability & Margin Analysis (eGAMA), which replaces TOGA-GOAMP.

This data is used by NGENSO to calculate National Output Usable, as well as Margin and Surplus data which is published on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) as required by Section Q of the Balancing and Settlements Code (BSC). As part of GC0130, some

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<sup>1</sup> References to "Ofgem", "the Authority", "we", "us" and "our" are used interchangeably in this letter. The Authority is the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. Ofgem is the Office of the Authority.

additional data will be published, and other data that is not widely used by industry will no longer be published.

GC0130 interacts with BSC Modification P408, *Simplifying the Output Usable Data Process as a consequence of GC0130*, also proposed by NG ESO. P408 seeks to remove the obligations on NG ESO to publish data that is no longer mandated to be published by the Grid Code and add obligations to publish the new data. It will also simplify the obligations around the existing data.

It was agreed by the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) and the BSC Panel (BSCP) respectively, that GC0130 and P408 should be treated as self-governance modifications. GC0130 was approved with an implementation date of 27 November 2020 at the GCRP meeting on 28 May 2020 and P408 was approved with an implementation date of 3 December 2020 at the BSCP meeting on 9 July 2020.

Delays to the delivery of NG ESOs IT solution facilitating the modifications mean the original implementation date is unfeasible. NG ESO have engaged with ELEXON<sup>2</sup> and agreed a new implementation date of 2 February 2021 for both modifications. NG ESO presented to the BSCP on 8 October 2020, and the GCRP on 29 October 2020, to request that both modifications implementation dates are revised to 2 February 2021.

We agree with NG ESO that there is no compliance risk in delaying the implementation of the modifications. We have no objection to the implementation date of GC0130 being revised to 2 February 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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Signed for and on behalf of the Authority

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<sup>2</sup> Elexon manage the Balancing and Settlement Code.