

Grid Code Alternative and Workgroup Vote

GC0144: Alignment of Market Suspension Rights to the EU Emergency and Restoration Code Article 35.1(b)

Please note: To participate in any votes, Workgroup members need to have attended at least 50% of meetings.

Stage 1 - Alternative Vote

If Workgroup Alternative Requests have been made, vote on whether they should become Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modifications (WAGCMs).

Stage 2 - Workgroup Vote

2a) Assess the original and WAGCMs (if there are any) against the Grid Code objectives compared to the baseline (the current Grid Code).

2b) If WAGCMs exist, vote on whether each WAGCM better facilitates the Applicable Grid Code Objectives better than the Original Modification Proposal.

2c) Vote on which of the options is best.

The Applicable Grid Code Objectives:

- a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity
- b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity (and without limiting the foregoing, to facilitate the national electricity transmission system being made available to persons authorised to supply or generate electricity on terms which neither prevent nor restrict competition in the supply or generation of electricity);
- c) Subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems in the national electricity transmission system operator area taken as a whole;
- d) To efficiently discharge the obligations imposed upon the licensee by this license and to comply with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency; and
- e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements

Workgroup Vote

Stage 1 – Alternative Vote

Vote on Workgroup Alternative Requests to become Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modifications.

The Alternative vote is carried out to identify the level of Workgroup support there is for any potential alternative options that have been brought forward by either any member of the Workgroup OR an Industry Participant as part of the Workgroup Consultation.

Should the majority of the Workgroup OR the Chairman believe that the potential alternative solution would better facilitate the Grid Code objectives than the Original proposal then the potential alternative will be fully developed by the Workgroup with legal text to form a Workgroup Alternative Grid Code modification (WAGCM) and submitted to the Panel and Authority alongside the Original solution for the Panel Recommendation vote and the Authority decision.

“Y” = Yes

“N” = No

“-“ = Neutral

Workgroup Member	Alternative 1 (Company, characteristic)	Alternative 2 (Company, characteristic)
Not required as no alternatives raised		
WAGCM ?		

Stage 2a – Assessment against objectives

To assess the original and WAGCMs against the Grid Code objectives compared to the baseline (the current Grid Code).

You will also be asked to provide a statement to be added to the Workgroup Report alongside your vote to assist the reader in understanding the rationale for your vote.

AGCO = Applicable Grid Code Objective

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Tony Johnson / Phil Smith, National Grid ESO					
Original	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Voting Statement: We are fully supportive of this modification in all respects. GC0144 in particular is positive against Grid Code objectives (c) and (d). While GC0144 makes only minor changes to achieve correct alignment and improve clarity, in helping to clarify the arrangements for market suspension and TERRE market suspension, there will be some						

improvement to system security in such an event. In particular, Grid Code objective (d) will be more clearly aligned with the requirements of the Emergency and Restoration European Network Code (which will also be retained in EU Law) so correct and efficient implementation of an area of the law is achieved in the GB Grid code.

At the Workgroup meeting held on 11 January 2021 a minor change was agreed to the proposed legal text in the new paragraph BC4.10 to clarify the text and remove a potential ambiguity. This change ensures alignment between the new BC4.10 text and the language in section G3 of the BSC in respect of the process to determine when a Terre Market suspension period commences in a Black Start scenario.

We fully support the approach and believe it provides i) better transparency between the EU Emergency and Restoration Code and GB Grid Code and ii) we support the additional clarity provided by the TERRE market suspension rules. Overall we believe this provides better clarity to all stakeholders participating in the Balancing Mechanism and TERRE market.

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Richard Woodward, National Grid Electricity Transmission					
Original	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement: GC0144 makes important, albeit administrative, changes to ensure alignment with market codes (as well as BSC), and provide transparency to the industry on the criteria for market suspension.						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Garth Graham / Andrew Colley, SSE plc					
Original	-	-	Y	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement: [No statement supplied].						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Alastair Frew, Drax Generation Enterprise Ltd					
Original	-	-	-	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement: This modification does not change any actual operating processes it only provides clarification for compliance purposes.						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Stephen Leslie / Anais Main, ElecLink Ltd					
Original	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement: The modifications made as part of GC0144 aim to provide clarification and do not change the requirements and processes set out in the Grid Code.						

Stage 2b – WAGCM Vote (If required)

Where one or more WAGCMs exist, does each WAGCM better facilitate the Applicable Grid Code Objectives than the Original Modification Proposal?

Workgroup Member	Company	WAGCM1 better than Original Yes/No	WAGCM2 better than Original Yes/No
Not required as no alternatives raised			

Stage 2c – Workgroup Vote

Which option is the best? (Baseline or Proposer's solution (Original Proposal).

Workgroup Member	Company	BEST Option?	Which objective(s) does the change better facilitate? (if baseline not applicable)
Tony Johnson / Phil Smith	National Grid ESO	Original	A, B, C, D, E
Paul Crolla / Ruth McKelvie	ScottishPower Renewables	Did not attend	
Robert Longden	Cornwall Insight	Did not attend	
Richard Woodward	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Original	A, B, C, D
Garth Graham / Andrew Colley	SSE plc	Original	C, D
Alastair Frew	Drax Generation Enterprise Ltd	Original	D
Stephen Leslie / Anais Main	ElecLink Ltd	Did not attend	A, C, D

Of the 5 votes, how many voters said this option was better than the Baseline.

Option	Number of voters that voted this option as better than the Baseline
Original	5