

**Grid Code Alternative Form****GC0109 WAGCM1**

**Publication of some additional GB electricity warnings or notices or alerts or declarations or instructions or directions etc. (“System Warning Alerts”) issued by or to the Network Operator(s).**

**Overview:** As per Original but removed requirement to utilise BMRS for publication.

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## What is the proposed alternative solution?

This alternative removes the requirement for publication via BMRS.

### Amended Legal Text

#### OC7.4.8.11 Publication of Other System Alerts and Warnings

- (a) All additional instructions, warnings, alerts and notifications upon being received or issued by **The Company** (whether activating or deactivating an action) as per Appendix 2 of OC7 will be published in a location agreed between **The Company** and **Users**. Should this agreed route be unavailable at any time, for example due to communications or systems failures, other appropriate channels including email will be utilised until it can be restored.
- (b) **The Company** will employ reasonable endeavours to publish such information within 15 minutes of issue or receipt, or if not possible within as short a time as is reasonably practicable.

## What is the difference between this and the Original Proposal?

### Removal of Requirement to Publish Specifically to BMRS

The platform for publication is no longer specified.

## What is the impact of this change?

The Workgroup and the ESO fully agree that the right platform for information to be published as required by GC0109 is BMRS. This is a central location that users are familiar with and is easily accessible as well as being where system warnings and emergency instructions are currently published.

The ESO does not feel that it adds value to specify the system. The Grid Code has always been written to be non-system specific which makes it more resilient against future changes. For example, the outage planning and data exchange system required by section OC2 of the Grid Code describes the process but not the system. The system has changed at least 4 times in recent years (from TOPAM to TOGA to Ellipse/TOGA to TOGA replacement) but this has, because the Grid Code is not specific, not required further Grid Code changes.

Even if changes would likely be self-governance, system-specificity is not necessary. The intention is to keep the Grid Code as simple as possible and it is plainly not in the ESO's interests to update or change systems without engaging with stakeholders.

The ESO fully intends to utilise the BMRS platform for publication and since this will be set out in the GC0109 Final Modification Report it will be part of the approved solution. The ESO alternative text requires the ESO to agree the route for publication with Users which, in the event of there being a need for change in the future, simply documents what the ESO would do anyway but hopefully provides some additional reassurance and avoids setting a precedent.

Proposer's Assessment against Grid Code Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity	<b>None</b>
(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);	<b>Positive:</b> Aspects of the proposed solution may facilitate competition in the generation and supply of electricity, facilitating market participation which presents equal and timely access to information of possible relevance to the market.
(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;	<b>None</b>
(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	<b>Positive:</b> To efficiently discharge the obligations imposed upon the licensee, and to contribute to compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency. Increases openness and transparency around availability of system warning alerts (etc) available to market participants.
(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements	<b>None</b>

**When will this change take place?****Implementation date:**

As per the Original - 30 working days after the Authority decision. This is to ensure sufficient time for internal processes and guidance to be updated.

**Implementation approach:**

The ESO ENCC will need to update their Business Procedures guidance and create new pro-forma templates for the "SPICE" platform used to populate the details which are then sent on to BMRS for publication.

**Acronyms, key terms and reference material**

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BMRS	Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service
ENCC	Electricity Network Control Centre
ESO	Electricity System Operator
OC	Operating Code
WAGCM	Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modification

**Reference material:**

None