

Code Administrator Consultation

GC0153: Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral

Overview: To remove any gender specific references or terminology within the Grid Code.

Modification process & timetable



Have 5 minutes? Read our [Executive summary](#)

Have 20 minutes? Read the full [Code Administrator Consultation](#)

Have 30 minutes? Read the full Code Administrator Consultation and Annexes.

Status summary: We are now consulting on this proposed change.

This modification is expected to have a: Low impact

No parties should be impacted by these minor, non-material changes

Modification drivers: Cross-code change/Harmonisation (By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination across the codes)

Governance route Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

Who can I talk to about the change?

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How do I respond?

Send your response proforma to grid.code@nationalgrideso.com by 5pm on 07 January 2022

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What is the issue?

This modification is seeking to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the Grid Code and make it Gender Neutral.

Why change?

These changes will have a positive impact, as they will remove any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the Grid Code. They will also acknowledge diversity and convey respect to all people.

What is the Proposer's solution?

The following changes will be required to the Grid Code (along with some other minor typographical amendments):

Current Term	Future Term	Parts of the code impacted
Chairman	Chair	Glossary & Definitions, Operating Code 12, Governance Rules
He	They	Glossary & Definitions, Operating Code 8A, Operating Code 8B, Operating Code 12, Governance Rules
His	Their	Glossary & Definitions, Connection Conditions, European Connection Conditions, Operating Code 6, Operating Code 8A, Operating Code 8B, Governance Rules
Him	Them	Governance Rules
Manned	Staffed	Connection Conditions, European Connection Conditions, Balancing Code 2

Note that following feedback at the CUSC Panel on 26 November 2021, we have changed "Chair" to "Chairperson" to align language with Standard Condition C14 1A(i) of the [Transmission Licence](#).

Legal text

The full Legal Text, with tracked changes can be found in Annex 3

What is the impact of this change?

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	Neutral
(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	Neutral

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;	Neutral
(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	Neutral
(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	
Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability of the system	Neutral
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral
Benefits for society as a whole	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

9 March 2022.

This modification will be implemented 5 working days after the appeals window closes (5pm on 2 March 2022), providing no objections have been raised.

Date decision required by

Panel Self-Governance vote needs to take place by 27 January 2022.

Implementation approach

No systems or processes will need to be amended as a result of this proposal.

Interactions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CUSC | <input type="checkbox"/> BSC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SQSS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European
Network Codes | <input type="checkbox"/> EBR Article 18
T&Cs ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other
modifications | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

This Proposal is closely linked to [CMP380](#), which will make the CUSC Gender Neutral. Further modifications to make similar changes to the STC and SQSS will also be raised in January 2022.

¹ If your modification amends any of the clauses mapped out in Annex GR.B of the Governance Rules section of the Grid Code, it will change the Terms & Conditions relating to Balancing Service Providers. The modification will need to follow the process set out in Article 18 of the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR – EU Regulation 2017/2195). All Grid Code modifications must be consulted on for 1 month in the Code Administrator Consultation phase, unless they are Urgent modifications which have no impact on EBR Article 18 T&Cs. N.B. This will also satisfy the requirements of the NCER process.

How to respond

Code Administrator consultation questions

- Do you believe that GC0153 Original proposal better facilitates the Applicable Objectives?
- Do you support the proposed implementation approach?
- Do you have any other comments?

Views are invited on the proposals outlined in this consultation, which should be received by 5pm on **07 January 2022**. Please send your response to grid.code@nationalgrideso.com using the response pro-forma which can be found on the [modification page](#).

If you wish to submit a confidential response, mark the relevant box on your consultation proforma. Confidential responses will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.

Acronyms, key terms, and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
GC	Grid Code
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions

Reference material

- None

Annexes

Annex	Information
Annex 1	Proposal Form
Annex 2	Self – Governance Statement
Annex 3	Legal Text