

Grid Code Review Panel

Time Extension for the requirements of Grid Code General Conditions GC15

1. On 3rd March 2005 the Authority directed that Grid Code changes associated with requirements for Embedded Exempt Large Power Stations should be implemented on 4th March 2005. There were also associated changes to the CUSC and STC.
2. At the that time it was recognised that as the date for BETTA go live was imminent it would not be practical to expect all Users potentially affected by the changes to be able to comply with the Grid Code or even demonstrate compliance.
3. In addition, it was noted that NGC would also be expected to review the size limits in the Grid Code relating to Small, Medium and Large Power Stations.
4. As a result it was decided to add a new section to the Grid Code General Conditions (GC 15) that would allow for NGC to effectively dis-apply parts of the Grid Code (with the Users agreement). This effectively enables NGC to issue temporary derogations.
5. The current GC 15 wording is:

GC.15.1 This GC.15.1 shall have an effect until and including 31st March 2006.

- (i) *CC.6.3.2, CC.6.3.7, CC.8.1 and BC3.5.1; and*
- (ii) *Planning Code obligations and other Connection Conditions;*

*shall apply to a **User** who owns or operates*

- (a) *an **Embedded Exemptable Large Power Station**, or*
- (b) *an **Embedded Exemptable Medium Power Station in Scotland***

*except where and to the extent that, in respect of that **Embedded Exemptable Large Power Station** or **Embedded Exemptable Medium Power Station**, **NGC** agrees or where the relevant **User** and **NGC** fail to agree, where and to the extent that the **Authority** consents.*

6. It is expected that a review of Grid Code regional differences, particularly in relation to the definitions of Small, Medium and Large Power Stations, is likely to amend the absolute requirements and/or who needs to comply. If the limit for Large Power Stations is raised a significant number of Generators who now have to comply with the Grid Code would no longer need to comply (or become parties to the CUSC). Given the associated current uncertainty NGC feels that it is inappropriate that any plant that may not need to comply in the future as a result of the outcome of the review, should actually be required to comply until the review has concluded.

7. It is therefore proposed to extend the period stated in GC15 to 31st March 2007 to enable time for the review to be conducted in a considered manner and obviate the need for unnecessary expenditure by generators and NGC.
8. It is also recognised that as current Bilateral Agreements associated with EELPS specifically reference the 31st March 2006 date. These may need to be amended.
9. Grid Code Review Panel members are invited to consider the proposed change Grid Code to Grid Code General Conditions GC 15 at the Extraordinary GCRP meeting on 20th July 2005.
10. Having taken account of any comments received at the meeting National Grid then intends to carry out a short industry consultation on the proposed changes.