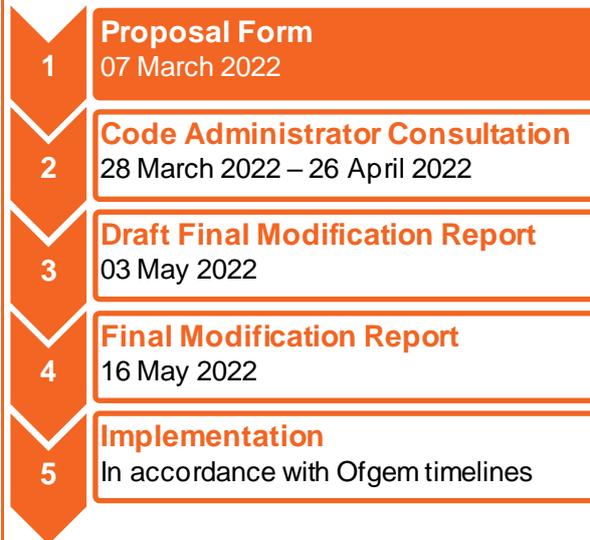


## SQSS Modification Proposal Form

# GSR028: Making the SQSS Gender Neutral

**Overview:** To remove any gender specific references or terminology within the Security and Quality of Supply Standards (SQSS).

## Modification process & timetable



**Status summary:** The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.

### This modification is expected to have a: **Low impact**

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

#### Proposer's recommendation of governance route

Standard Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

#### Who can I talk to about the change?

##### Proposer:

Shazia Akhtar

[Shazia.Akhtar2@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Shazia.Akhtar2@nationalgrideso.com)

07787266972

##### Code Administrator Contact:

Jennifer Groome

[Jennifer.Groome@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Jennifer.Groome@nationalgrideso.com)

07966130854

**Contents**

<b>Contents</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>What is the issue?</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Why change? .....	3
<b>What is the proposer's solution?</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Final legal text .....	4
<b>What is the impact of this change?</b> .....	<b>4</b>
Proposer's assessment against SQSS Objectives .....	4
Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories .....	4
<b>When will this change take place?</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Implementation date .....	5
Date decision required by .....	5
Implementation approach .....	5
Proposer's justification for governance route .....	5
<b>Interactions</b> .....	<b>5</b>
<b>Acronyms, key terms and reference material</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Reference material .....	6
<b>Annexes</b> .....	<b>6</b>

## What is the issue?

This modification is seeking to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the SQSS 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 SQSS. They will also acknowledge diversity and convey respect to all people. As well as aligning the SQSS to similar changes which have already taken place within the CUSC<sup>1</sup> and Grid Code<sup>2</sup>.

## What is the proposer's solution?

The following changes will be required to the SQSS and Industry Governance Framework. Along with some other minor typographical and housekeeping alterations.

Current Term	Future Term	Parts of the standard impacted
Chair/Chairman	Chairperson	Industry Governance Framework
He	They	Industry Governance Framework
His	Their	Paragraph 1.17 SQSS and the Industry Governance Framework

Note that following feedback on the CUSC modification CMP380 by the CUSC Panel on 26 November 2021. 'Chair' will be amended to 'Chairperson' to align the language with Standard Condition C14 1A(i) of the Transmission Licence.

## Housekeeping changes:

### GSR026:

As part of the implementation for GSR026<sup>3</sup>, the figure below in table 6.4 should have been revised from 1.0pu to 1.09pu.

Table 6.4 Steady State Voltage Limits and Targets in Operational Timescales

<b>(a) Voltage Limits on Transmission Networks</b>			
Nominal Voltage	PU Value (1pu relates to the Nominal Voltage)	Minimum (percentage of Nominal Voltage)	Maximum (percentage of Nominal Voltage)
Greater than 300kV	0.90pu-1.05pu	-10%	+5% <b>Note 7</b>
200kV up to and including 300kV	0.90pu-1.09pu	-10%	+9%
132kV up to and including 200kV	0.90pu-1.10pu	-10%	+10%
<b>(b) Voltage Limits at Interfaces to Distribution Networks and Non-Embedded Customers</b>			
Nominal Voltage			
132kV	0.90pu-1.10pu	-10%	+10%
At less than 132kV	0.94pu-1.06pu	-6%	+6%

<sup>1</sup> [CMP380: 'Making the CUSC Gender Neutral'](#)

<sup>2</sup> [GC0153: 'Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral'](#)

<sup>3</sup> [GSR026: 'Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the SQSS'](#)

SQSS Modification Proposal Form:

The link to the SQSS Modification Proposal form in Annex 3 of the Industry Governance Framework no longer works and needs to be updated.

**Final legal text**

The full legal text, with tracked changes can be found in Annex 1.

**What is the impact of this change?**

<b>Proposer's assessment against SQSS Objectives</b>	
<b>Relevant Objective</b>	<b>Identified impact</b>
(i) facilitate the planning, development and maintenance of an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission, and the operation of that system in an efficient, economic and coordinated manner;	<b>Neutral</b>
(ii) ensure an appropriate level of security and quality of supply and safe operation of the National Electricity Transmission System;	<b>Neutral</b>
(iii) facilitate effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity; and	<b>Neutral</b>
(iv) facilitate electricity Transmission Licensees to comply with their obligations under EU law.	<b>Neutral</b>

<b>Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories</b>	
<b>Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories</b>	<b>Identified impact</b>
Improved safety and reliability of the system	<b>Neutral</b>
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	<b>Neutral</b>
Benefits for society as a whole	<b>Positive</b> By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the standard and promoting equality and diversity.
Reduced environmental damage	<b>Neutral</b>
Improved quality of service	<b>Positive</b> This will promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the SQSS arrangements, by removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

## When will this change take place?

### Implementation date

Changes to the Industry Governance Framework should be implemented at the earliest opportunity, within 5 working days of a Panel decision.

Changes to the SQSS will need to be implemented in line with the Authority timeline. As the proposed changes are minor, it has been considered that the Authority may hold off from running a licence consultation. In the meantime, a draft version of the SQSS would be published on the ESO website with a covering note explaining the changes within it.

### Date decision required by

Panel vote needs to take place on 11 May 2022.

### Implementation approach

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

### Proposer's justification for governance route

Governance route: Standard Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

### As this modification:

- Already has a fully developed solution, which will only be making minor administrative changes. GSR026 also previously went straight to Code Administrator Consultation.
- It will not impact parties; and it will not amend or impose any new obligations on them.
- It does not have a material impact on any of the governance and modification procedures.
- It does not cause any discrimination between parties but removes any existing bias or discrimination within the standard.

## Interactions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grid Code	<input type="checkbox"/> BSC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CUSC
<input type="checkbox"/> European	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Network Codes	modifications		

This Proposal is closely linked to the CUSC and Grid Code modifications CMP380 and GC0153. Which have already been implemented to make the CUSC and Grid Code gender neutral. A further modification to make similar changes to the STC will also be raised in March 2022.

## Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards

**Reference material**

- [CMP380: 'Making the CUSC Gender Neutral'](#)
- [GC0153: 'Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral'](#)
- [GSR026: 'Adding Non- Standard Voltages to the SQSS'](#)

**Annexes**

Annex	Information
Annex 1	Legal text