

STC Modification Proposal Form

CM081: Making the STC Gender Neutral

Overview: To remove any gender specific references or terminology within the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC).

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	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
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What is the issue?

This modification is seeking to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the STC and make it Gender Neutral. A separate modification has also been raised in correlation to this for the STCPs’.

Why change?

These changes will have a positive impact, as they will remove any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the STC. They will also acknowledge diversity and convey respect to all people. As well as aligning the STC to similar changes which have already taken place within the CUSC¹ and Grid Code².

What is the proposer’s solution?

The following changes will be required to the STC along with some other minor typographical and housekeeping amendments.

Current Term	Future Term	Parts of the code impacted
Chair/Chairman	Chairperson	Section B
He	They	Sections B, H, J and Schedule 9
His	Their	Sections B, F, H, K and Schedule 9
Him/Himself	Them/Themselves	Sections B, F, H and Schedule 9

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:

Section B:

- Amend the purple font in the numbering of 7.1.7 to black font.
- Amend the incorrect numbering of 7.1.10A to 7.1.11 and 7.1.12.

Draft legal text

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

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer’s assessment against STC Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act	Neutral
(b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission	Neutral
(c) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity	Neutral

¹ [CMP380: 'Making the CUSC Gender Neutral'](#)

² [GC0153: 'Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral'](#)

(d) protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system insofar as it relates to interactions between transmission licensees	Neutral
(e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.
(f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;	Neutral
(g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	Neutral

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	Negative
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 standard and promoting equality and diversity.
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the standard and promoting equality and diversity.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

This modification will be implemented 5 working days after the appeals window closes on 1 July 2022, providing no objections have been raised.

Date decision required by

25 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: Self-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 to the code. We considered Fast-Track Self-Governance but believe it is more appropriate to include provision for an industry consultation.
- It does not discriminate between different STC Parties and does not have a material effect on:
 - Existing or future electricity customers,
 - Competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution or supply of electricity,
 - The operation of the National Electricity Transmission System,
 - Matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies,
 - The STC Panel's governance procedures or the STC Panel's modification procedures.

Interactions

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

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 SQSS will also be raised in March 2022.

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CM	Code Modification
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'](#)

Annexes

Annex	Information
Annex 1	Draft legal text