

## Code Administrator Consultation

# CM081: Making STC Gender Neutral

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

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Make some minor housekeeping changes to Section B.

## Modification process &amp; timetable



**Have 10 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.

<b>Governance route</b>	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
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<b>How do I respond?</b>	Send your response proforma to <a href="mailto:stcteam@nationalgrideso.com">stcteam@nationalgrideso.com</a> by 5pm on 28 April 2022
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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'.<sup>1</sup>

## 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 CUSC<sup>2</sup> and Grid Code<sup>3</sup>.

## What is the solution?

### Proposer's solution

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

## Legal text

The final legal text with tracked changes can be found in Annex 3.

<sup>1</sup> [PM0123: "Making the STCPs' Gender Neutral"](#)

<sup>2</sup> [CMP380: 'Making the CUSC Gender Neutral'](#)

<sup>3</sup> [GC0153: 'Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral'](#)

## What is the impact of this change?

### 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	<b>Negative</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> By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the standard and promoting equality and diversity.

### Proposer's assessment against the Applicable Objectives

#### 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	<b>Neutral</b>
(b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission	<b>Neutral</b>
(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	<b>Neutral</b>
(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	<b>Neutral</b>
(e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC	<b>Positive</b> 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;	<b>Neutral</b>
(g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	<b>Neutral</b>

## 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.

## Interactions

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| <input checked="" 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 was also raised in March 2022<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> [GSR028: "Making the SQSS Gender Neutral"](#)

## How to respond

### **Code Administrator consultation questions**

- Do you believe that CM081 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 **28 April 2022**. Please send your response to [stcteam@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:stcteam@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
CM	Code Modification
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
STCPs'	System Operator Transmission Owner Code Procedure
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards

### Reference material

- [CMP380: 'Making the CUSC Gender Neutral'](#)
- [GC0153: 'Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral'](#)
- [GSR028: "Making the SQSS Gender Neutral"](#)
- [PM0123: "Making the STCPs' Gender Neutral"](#)

## Annexes

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Annex 1	Proposal form
Annex 2	Self-Governance statement
Annex 3	Legal Text