

Code Administrator Consultation

CM083: Workgroup Quoracy Improvements

Overview: This proposal seeks to update quoracy rules for modifications where there is limited STC Party impact.

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:** STC Parties

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?

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Executive summary

CM083 proposal seeks to update quoracy rules for modifications where there is limited STC Party impact.

What is the issue?

In the Proposer's view currently the STC governance rules do not foresee specific situations related to convening modification workgroups. Current quoracy rules are potentially restrictive for modifications where there is limited STC Party impact. This either leads to Workgroups not commencing, or the Code Administrator having to request non-impacted STC parties to participate to help achieve quoracy. Either outcome leads to an inefficient use of industry time.

What is the solution and when will it come into effect?

Proposer's solution: This proposal seeks to amend the governance rules to remove specific participation requirements on individual STC Parties.

Implementation date: 10 October 2022

What is the impact if this change is made?

In the view of the Proposer, CM083 proposal ensures that governance rules better facilitate swift progression of new code modifications.

Interactions

None

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Why change?

- Enable STC modification Workgroups to be convened swiftly, but with effective participation.
- Maximise efficient use of industry resources.
- Facilitate proportionate engagement in on-going code change by STC parties, rather than forcing arbitrary attendance to meet with quoracy rules.

What is the solution?

Proposer's solution

CM083 retains the minimum requirement of three workgroup members from STC Parties – one always being the ESO - but removes the requirement for mandatory attendance placed on Onshore Transmission Owner (TOs) and an Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) regardless of the subject matter.

Instead, CM083 specifies that two additional STC Parties to the ESO who are legally separate (i.e. not affiliated) provide workgroup membership representation. This could, for example, be two Onshore TOs or two OFTO members.

The workgroup membership would continue to be approved by the STC Panel as per existing governance provisions. Additionally, CM083 also requires the STC Panel to consider amendments to workgroup terms of reference to elicit wider views should any non-attendance by Onshore TOs or OFTOs be considered to potentially prejudice or limit workgroup outcomes. However, the Proposer considers that it is highly unlikely that an STC party affected by a modification proposal will not arrange for workgroup representation regardless of quoracy requirements.

Legal text

The legal text for this change can be found in Annex 3.

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	Neutral

Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral
Benefits for society as a whole	Neutral
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Positive Ensures that modification proposers can rely on the process support efficient development of their proposal within a workgroup.

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	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
(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 Ensures that governance rules better facilitate swift progression of new code modifications.
(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

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

This modification will be implemented 5 working days after the appeals window closes on 3 October 2022.

Date decision required by

As soon as possible.

Implementation approach

No impacts on systems; this modification relies on amendments to STC Legal Text only.

Interactions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grid Code | <input type="checkbox"/> BSC | <input type="checkbox"/> STC | <input 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 |

None

How to respond

Code Administrator Consultation questions

- Do you believe that CM083 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 **3 August 2022**. Please send your response to 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.

¹ If the modification has an impact on Article 18 T&Cs, it will need to follow the process set out in Article 18 of the European Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBR – EU Regulation 2017/2195) – the main aspect of this is that the modification will need to be consulted on for 1 month in the Code Administrator Consultation phase. N.B. This will also satisfy the requirements of the NCER process.

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
ESO	National Grid Electricity System Operator
OFTO	Offshore Transmission Owner
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
STCP	System Operator Transmission Procedure
TO	Transmission Owner

Reference material

- None

Annexes

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