

Final Self-Governance Modification Report

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 [Final Self-Governance Modification Report](#)

Have 30 minutes? Read the full Final Self-Governance Modification Report and Annexes.

Status summary: The Panel has made their determination vote and an appeals window will open

Panel Recommendation Vote: The Panel has determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution is implemented

This modification is expected to have a: **Low impact:** STC Parties

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| Governance route | This modification followed the Self-Governance route and proceeded straight to Code Administrator Consultation. The Panel has made the decision on whether it should be implemented. | |
| Who can I talk to about the change? STC Parties | Proposer: Richard Woodward Richard.Woodward@nationalgrid.com 07964 541743 | Code Administrator Contact: Sally Musaka Sally.Musaka@nationalgrideso.com 07790 778 560 |
| Appeals window | If you want to appeal this decision, please send your appeals form and relevant documentary evidence to industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk by 5pm on 12 October 2022 and ensure you copy in stcteam@nationalgrideso.com | |

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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: 19 October 2022

Panel determination: The Panel has determined unanimously that the Proposer's solution is implemented

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

What is the issue?

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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 4.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's assessment against the Applicable Objectives

Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories

| Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories | Identified impact |
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| 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. |

Code Administrator consultation summary

The Code Administrator Consultation was issued on the 06 July 2022 closed on 03 August 2022 and received one response. A summary of the response can be found in the table below, and the full responses can be found in Annex 3.

| Code Administrator Consultation summary | |
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| Question | |
| Do you believe that the CM083 Original Proposal better facilitates the Applicable STC Objectives? | SHET - believes that CM083 better facilitates applicable objective E as this change improves efficiency on convening workgroups. |
| Do you support the proposed implementation approach? | SHET – Yes. SHET supports the implementation approach |
| Do you have any other comments? | No |

Panel recommendation/determination vote

The Panel met on the 31 August 2022 to carry out their determination vote.

They assessed whether a change should be made to the STC by assessing the proposed change and any alternatives against the Applicable Objectives.

Vote 1: Does the Original, facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline?

Panel Member: **Robert Wilson, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)**

| | Better facilitates AO (a)? | Better facilitates AO (b)? | Better facilitates AO (c)? | Better facilitates AO (d)? | Better facilitates AO (e)? | Better facilitates AO (f)? | Better facilitates AO (g)? | Overall (Y/N) |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Original | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Yes | Neutral | Neutral | Yes |
| Voting Statement | | | | | | | | |
| This is a minor change that will help to unlock swifter changes to the STC and make better use of industry resources while keeping appropriate checks and balances in place. | | | | | | | | |

Vote 1: Does the Original, facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline?

Panel Member: **Joel Matthews, Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)**

| | Better facilitates AO (a)? | Better facilitates AO (b)? | Better facilitates AO (c)? | Better facilitates AO (d)? | Better facilitates AO (e)? | Better facilitates AO (f)? | Better facilitates AO (g)? | Overall (Y/N) |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Original | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Yes | Neutral | Neutral | Yes |
| Voting Statement | | | | | | | | |
| This change will ensure that modifications to the STC are made efficiently while keeping an adequate level of checks and balances. | | | | | | | | |

Vote 1: Does the Original, facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline?

Panel Member: **Richard Woodward, National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)**

| | Better facilitates AO (a)? | Better facilitates AO (b)? | Better facilitates AO (c)? | Better facilitates AO (d)? | Better facilitates AO (e)? | Better facilitates AO (f)? | Better facilitates AO (g)? | Overall (Y/N) |
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| Original | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Yes | Neutral | Neutral | Yes |
| Voting Statement | | | | | | | | |
| CM083 represents an improvement to the baseline for achieving STC modification workgroup quoracy, ensuring that code changes can be developed in a more timely manner." | | | | | | | | |

Vote 1: Does the Original, facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline?

Panel Member: **Gareth Hislop, Scottish Power Transmission plc. (SPT)**

| | Better facilitates AO (a)? | Better facilitates AO (b)? | Better facilitates AO (c)? | Better facilitates AO (d)? | Better facilitates AO (e)? | Better facilitates AO (f)? | Better facilitates AO (g)? | Overall (Y/N) |
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| Original | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Yes | Neutral | Neutral | Yes |
| Voting Statement | | | | | | | | |
| No statement provided | | | | | | | | |

Vote 1: Does the Original, facilitate the objectives better than the Baseline?

Panel Member: **Neil Bennett, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)**

| | Better facilitates AO (a)? | Better facilitates AO (b)? | Better facilitates AO (c)? | Better facilitates AO (d)? | Better facilitates AO (e)? | Better facilitates AO (f)? | Better facilitates AO (g)? | Overall (Y/N) |
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| Original | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Yes | Neutral | Neutral | Yes |
| Voting Statement | | | | | | | | |
| No statement provided | | | | | | | | |

Vote 2 – Which option is the best?

| Panel Member | BEST Option? | Which objectives does this option better facilitate? (If baseline not applicable). |
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| Rob Wilson | Original | E |
| Joel Matthews | Original | E |
| Richard Woodward | Original | E |

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| Gareth Hislop | Original | E |
| Neil Bennett | Original | E |

Panel conclusion

The Panel unanimously determined that the Proposer's solution should be implemented.

When will this change take place?**Implementation date**

19 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

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

| Annex | Information |
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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 (EBGL – 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.

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| Annex 1 | Proposal form |
| Annex 2 | Self-Governance Statement |
| Annex 3 | Code Administrator Consultation response |
| Annex 4 | Legal Text |