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**Open Letter to Grid Code Users and other interested parties reminding them of the obligations on Users to comply with Grid Code**

Dear Colleagues,

This letter is re-issued to remind Users with lifetime derogations of their obligations when procuring and installing new equipment.

In the July 2014 Grid Code Review Panel it was noted that a Grid Code derogation request had been received from a party against a replacement piece of equipment newly procured and installed. The reason for the derogation request was that the replacement equipment was specified identically to the equipment it was replacing, which was itself subject to lifetime derogation.

National Grid ESO has a licence obligation (Standard Condition C14) to have a Grid Code in force and to ensure it is implemented at all times. When a User is unable to fully comply with all aspects of the Grid Code, it is required to notify National Grid ESO in accordance with the Compliance Processes section of the Grid Code. For non-compliances that extend beyond a certain period, both the User and National Grid ESO are obliged to apply to the Authority for derogation against their respective licences.

If granted, these derogations are usually time-limited to allow an appropriate amount of time for the User to restore full compliance, although lifetime derogation may be appropriate under certain circumstances.

As part of National Grid ESO's ongoing obligation, we would like to remind all Users who currently have lifetime derogations that, when their equipment is due for replacement, either as a result of a fault or because it is approaching the end of its asset life, then the replacement must satisfy the relevant requirements of the Grid Code and not the derogated performance requirements.

If you have any concerns with the above or wish to discuss any aspect of maintaining compliance with the Grid Code, please contact Biniam Haddish at [Biniam.haddish@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Biniam.haddish@nationalgrideso.com) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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