

Grid Code Alternative and Workgroup Vote

GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

Please note: To participate in any votes, Workgroup members need to have attended at least 50% of meetings.

Stage 1 - Alternative Vote

If Workgroup Alternative Requests have been made, vote on whether they should become Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modifications (WAGCMs).

Stage 2 - Workgroup Vote

2a) Assess the Original and WAGCMs (if there are any) against the Grid Code objectives compared to the baseline (the current Grid Code).

2b) Vote on which of the options is best.

Terms used in this document

Term	Meaning
Baseline	The current Grid Code (if voting for the Baseline, you believe no modification should be made)
Original	The solution which was firstly proposed by the Proposer of the modification
WAGCM	Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modification (an Alternative Solution which has been developed by the Workgroup)

The Applicable Grid Code Objectives:

- a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity
- b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity (and without limiting the foregoing, to facilitate the national electricity transmission system being made available to persons authorised to supply or generate electricity on terms which neither prevent nor restrict competition in the supply or generation of electricity);
- c) Subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems in the national electricity transmission system operator area taken as a whole;
- d) To efficiently discharge the obligations imposed upon the licensee by this license and to comply with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency; and
- e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements

Workgroup Vote

Stage 1 – Alternative Vote

Vote on Workgroup Alternative Requests to become Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modifications.

The Alternative vote is carried out to identify the level of Workgroup support there is for any potential alternative options that have been brought forward by either any member of the Workgroup OR an Industry Participant as part of the Workgroup Consultation.

Should the majority of the Workgroup OR the Chair believe that the potential alternative solution would better facilitate the Grid Code objectives than the Original proposal then the potential alternative will be fully developed by the Workgroup with legal text to form a Workgroup Alternative Grid Code modification (WAGCM) and submitted to the Panel and Authority alongside the Original solution for the Panel Recommendation vote and the Authority decision.

“Y” = Yes

“N” = No

“-“ = Neutral (Stage 2 only)

“Abstain”

Workgroup Member	Alternative 1 (Company, characteristic)	Alternative 2 (Company, characteristic)	Alternative 3 (Company, characteristic)	Alternative 4 (Company, characteristic)
Name				
WAGCM?				

Stage 2a – Assessment against objectives

To assess the Original and WAGCMs against the Grid Code objectives compared to the baseline (the current Grid Code).

You will also be asked to provide a statement to be added to the Workgroup Report alongside your vote to assist the reader in understanding the rationale for your vote.

AGCO = Applicable Grid Code Objective

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Alana Collis-Dugmore – National Grid ESO					
Original	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Voting Statement: <i>The changes to the Grid Code contained within this modification introduce Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) and their roles alongside modifications to other Codes. This supports the objectives of the Grid Code and delivery of infrastructure in line with current policy.</i>						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Richard Woodward – NGET					
Original	-	-	-	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement: <i>The proposed modification satisfactorily defines the CATO regime in the context of Grid Code definitions/processes. In that respect, GC0159 positively reflects prevailing local energy policy/regulation, which we believe to be in the spirit of better facilitating applicable objective D.</i>						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Graeme Vincent – SP Energy Networks					
Original	-	-	-	-	-	Y
Voting Statement: The modification is neutral in terms of the applicable objectives of the Grid Code but it is required to facilitate the introduction of Competitively Awarded Transmission Owners (CATOs) into the Grid Code and ensure that these parties have the relevant obligations assigned to them.						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Claire Hynes – RWE Renewables					
Original	Y	-	-	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement:						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Ross Strachan– Scottish Power Renewables					
Original						
Voting Statement: Abstained						

Workgroup Member	Better facilitates AGCO (a)	Better facilitates AGCO (b)	Better facilitates AGCO (c)	Better facilitates AGCO (d)	Better facilitates AGCO (e)	Overall (Y/N)
	Rebecca – SSE Transmission					
Original	-	-	-	Y	-	Y
Voting Statement: This modification reflects the introduction of CATOs in the recent Energy security bill legislation and hence is positive under objective (d). It makes the changes to the Grid Code to include CATOs alongside the existing provisions for existing onshore Transmission Owners. As such it is neutral with respect to the first three objectives since these equally apply to existing licensees as well as CATOs. Going forward it is important that the inclusion of CATOs within the Grid Code and subsequent implementation maintains security of supply and the existing high reliability standards and performance of GB's electricity networks for consumers and avoids fragmentation of responsibility.						

Of the 6 votes, how many voters said this option was better than the Baseline.

Option	Number of voters that voted this option as better than the Baseline
Original	5

Stage 2b – Workgroup Vote

Which option is the best? (Baseline or Proposer solution (Original Proposal))

Workgroup Member	Company	BEST Option?	Which objective(s) does the change better
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			facilitate? (if baseline not applicable)
Alana Collis-Dugmore	National Grid ESO	Original	b),d) and e)
Richard Woodward	NGET	Original	d)
Graeme Vincent	SP Energy Networks	Original	N/A
Claire Hynes	RWE Renewables	Original	a) and d)
Ross Strachan	Scottish Power Renewables	Abstained	N/A
Rebecca Middlemiss	SSE Transmission	Original	d)