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## **New timeline for Urgent Connection and Use of System Code (“CUSC”) Modification Proposals 430 and 431**

Dear Trisha,

This letter serves as Authority approval of a new timeline for CUSC Modification Proposals (“CMPs”) 430 and 431.

We<sup>1</sup> approved<sup>2</sup> Urgency for both CMPs on 29 February 2024. In doing so, we approved the proposed timeline for the CUSC Panel, Code Administrator and Workgroup<sup>3</sup> (“the initial timeline”) to progress these Proposals. The initial timeline requires the submission of the Final Modification Report (FMRs) to us on 28 June 2024.

We understand that both the Workgroup and Proposer (National Grid Electricity System Operator) are concerned that the initial timeline will not allow a sufficiently robust development and assessment process for the Proposals. Subsequently, we have been approached by the Code Administrator to consider a revised FMR submission date.

We recognise the interactions between the potential Balancing and Settlement Code changes and these CMPs are complex, in particular in the context of the development of proposed CUSC legal text. We appreciate the Code Administrator having approached us

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<sup>1</sup> References to the “Authority”, “Ofgem”, “we” and “our” are used interchangeably in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day-to-day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/303496/download>

<sup>3</sup> There is a single Workgroup for CMPs 430 and 431 (collectively ‘the Proposals’).

about this issue in good time. In this instance, we accept that additional time may be required to effectively progress these Proposals.

We have made it clear to industry during the Workgroup meetings that we require FMRs to include a robust legal text that is capable of operation, and which enables the Authority to form an opinion on the Proposal. We would strongly prefer to receive an FMR that meets this criterion later than initially planned, rather than receive an FMR on time that does not.

Due to the particular circumstances of these Urgent Proposals and the complexities of the subjects they address we do not intend to set out a full timeline for the Proposals. Instead, we will allow some flexibility for the Code Administrator and Workgroup to conduct their meetings and progress the Proposals as needed. However, we will require the FMRs for the Proposals to be provided to the Authority (via email) no later than 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

Due to the Urgent status of the Proposals, we intend to make the decisions on the Proposals in short order following receipt of the FMRs. We do not consider it should be necessary to delay the proposed implementation dates as a result of the change to FMR submission date.

Should you wish to discuss any part of this letter, please contact me directly using the information set out above.

Yours sincerely,

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Duly authorised by the Authority