

Terms of Reference

As approved by JESG attendees on 17/03/2015

1. Purpose and Scope

- 1.1. The purpose of the Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG) is to facilitate the discussion of matters relating to the European Commission's Third Energy Package for Electricity and future European Energy Policy for GB Stakeholders. In particular this includes:
 - a. The development of European Network Codes (ENCs) by ENTSO-E, ACER and the Commission;
 - b. Identifying the specific GB risks to feed into the approval of the ENCs through the Comitology process;
 - c. The implementation of the ENCs in GB and in Europe including pilot projects, covering aligning the GB Codes to the ENC requirements and the development, approval and implementation of all the subsidiary documents that will arise from the ENCs;
 - d. Infrastructure policy – for example, Projects of Common Interest, Ten Year Network Development Plan, Cost Benefit Analysis and Cross Border Cost Allocation;
 - e. Other areas of relevant European energy policy.
- 1.2. 'European Network Codes (ENCs)' includes network codes, guidelines and similar instruments prepared under Regulation (EC) No 714/2009.
- 1.3. Discussions may be held at the JESG to inform GB Stakeholders' position and to seek views from GB Stakeholders on the topics in paragraph 1.1. This may include engagement from Ofgem as a member of ACER, DECC in its role as the UK Government department responsible for ENCs, and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc as NETSO and a member of ENTSO-E, and other relevant individuals or organisations.
- 1.4. The JESG is not a decision-making body. DECC, Ofgem, National Grid or any other individual or organisation presenting at JESG may solicit views from GB Stakeholders, but they are not bound by the conclusions of the group.

2. Meetings

- 2.1. The JESG will meet in person, with the default location being London.
- 2.2. Meeting will be held on a monthly basis, unless decided otherwise by the Chair, in consultation with the membership and the Technical Secretary.
- 2.3. Other parties are invited to propose items for the meeting agenda. The agenda for each meeting will be prepared by the Technical Secretary in consultation with DECC and Ofgem and approved by the Chair.
- 2.4. Where practicable, and with the agreement of the Chair, teleconference or videoconference facilities may be used.

3. Chair

- 3.1. The JESG Chair shall be a representative from the GB Industry, independent of DECC, Ofgem or National Grid Electricity Transmission plc in the first instance.

- 3.2. In the event of the temporary absence of the Chair, the membership present at a meeting may choose one of the members to chair the meeting.
- 3.3. If the position of Chair is vacant, the technical secretary shall seek nominations by email from the GB Industry for a period of not less than 14 calendar days. At the following JESG meeting, those members present shall decide upon the Chair.

4. Meeting Administration

- 4.1. National Grid will act as the Technical Secretary and administrator of the JESG on behalf of the GB Industry.
- 4.2. Communications will be sent from a dedicated account (europencodes.electricity@nationalgrid.com)

5. Membership

- 5.1. Membership of the JESG is open to all GB interested parties. Those wishing to attend JESG meetings or wishing to be added to the mailing list for correspondence should provide details to the Technical Secretary.
- 5.2. Representatives from Ofgem and / or DECC will attend JESG meetings.
- 5.3. The JESG Chair may remove any JESG member if the member is deliberately or persistently disrupting or frustrating the work of the JESG.
- 5.4. A review of Stakeholder representation will be undertaken periodically to ensure appropriate representation of the GB Industry.

6. Reporting

- 6.1. The Technical Secretary will circulate and publish meeting agendas prior to each meeting and a high-level "headline report" after each meeting. Actions will be captured in an actions log and any issues identified in issue logs.
- 6.2. Meeting documentation including the headline report and slides will be published on a dedicated webpage, hosted on National Grid's website.
- 6.3. Links to and information on relevant developments in Europe and GB, and any European consultations and information on how to access those consultations will be circulated to the JESG distribution list.
- 6.4. The Technical Secretary shall ensure that the GB Code Panels (BSC, CUSC, D-Code, D-CUSA, Grid Code, MRA, SQSS, STC) are informed of the work of JESG.
- 6.5. The Technical Secretary shall ensure that the DECC-Ofgem Steering Group is informed of the work of JESG and vice versa.

7. Subgroup

- 7.1. The JESG may establish subgroups as it considers necessary to address specific ENCs, issues or topics. Subgroups will be open to all JESG members. Terms of Reference may be established for a subgroup, but are not required. The purpose of a subgroup should be recorded in the JESG headline report.
- 7.2. The following subgroups are expected to operate:
 - a. Technical workshops for each ENC during the ENTSO-E public consultation period,
 - b. GB issue prioritisation workshops for each ENC during the ACER Review and Comitology phases,

- c. Implementation subgroups, including ENC specific Stakeholder groups, and workgroups for mapping changes required to the GB framework.

7.3. Subgroups may be chaired by any member of the JESG.

7.4. Subgroups should report to the JESG on a periodic basis.

8. Transitional Arrangements

8.1. The first chair of JESG shall be Barbara Vest of Energy UK.

8.2. Further to item 6.1, the existing issue and action logs from the Joint European Standing Group, DECC-Ofgem EU Electricity Stakeholder Group and European Code Coordination Application Forum will be carried forward to the JESG.

[End of Terms of Reference]