

## Workgroup Consultation Response Proforma

# GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

Industry parties are invited to respond to this consultation expressing their views and supplying the rationale for those views, particularly in respect of any specific questions detailed below.

Please send your responses to [grid.code@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:grid.code@nationalgrideso.com) by **5pm on 15 February 2023**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

If you have any queries on the content of this consultation, please contact Ruth Roberts [ruth.roberts@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:ruth.roberts@nationalgrideso.com) or [grid.code@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:grid.code@nationalgrideso.com)

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### I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)

Non-Confidential

Confidential

*Note: A confidential response will be disclosed to the Authority in full but, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.*

### For reference the Applicable Grid Code Objectives are:

- 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*

**Please express your views in the right-hand side of the table below, including your rationale.**

Standard Workgroup Consultation questions		
1	Do you believe that the Original Proposal better facilitates the Applicable Objectives?	Mark the Objectives which you believe the Original Solution better facilitates: Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E
		<p>The introduction of competition to onshore electricity networks has a key role to play in improving efficiency in network investment and driving innovative solutions to network needs, helping us meet our decarbonisation targets at the lowest cost to consumers.</p> <p>The proposed code changes allow us to create transparency and fairness for competition participants, which is a requirement to set Onshore Network Competition up for success.</p> <p>Introducing the concept of CATO into the relevant industry codes establishes the obligations of CATOs and those entities interacting with the CATO assets, ensuring the safe, secure and coordinated operation of the System.</p>
2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		As proposer ESO supports this modification
3	Do you have any other comments?	N/A
4	Do you wish to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative Request for the Workgroup to consider?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		As proposer we are happy as the modification stands

Specific Workgroup Consultation questions		
5	The Grid Code does not specify how TOs initially form/create their RES. Noting the workgroup discussion on this point, do you have a preferred approach that CATOs might follow to do this?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Following WG discussion, we are aligned with the approach that the Grid Code does not specify the process

		<p>by which the CATOs initially create their RES. It is proposed that CATOs RES be initially determined through the tendering process. Modification of this CATO RES in future would be done through the existing documented process in the Grid Code. This aligns with the thinking of the incumbent TOs.</p>
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