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Grid Code Modification Proposal Form

<h1>GC0177:</h1> <h2>Planning and Operational Compliance Contacts</h2> <p>Overview: This modification will mandate the submission of Planning and Operational Compliance contact details by Users as part of the Compliance Process and Compliance Repeat Process.</p>	<h3>Modification process & timetable</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Proposal Form 13 January 2025 2 Code Administrator Consultation 04 February 2025 – 04 March 2025 3 Draft SG Modification Report 19 March 2025 4 Final SG Modification Report / Appeals Window 09 April 2025 - 02 May 2025 5 Implementation 19 May 2025
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Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.

This modification is expected to have a: Low impact:
Generators, Interconnectors, National Energy System Operator

Modification drivers: Efficiency, System Planning

Proposer's recommendation of governance route	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation	
Who can I talk to about the change?	<p>Proposer: Rhiannon Whitty Rhiannon.whitty@nationalenergyso.com 07976 739580</p>	<p>Code Administrator Contact: Sarah Williams Sarah.williams@nationalenergyso.com</p>

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What is the issue?

NESO Network Access Planning require confirmation of Generator and Interconnector planning contact details to allow them to share impact assessments for network outages.

NESO Electricity Connections Compliance Team require confirmation of Generator and Interconnector Operational Compliance Contact details to facilitate data and information sharing of Frequency Response (Ancillary Service Monitoring - ASM), Dynamic System Monitoring (DSM) and Fault Ride Through (FRT) following system events.

Why change?

There is no requirement under the Compliance Process or Compliance Repeat Plan for Generators and Interconnectors to provide planning contact details or Operational Compliance contact details prior to connection. Additionally, many Generators and Interconnectors do not provide updated contact details following staff changes or a change in Ownership. This introduces delays and inefficiencies into planning network outages as essential third-party agreement cannot be obtained. Delays have also been experienced in post-event investigations due to lack of Operational Compliance contact details for Generators and Interconnectors.

What is the proposer’s solution?

An addition to CC/ECC.5.2.1 to bring this requirement into the Compliance Process and an addition to CP/ECP.8.2 to bring this requirement into the Compliance Repeat Plan.

Legal text

Full legal text can be found in **Annex 1**.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer’s assessment against Grid Code Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity	Positive Change will improve efficiency in Network Access Planning and post-system event investigations.
(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);	Neutral No impact on competition anticipated.

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<p>(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;</p>	<p>Positive The change will improve efficiency in Network Access Planning and support an increase in generators having visibility of transmission outages and their expected impact. It will also support system security as post-event investigations will be concluded in a timely manner.</p>
<p>(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</p>	<p>Positive Under Special Licence Condition 2.5 NESO must act consistently with the TOs' Network Access Policy. The TOs' Network Access Policy (section 6.2) specifies that ESO have a key role in liaising with impacted stakeholders and must share formal outage notifications with them. Updating planning contacts will improve this process.</p>
<p>(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements</p>	<p>Neutral No impact anticipated</p>

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

19 May 2025

Date decision required by

Decision required by the Grid Code Review Panel on 27 March 2025.

Implementation approach

An update to the Operational Notification Compliance Checklist (ONCC) will be needed to bring these requirements into the Compliance Process.

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An update to the Compliance Process Inaugural Meeting presentation will be needed to give Users early visibility of the requirement.

An update to the Compliance Repeat Plan Letter will be needed to make Users aware of this requirement.

An update to the Compliance Repeat Plan will be needed to bring this requirement into the process.

Proposer’s justification for governance route

Governance route: Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

The change is a minor additional requirement within the Compliance Process and Compliance Repeat Plan to formalise submission of planning contacts and operational compliance contacts. It is not expected to have a material impact on any parties.

Both the Compliance Process and the Compliance Repeat Plan are well established processes which gather evidence of technical and operational compliance. The additional requirements from generators are two sets of contact details which will be submitted as part of these established processes via the UDFS.

Interactions

- CUSC
- BSC
- STC
- SQSS
- European Network Codes
- EBR Article 18 T&Cs¹
- Other modifications
- Other

No interaction with other codes, industry documents, modifications or industry projects anticipated.

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
ASM	Ancillary Services Monitoring
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
DSM	Dynamic System Monitoring
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
FRT	Fault Ride Through
GC	Grid Code
ONCC	Operational Notification Compliance Checklist
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code

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SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions
TO	Transmission Owner
UDFS	User Data File Structure

Annexes

Annex	Information
Annex 1	Legal Text