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## Code Administrator Consultation Response Proforma

### GC0175: Removing references to “Fax” or “Facsimile” within the Grid Code

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@nationalenergyso.com](mailto:grid.code@nationalenergyso.com) by **5pm** on **29 November 2024**. Please note that any responses received after the deadline or sent to a different email address may not receive due consideration.

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#### I wish my response to be:

(Please mark the relevant box)

☒ **Non-Confidential** (this will be shared with industry and the Panel for further consideration)

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

- To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity
- 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);

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- 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*

## **For reference, (for consultation questions 4 & 5) the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 Objectives and regulatory aspects are:**

- a) *fostering effective competition, non-discrimination and transparency in balancing markets;*
- b) *enhancing efficiency of balancing as well as efficiency of national balancing markets;*
- c) *integrating balancing markets and promoting the possibilities for exchanges of balancing services while contributing to operational security;*
- d) *contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector while facilitating the efficient and consistent functioning of day-ahead, intraday and balancing markets;*
- e) *ensuring that the procurement of balancing services is fair, objective, transparent and market-based, avoids undue barriers to entry for new entrants, fosters the liquidity of balancing markets while preventing undue market distortions;*
- f) *facilitating the participation of demand response including aggregation facilities and energy storage while ensuring they compete with other balancing services at a level playing field and, where necessary, act independently when serving a single demand facility;*
- g) *facilitating the participation of renewable energy sources and supporting the achievement of any target specified in an enactment for the share of energy from renewable sources.*

### **What is the EBR?**

The Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) is a European Network Code introduced by the Third Energy Package European legislation in late 2017.

The EBR regulation lays down the rules for the integration of balancing markets in Europe, with the objectives of enhancing Europe's security of supply. The EBR aims to do this through harmonisation of electricity balancing rules and facilitating the exchange of balancing resources between European Transmission System Operators (TSOs). Article 18 of the EBR states that TSOs such as NESO should have terms and conditions developed for balancing services, which are submitted and approved by Ofgem.

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

Standard Code Administrator Consultation questions				
1	Please provide your assessment for the proposed solution against the Applicable Objectives?	<p>Mark the Objectives which you believe the proposed solution better facilitates:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Original</td> <td> <input type="checkbox"/>A   <input type="checkbox"/>B   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>C   <input type="checkbox"/>D   <input type="checkbox"/>E </td> </tr> </table> <p>I agree that moving existing faxes to utilise digital technology will not resolve the issue of hardware support and paper management. Using an Azure based platform is a modern solution to resolving this issue. Having a purely digital way of communicating with the NESO however (through platforms, digital phone lines) is a concern and it would be useful to confirm if this is a potential issue for any major national communication digital disruptions. Having old analogue options available would negate this risk and I don't have the sufficient knowledge to know if the OPTEL lines are digital or analogue which may be a solution to the concern above. Having more information about any other options available would help me understand if the proposal is the current best option.</p>	Original	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E
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2	Do you support the proposed implementation approach?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>Yes a phased approach for something this important would make sense with testing for each user to ensure its working correctly</p>		
3	Do you have any other comments?	<p>There are concerns about the volume of proposed platforms that will be used by the NESO. It would be good if all these proposals from different projects aligned so they can be accessed from the same platform. As it will be control engineers using these platforms along with the other multiple platforms they already have open for SSE</p>		

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		applications, it would make sense for anything that comes from the NESO to all be on the same platform. An example of another platform would be for the LCM (Local Constraint Management) project currently managed by Callum Wright in NESO. There will likely be many other areas all thinking of doing the same thing so it's important they are all using the same platform as it won't be manageable to have multiple platforms open at the same time.
4	Do you agree with the Proposer's assessment that GC0175 does impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Yes as it currently stands – Communication with Users stating the use of the fax system is one example and would need changed.
5	Do you have any comments on the impact of GC0175 on the EBR Objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		No the EBR is not a tool we use at a Distribution level currently in SHEPD so comments from others would be more applicable.