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SQSS Panel

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Purpose of Panel & Duties of Panel Members

4.2 Functions of the Panel

4.2.1 The **Panel** shall consider all reasonable requests to modify the **SQSS**. Such requests may be made by any of the **Members**, the **Authority** or any relevant interested person. **SQSS** Modification Proposals shall be raised via the **Secretary**.

4.2.2 The functions of the **Panel** shall be to:

4.2.2.1 keep the **SQSS** and its working under review;

4.2.2.2 evaluate and administrate modifications to the **SQSS** in accordance with procedures set out in the **Governance Framework**;

4.2.2.3 keep the **Governance Framework** and its working under review;

4.2.2.4 publish recommendations to modify the **SQSS** and the reasons for the recommendations;

4.2.2.5 recommend to the **Authority** any modifications of the **SQSS**; and

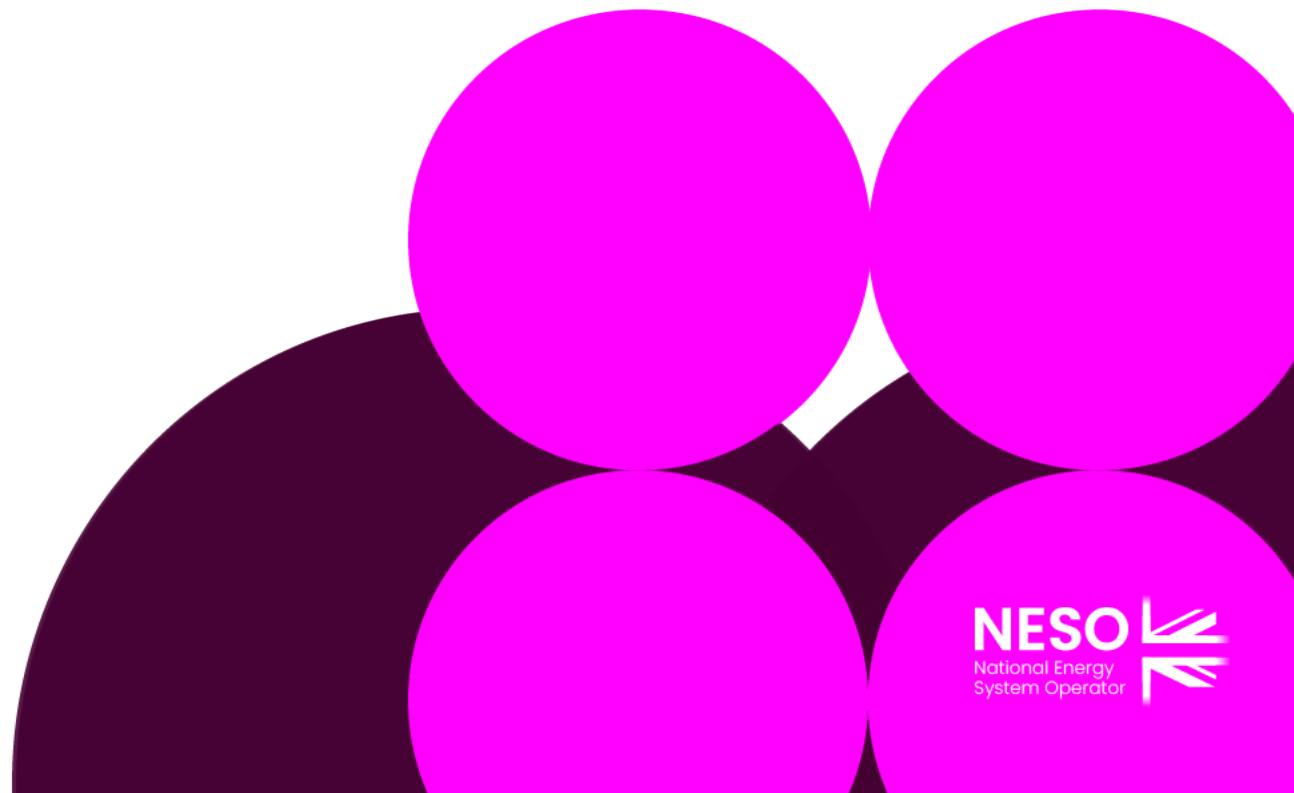
4.2.2.6 the **Panel** shall endeavour at all times to perform its functions:

- (a) in an efficient, economical and expeditious manner, taking account of the complexity, importance and urgency of a particular modification to the **SQSS**; and
- (b) with a view to ensuring the **SQSS** facilitates achievement of its objectives.

Draft Final Modification Report

GSR033: Code Maintenance

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Solution(s)

Solution/summary of solutions:

- With the changes to the licence modification coming into effect on 07 February 2025, this modification aims to enable NESO to fulfil its obligations under the new licence arrangements. The key change here is the incorporation of the Governance Framework into the SQSS.
- A further update will be made to the SQSS to correct an error identified with the legal text implemented when Establishing ISOP in industry codes on 01 October 2024.
- Following consultation legal text changes have been made accordingly within the scope of the modification.
- It is noted that there are several formatting and typographical issues with the within the SQSS. There will be addressed in a future housekeeping modification.

Code Administrator Consultation Responses

Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 30/02/2025 to 20/02/2025 and received 2 non-confidential responses. Key points were:

- One respondent agreed with the implementation approach and one did not, noting that they support the transition of the NETS SQSS to a more open and transparent governance framework but highlighted several areas that need clarification.
- GSR033 should ideally only introduce changes associated with implementing the directed governance framework, but it seems several issues with the baseline text and pre-existing issues have been identified, including the new definition of 'Licensee'.
- It was the preference of one respondent that all issues within the SQSS text should be resolved as part of this modification.
- No additional legal text issues identified with text relating to GSR033

GSR033 Asks of Panel

- **VOTE** whether or not to recommend implementation.
- **NOTE** next steps
 - Due to the tight timeline this will proceed to Ofgem for decision ahead of implementation on 31 March 2025

GSR033 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly	07 March 2025
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	10 March 2025
Ofgem decision date	24 March 2025
Implementation Date	31 March 2025

Any other business

- **FRCR Discussion – Accenture**

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for March Panel	03 March 2025
Papers Day	11 March 2025
Panel Meeting	25 March 2025 Teams

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Chair, SQSS Panel