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By email

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Dear Gurpal

Grid Code Modifications Panel Recommended Timetable for GC0103 ‘The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes’

On 21 July 2017, SSE raised GC0103, with a request for the proposal to be treated as an Urgent Grid Code Modification Proposal. The Grid Code Modifications Panel ("the Panel") considered GC0103 and the associated request for urgency at the Grid Code Modifications Panel meeting held on 27 July 2017. This letter sets out the views of the Panel on the request for urgent treatment and the procedure and timetable that the Panel recommends.

The GC0103 seeks to amend the Grid Code to set out the compliance obligations in the EU Connection Codes as they relate to Electrical Standards.

Request for Urgency

The Panel considered the request for urgency with reference to Ofgem's Guidance on Code Modification Urgency Criteria. The majority view of the Panel is that GC0103 does not meet these criteria and SHOULD NOT be treated as an Urgent Grid Code Modification Proposal.

In the discussion, members of the Panel noted a few concerns over granting urgency, set out below;

- both timetables presented to the Panel ensure that there would be no risk to part C¹ of the criteria
- the scope outlined within the Modification Proposal did not provide enough detail to be able to support the request for urgency
- there is not enough evidence outlined within the Modification Proposal to support the request for urgency
- sufficient time and attention would be required to address the defect and that this could not be completed in the urgent timetable timescales

The Panel also raised some questions around the overlap in scope and defect within GC0102 ‘EU Connection Codes GB Implementation – Mod 3’. An action was taken for the Proposer of this modification to attend the next Grid Code Review Panel on

• ¹ C. A party to be in breach of any relevant legal requirements

the 16 August 2017 to outline their view on this overlap. The Panel will then determine the Terms of Reference for this modification.

Procedure and Timetable

Having decided to not recommend urgency to Ofgem, the Panel discussed an appropriate process for GC0103. The Panel agreed that the GC0103 proposal would require a Workgroup.

The Panel agreed that GC0103 subject to Ofgem's decision on Urgency should follow the attached Code Administrators proposed timetable (Appendix 1). This was supported by majority view.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this letter or the proposed process and timetable. I look forward to receiving your response

Yours sincerely

John Martin
Grid Code Panel Chair

Appendix 1 – Recommended Standard Workgroup Timetable

The following timetable is indicative for GC0103 as per the recommendation of the Code Administrator and the Grid Code Panel

Modification Stage	Date
Proposal to Grid Code Panel Review Meeting	27 July 2017
Nominations open (7 WDs)	28 July 2017
Publish Workgroup Consultation (15WDs)	1 November 2017
Workgroup Consultation closing date	22 November 2017
Workgroup Report to Grid Code Review Panel	9 January 2018 (papers)/17 January 2018 (meeting)
Publish Code Administrator Consultation (15WDs)	19 January 2018
Code Administrator Consultation closing date	9 February 2018
Draft Modification Report to Grid Code Review Panel and Industry (5 WDs)	13 February 2018
Grid Code Review Panel Recommendation Vote	21 February 2018
Submit Final Modification Report to Authority	7 March 2018
Authority Decision (25WDs)	13 April 2018
Date of Implementation	27 April 2018