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Outstanding issues to be resolved post company sign-off

1. Dispute resolution process
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3. Definitions may form a separate 'STCP'

1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 This procedure describes the process for the submission of a NGC Construction Application to a TO for a modification as a result of a User applying to NGC for a revision of their long term Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) and if required the issue of a TO Construction Offer. It defines the tasks, the formal documentation, interface requirements, the timescales and the responsibilities required between NGC, the Host TO, Affected TO and Other Affected TO(s) from receipt of a User Application, to the signing of an Offer.

1.1.2 This procedure applies to NGC and each TO. For the purposes of this document, TOs are:

- SPT; and
- SHETL.

1.2 Objectives

- 1.2.1 The objective of this procedure is to detail how the TEC Changes process will be addressed across the NGC ~ TO interface and the TO ~ TO interface, to enable the Parties to discharge their responsibilities under the STC and to ensure that responsibilities are clear.

1.3 Background

- 1.3.1 Under the CUSC a User can apply to NGC to amend their contractual arrangements for TEC on the GB Transmission System. This procedure describes this process.

2 Key Definitions

2.1 For the purposes of STCP 18-3:

- 2.1.1 **Affected TO(s)** means any TO in relation to whose Transmission System is affected by the User Application for use of the GB Transmission System and satisfies the criteria set out in the STC, Schedule Four. [see STC Section D, part 2, paragraph 2.2.2].
- 2.1.2 **Affected Parties** means the Host TO, Affected TO(s) and Other Affected TO(s) as appropriate, involved in producing TO Construction Offers relating to a particular User Application.
- 2.1.3 **Application Programme** means a programme to manage the application process and forms part of the Scheme Briefing Note (see appendix B.1 of STCP 18-1 Connection and Modification Application). The Application Programme lists the milestones against which the dates agreed by all parties are inserted.
- 2.1.4 **Host TO** means the Transmission Owner whose Transmission System is located at the Relevant Connection Site (see STC Section D, part 2, paragraph 2.2.1).
- 2.1.5 **Other Affected TO(s)** means any TO who is not a Host TO or an Affected TO, but which receives Construction Planning Assumptions, or NGC otherwise identifies that it is likely to be required to enter into a TO Construction Agreement in respect of the Construction Project.

3 Procedure

3.1 Requests for extension to application process timescale

- 3.1.1 It may be necessary, at any stage of the TEC Changes process, for a Party to submit a request to the Authority for an extension to the application timescales. This will be done in accordance with STCP 18-1 Connection and Modification Application.

3.2 TEC Decrease Process

- 3.2.1 In accordance with the CUSC, a User can decrease its TEC by giving NGC not less than 5 Business Days notice, in writing, prior to the 30th of March in any Financial Year.
- 3.2.2 Within 2 Business Days of receiving the notice to reduce TEC from the User, NGC shall send a copy of the notice to the relevant Parties, in accordance with STC, schedule Four. The relevant Parties may wish to consider whether the TEC decrease necessitates changes to the investment plan (in accordance with STCP 16-1 Investment Planning).

- 3.2.3 Following the receipt of the notice to reduce TEC from the User, NGC shall issue a revised Appendix C of the relevant Bilateral Agreement to the User as soon as practicable, or in any event prior to April 1st, reflecting the decrease in the TEC. The decrease in the TEC shall take effect on April 1st, following receipt of the notice.
- 3.2.4 NGC will notify the relevant Parties when the change to the User's Bilateral Agreement has been effected.
- 3.2.5 Within 5 Business Days of receiving notification from NGC that the TEC reduction has been effected, the Host TO shall update the relevant Connection Site Specification.

3.3 TEC Increase Process

- 3.3.1 A User can request an increase in its TEC, up to a maximum of the CEC set out in their Bilateral Agreement. The User shall request an increase in TEC in the form of a Modification Application. In accordance with the CUSC, NGC shall make a Modification Offer to the User within 28 days, where practicable, and not more than 3 months (save where the Authority consents to a longer period) after NGC receives the Modification Application.
- 3.3.2 Within 3 business days of receiving the Modification Application from the User, NGC shall submit a NGC Construction Application to the Affected Parties, in accordance with STC Schedule Six and/or Schedule Seven. STCP18-2 Use of System Application should be followed (sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.13 inclusive), or STCP 18-1 Connection and Modification Application (sections 3.11 to 3.1.15 inclusive) as appropriate. 3.1.1 to 3.1.15 inclusive in 18-1
- 3.3.3 The Affected Parties shall each assess whether there is an impact on their Transmission System, requiring additional connection and/or infrastructure assets, and identify whether there is a capacity interaction with any unsigned TO Construction Offers.
- 3.3.4 Within 21 calendar days of the NGC Application Date (or such other time as may be agreed), depending on the outcome of the completed impact assessment, either section 3.3.4, or 3.3.5, is followed.
- 3.3.5 If any of the Affected Parties determine that there is no impact on their respective Transmission System, then they will inform NGC, in accordance with the Application Programme, that there are no Transmission Connection Works required. Such Affected Parties will at the same time as notifying NGC that they shall not be submitting a TO Construction Offer, or such other time as may be agreed within the 28 days Application Programme, notify NGC of any technical design or operational criteria which they intend to assume will apply to User Equipment at the Relevant Connection Site. Where none of the Affected Parties has Transmission Construction Works, NGC will inform each of the Affected Parties when the change to the agreement with the User is effected by sending an updated Scheme Briefing Note to them.
- 3.3.6 If any of the Affected Parties assess that there is an impact on their respective Transmission System, then they will inform NGC that Transmission Construction Works are required. NGC and the Affected Parties shall agree an Application Programme to enable NGC to make the Offer to the User. NGC shall continue to make the Offer to the User within 3 months of the User Application Date by following STCP 18-1 Connection and Modification Application process from where the Affected Parties assess the impact of the NGC Construction Application to the end of the process.

4 Dispute Resolution

- 4.1.1 [Dispute resolution procedure inline with STC XXXXXX]

5 Appendices

Appendix A: Definitions

Abbreviations

All defined in STC:

TO	Transmission Owner
DNO	Distribution Network Operator
SYS	Seven Year Statement
NGC	National Grid Company
CEC	Connection Entry Capacity
TEC	Transmission Entry Capacity

Definitions (other than those listed in Key Definitions)

CUSC definitions used:

Bilateral Agreement

Embedded

Financial Year

Modification Application

Modification Offer

Offer

Transmission Entry Capacity

User

STC definitions used:

Authority

Business Day

Connection Site Specification

Construction Planning Assumptions

GB Transmission SystemNGC Application Date

NGC Construction Application

NGC Modification Application

Party

Relevant Connection Site

TO Construction Offer

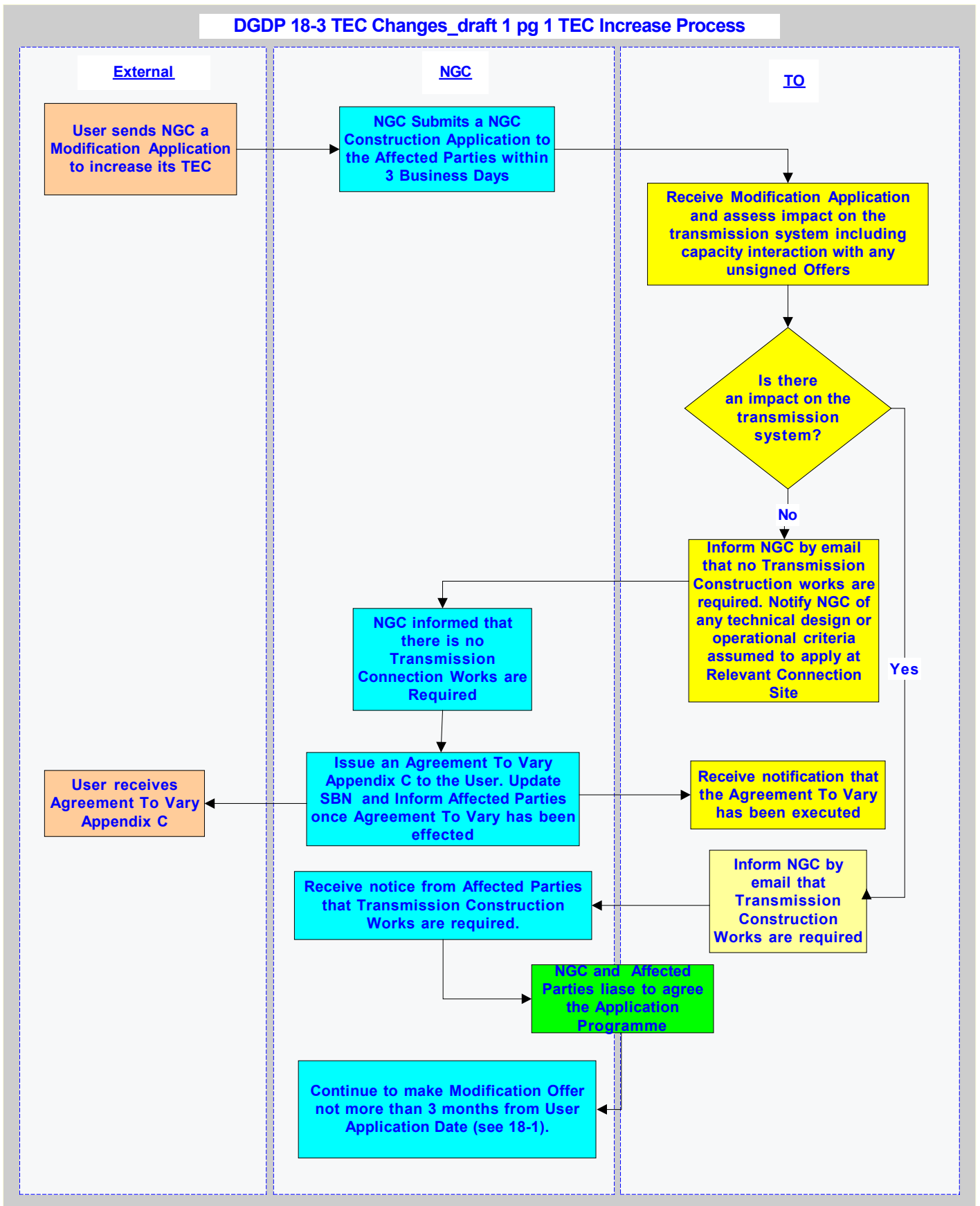
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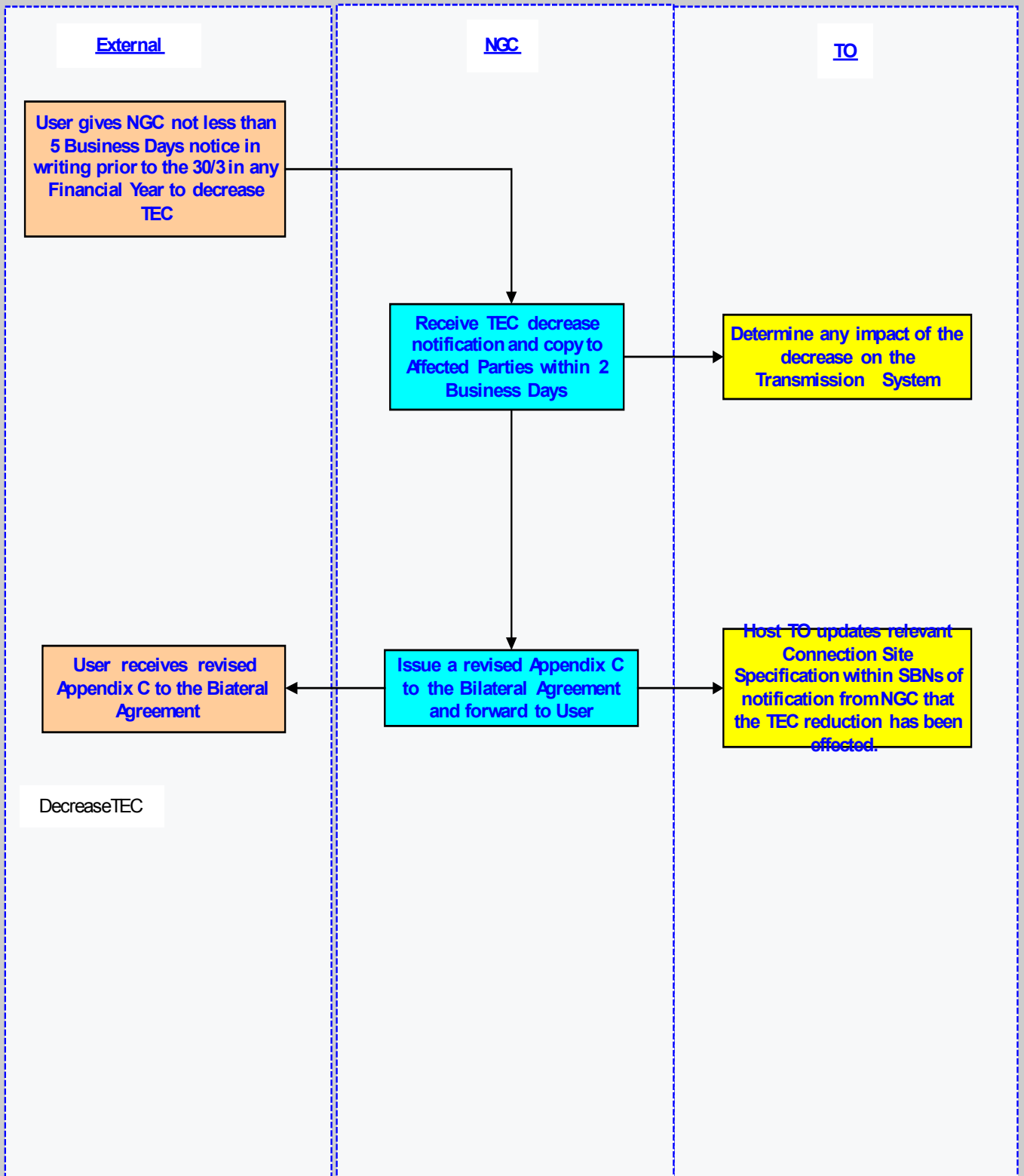
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Definitions used in the document that are covered in other STCPs

Appendix B: Flow Diagram



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