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Dear Colleague,

STC and Grid Code - Decision and directions in relation to 'outstanding matters concerning the Grid Code under BETTA'

On 14 January 2005, Ofgem/DTI published a document 'Ofgem/DTI conclusions on outstanding matters concerning the Grid Code under BETTA and associated STC drafting'¹ ('the conclusions document').

The conclusions document set out Ofgem/DTI's conclusions on the 'outstanding matters' concerning the Grid Code under BETTA, mainly in relation to OC7 and OC9 and corresponding changes to the STC in order to reflect the BETTA arrangements.

Matters relating to OC7 and OC9 had been listed in the General Conditions (GC.A1.11(d)) of the Grid Code designated by the Secretary of State in September 2004 as being matters which may require amendment during the Transition Period and in respect of which the Authority may exercise its powers to direct such amendments pursuant to standard licence condition C14(7)(d).

Similarly, the Authority may direct changes to the STC pursuant to standard licence condition B12(7)(g) which are consequent upon changes being made, among other things, to the Grid Code.

The conclusions document recommended that the Authority direct NGC to make the changes set out in the conclusions document.

This letter provides the decision of the Authority in respect of the 'outstanding matters' and directs the changes to the Grid Code in accordance with standard licence condition C14 (7) (d) of NGC's Transmission Licence and the changes to the STC in accordance with standard licence condition B12(7)(g) of NGC's Transmission Licence.

¹ Ofgem #05/05.



The Authority's decision

In preparing the amendments to the Grid Code in accordance with the conclusions document, NGC has informed Ofgem that there are some areas where clarification is required of the instructions in the conclusions document and NGC has also identified some minor drafting errors.

Ofgem has considered the matters raised by NGC and identifies in the annex to this letter all the changes to be made including the requested clarifications and correction of drafting errors. Ofgem is satisfied that the clarifications and corrections provided are of an editorial nature only and do not have a material impact on the conclusions, therefore the Authority does not consider it appropriate to consult on these changes to Ofgem's conclusions. No clarifications or error corrections have been identified to the conclusions on the STC drafting.

Ofgem has considered the conclusions document and the Authority has decided for the reasons set out in the conclusions document to direct the changes as set out in the Annex to this letter in respect of changes to both the STC and the Grid Code.

The Authority's direction

Having regard to the above, the Authority, in accordance with standard licence condition C14 (7) (d) of the electricity transmission licence granted to NGC under Section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 ('NGC's Transmission Licence'), hereby directs NGC to modify the Grid Code as set out in the Annex to this letter with effect on and from 4 February 2005.

NGC shall comply with standard licence condition C14 (8) of NGC's Transmission Licence with respect to this direction.

Having regard to the above, the Authority, in accordance with standard licence condition B12 (7) (g) of NGC's Transmission Licence, hereby directs NGC to modify the STC as set out in the Annex to this letter with effect on and from 4 February 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,



David Haldearn
Director, Scotland and Europe

Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority

Annex to 1 February 2005 letter

STC Changes

As set out in Appendix 3 to the conclusions document.

Grid Code Changes

General Conditions: As set out in Appendix 4 to the conclusions document.

Glossary and Definitions: As set out in Appendix 4 to the conclusions document except:

- note that the definition of 'Control Engineer' is a new definition and not the replacement of an existing definition, and
- include the change noted in the table in appendix 2 to reinsert the definition of 'GB Transmission System Warning'. The definition to be used is identical to the previous definition of 'NGC System Warning' before that definition was inadvertently deleted i.e. insert:

'GB Transmission System Warning

A warning issued by **NGC** to **Users** (or to certain **Users** only) in accordance with OC7.4.8.2, which provides information relating to **System** conditions or **Events** and is intended to :

- (a) alert **Users** to possible or actual **Plant** shortage, **System** problems and/or **Demand** reductions;
- (b) inform of the applicable period;
- (c) indicate intended consequences for **Users**; and
- (d) enable specified **Users** to be in a state of readiness to receive instructions from **NGC**.'

Changes to OC8 as set out in Appendix 4 to the conclusions document, noting that there are also changes to OC8A.1.3 and OC8B.1.3.

Changes to Connection Conditions Appendix 1 as set out in Appendix 4 to the conclusions document except:

- amend CC.A.1.1.4(b) from '(not in **SPT's Transmission Area**)' to '(except in the case of **Plant/Apparatus** located in **SPT's Transmission Area**)' as identified in the table in Appendix 2
- the footnote to CC.A.1.1.6 should be numbered '1' and not '4'.

Changes to Planning Code as set out in Appendix 4 to the conclusions document.

Changes to OC7 as set out in Appendix 5 to the conclusions document except:

In OC7.3.1 the reference to 'OC7.6' should not be bold text.
In the OC7.6 heading 'OPERATIONAL SWITCHING' should be bold text.

Changes to OC9 as set out in Appendix 6 to the conclusions document except:
In OC9.5.2.3 'and a' should not be bold text.