

Stage 03: Report to the Authority

Grid Code

B/10 Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP)

What stage is this document at?

01 Working Group Report

02 Industry Consultation

03 Report to the Authority

This proposal adds further clarity to the Grid Code in connection with the Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP) which provides a written record of safety precautions that are to be utilised in accordance with the applicable provisions of OC8.

The purpose of this document is to assist the Authority in its decision of whether to implement the proposed Grid Code Modification.

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High Impact:

None



Medium Impact:

None



Low Impact:

Generators, Distribution Network Operators, other Users

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About this document

This Report to the Authority outlines a proposal to modify the Grid Code and contains the information required for The Authority to form an understanding of a defect within the Grid Code and the proposed solution in order to make a determination.

To modify the Grid Code a Modification Proposal must be taken to the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP). This Modification Proposal will outline the background to the issue, how to address it, any impacts it may have on the industry and a recommendation for the GCRP to proceed to a Working Group or to an Industry Consultation.

The GCRP, based on the Modification Proposal, will determine if any further work or debate is required. If the group feels that the issue could benefit from further examination it will be progressed to a Working Group. Terms of Reference will be created to outline the purpose and scope of the Working Group, as well as any timelines for reporting back to the GCRP. The Working Group will then meet to discuss the issue and produce a Working Group Report. This Working Group Report is then presented to the GCRP to determine if the Terms of Reference have been met and that a robust solution has been developed to meet the defect within the Grid Code.

If the GCRP feels that the issue has already been investigated thoroughly and a robust solution has been developed, the Modification Proposal will progress to an Industry Consultation. Grid Code Industry Consultations last approximately one month but timescales can alter based on the complexity of the issue.

Following the conclusion of the Industry Consultation, a Report to the Authority is produced which takes into account any responses to the Industry Consultation and puts forward recommendations to Ofgem on how to address the defect within the Grid Code. The Authority then considers the issue and the proposed solutions to make a determination.

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This paper proposes a change to the Grid Code in relation to the safety documents Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP) as described within OC8. The proposals increase and clarify the maximum number of characters that are used for the unique identifier for each RISSP.
- 1.2 An associated Grid Code Consultation was published which closed on 30th March 2011 and six responses were received, which were all supportive of the proposals. The additional clarification was added to the original proposals in response to comments received in responses.

2 Purpose & Introduction

Background

- 2.1 OC8 of the Grid Code specifies the standard procedures to be used for the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary safety precautions when work is to be carried out on or near the GB Transmission System or a User System and when there is a need for safety precautions on HV apparatus on the other System for this work to be carried out safely. The RISSP (Record of Inter-system Safety Precautions) provides a written record of safety precautions that are to be utilised in accordance with the applicable provisions of OC8.
- 2.2 Grid Code clauses OC8A.4.3.5 and OC8B.4.3.5 state that the RISSP form (utilised when National Grid is the 'Requesting Safety Co-ordinator') will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it was issued and a unique serial number consisting of a specified number of digits and the suffix 'R'.
- 2.3 The current wording only permits a four digit number to be assigned to the RISSP form. This is out of alignment with current operational practices in NGET's Transmission Area. It would therefore be beneficial for the Grid Code to specify a larger number of characters than at present so that current practice and the Grid Code are aligned. The Relevant Scottish Transmission Licensees have also advised that a similar change is applicable for their Transmission Areas since they would also find it beneficial to have a larger number of characters as part of the serial number.

Summary of Current Grid Code Requirements

- 2.4 The Grid Code (OC8) places the following requirements on NGET and Users in respect of the issuing of RISSPs:
 - OC8A.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **E&W User** or the **Relevant E&W Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number consisting of four digits and the suffix "R".
 - OC8B.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **Scottish User** or **Relevant Scottish Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number consisting of four digits and the suffix "R".

3 Description of Proposed Modification and its Effects

Proposed Modification

3.1 It is proposed to modify OC8A.4.3.5 and OC8B.4.3.5 as follows:

OC8A.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **E&W User** or the **Relevant E&W Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number which both together uses up to eight characters (including letters and numbers) ~~consisting of four digits~~ and the suffix "R".

OC8B.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **Scottish User** or **Relevant Scottish Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number which both together uses up to eight characters (including letters and numbers) ~~consisting of four digits~~ and the suffix "R".

4 Consultation Responses

- 4.1 National Grid has consulted Authorised Electricity Operators (AEO) on this issue. Six responses were received. All responses are included in Annex 1 of the Report to the Authority, along with National Grid's replies to each AEO.
- 4.2 Respondent B/10-CR01 (CE Electric UK) is broadly supportive of the proposal but raised a number of points for clarification, which are answered within National Grid's response (B10-CRR-01)
- 4.3 Respondent B/10-CR02 (EDF Energy) is supportive of the proposal.
- 4.4 Respondent B/10-CR03 (Eggborough Power Limited) has no issues with the proposed changes and confirms that they have negligible impact on them.
- 4.5 Respondent B/10-CR04 (E.ON UK) does not identify any issues with the proposals.
- 4.6 Respondent B/10-CR05 (RWE) is supportive of the proposal.
- 4.7 Respondent B/10-CR06 (Scottish Power) is supportive of the proposal and states that it is a simply change that should future proof the use of RISSP forms.

5 Impacts & Assessment

Impact on National Electricity Transmission System (NETS)

5.1 The proposed changes will not have any adverse impact on the NETS.

Impact on Grid Code Users

5.2 The proposals will provide additional clarity to Users and ensure consistency in interpretation of the requirements.

Impact on Greenhouse Gas emissions

5.3 The proposed modification has no detrimental impact on Greenhouse Gas emissions, but provides an opportunity to develop electronic forms of communication in lieu of faxes, thereby reducing paper usage.

Assessment against Grid Code Objectives

5.4 Of the Grid Code Objectives:

- (i) to permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity;
- (ii) to facilitate 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); and
- (iii) 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;

National Grid considers that the modification supports the objective of paragraph (i) through by improving the clarity of the requirements for a Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions.

Impact on Core Industry Documents

5.5 The proposed modification does not impact on any core industry documents.

Impact on Other Industry Documents

5.6 The proposed modification does not impact on any other industry documents.

Annex 1 – Consultation Responses

The following table provides a list of the responses received to the Grid Code Consultation, B/10. The full responses can be found below.

Reference	Company
B/10-CR-01	CE Electric UK
B/10-CR-02	EDF Energy
B/10-CR-03	EPL
B/10-CR-04	E.ON UK
B/10-CR-05	RWE
B/10-CR-06	Scottish Power

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Dear Tom

Grid Code Consultation B/10 (RISSP)

I'm writing on behalf of Northern Electric Distribution Limited (NEDL) and Yorkshire Electricity Distribution plc (YEDL), the licensed electricity distributors of CE Electric UK.

Having read the consultation document and the appropriate parts of Grid Code OC8, it is unclear whether the proposed change to the format of the number used on the RISSP form only relates to the situation when NGET are the requesting safety co-ordinator or whether the prescribed format of the number would also apply in the situation when the User is the requesting safety co-ordinator. The following responses to the specific questions raised in the consultation relate to the situation where NGET is the requestor.

i) Is the proposed number of up to eight characters acceptable to you in the context that it presents a sufficient number of characters to meet reasonable future requirements yet places a workable cap on the IT data field requirements?

Yes, the CE Electric UK systems have a freeform data field that will accommodate an eight character serial number in addition to the prefix and suffix. However, if the intention is to identify the potential size of the IT data field, we believe that it would be worthwhile defining the total number of characters in the three elements of the RISSP number i.e. the prefix, serial number and suffix together with any separating characters. We are of the view that eight characters should be sufficient for the unique serial number part of the RISSP number.

ii) If eight is not an acceptable limit for the number of characters what number would be acceptable?
Not applicable

iii) can you please confirm that "characters" may include any alpha numeric and non-alpha numeric characters such as "2", "b" and "-".

We think that it would be helpful to clarify that all the characters in the RISSP number, including alpha numeric and non alphanumeric characters, should be counted when sizing the data field.

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If it is the intention that the prescribed format of the RISSP number applies when the User is the requestor, CE Electric UK would need to change the format of the number which is currently automatic generated within our safety management system. Before doing this we would need to understand the format of the 'issuing location' prefix and the unique serial number parts of the RISSP number and whether there was a limit to the total number of alpha numeric and non alphanumeric characters. In addition there would need to be lead in time to allow us to make any necessary changes to our IT system.

In our view the opportunity should be taken to revise the Grid Code to make it clear whether the requirement to generate a RISSP number in the prescribed format applies to both NGET and Users when they are the requesting safety co-ordinator in addition to defining and clarifying the format RISSP number itself.

Please contact Alan Creighton or myself if there are any issues arising from this letter that would benefit from further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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30 March 2010

Dear Tom,

I can confirm that EDF Energy supports the proposal to increase the number of characters that can be assigned to a RISSP form as described in Grid Code consultation B/10.

Yours sincerely



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Hi Thomas,

May I respond on behalf of Eggborough Power Limited (**EPL**) which going forward from the 1st April, will have no connection with the EDF/BE group as the ongoing divestment process should complete by this date.

We have no issues with the proposed change (use of up to eight characters).

To your specific request for comment (Section C, item 12)

- Impact of the proposal on Grid Code Users (at EPL) - Negligible
- Improvement or Change suggestion's - Non

Trust this EPL response is sufficient for your requirements

Regards

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Dear Tom,

Grid Code Proposal B/10 – RISSP

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. This response is on behalf of E.ON UK and E.ON Energy Trading

We have not identified any issues with the proposed change.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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Tom

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Grid Code consultation.

On behalf of the RWE group of companies, including RWE Npower plc, RWE Supply & Trading GmbH and RWE Innogy GmbH, I am content with the proposed changes to the Grid Code.

Kind Regards

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Please find attached the Grid Code Consultation document B/10 (Record of Inter-System Safety

Precautions (RISSP)) that will also be available on the National Grid website shortly.

<<Consultation Paper_B10_RISSP_v1.pdf>>

Responses to the B/10 consultation should be sent to thomas.ireland@uk.ngrid.com no later than **close of business on Tuesday 30th March 2010**.

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Consultation Document for B/10: Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP)

ScottishPower welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the above consultation. This response is submitted on behalf of ScottishPower's Energy Wholesale Business, which includes ScottishPower Generation Ltd and ScottishPower Energy Management Ltd.

ScottishPower are supportive of the proposed changes to the Grid Code. This proposal will allow for the continued use of the RISSP form, without compromising efficiency. It is a simple change which should be made to future-proof the process.

I trust that you will find these comments helpful. Nonetheless, should you require further clarification of any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Henderson



For and on behalf of: ScottishPower's Energy Wholesale Business which includes ScottishPower Generation Ltd and ScottishPower Energy Management Ltd.

Annex 2 – National Grid’s Replies

The following table provides a list of the replies that National Grid has made to the consultation responses to Consultation, B/10. The full replies can be found below

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Dear Mark,

B/10 Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP)

Thank you for your response, dated 29th March 2010, to our consultation on proposals to modify the Grid Code requirements relating to Records of Inter-System Safety Precautions (Consultation B/10).

National Grid received a good response from the industry with representations being received from 6 industry parties. The general consensus presented within the industry responses was that the B/10 proposals better met the Grid Code Licence Objectives. A number of clarification questions were also raised, which have been covered within the Final Report to the Authority.

An ambiguity raised within the Consultation responses was whether the specified eight character limited included the prefix as well as the unique serial number. Consequently, National Grid has considered this and confirmed that this is the case and for the avoidance of any future doubt, the final proposals have been slightly amended to make this intention of the drafting clear.

In answer to the specific points raised in your response:

- I can confirm that the proposed change of format for RISSP forms relates to both when NGET is the requesting safety co-ordinator and when the User is the requesting safety co-ordinator.
- National Grid agrees there is further benefit if that the length of the prefix and the unique serial number should both be defined. Consequently I would like to confirm that the final proposals state that the increase to 8 characters will apply to the prefix and the serial number combined together. This will allow for the required future proofing of the system (as typically the prefix is three characters or less) whilst avoiding unnecessary changes to processes and systems.
- I can confirm that the proposed format of the RISSP identifier (i.e. a locational prefix and a unique serial number (up to 8 characters in total) and the suffix of R) is only intended to contain alpha numerical characters and that non-alphanumerical characters such as “-“ are not intended to be used and therefore need not be counted.
- The “issuing location” prefixes are issued by National Grid and are typically a 2 or 3 letter combination unique to each transmission User site.

- I note your that there is a lead time requirement in order for Users to make any necessary IS changes and therefore I would welcome further discussions with yourselves in order to assess what timescales are required. This will facilitate National Grid's discussions with the Authority regarding implementation timescales following any Authority decision.

I hope that the above satisfies the comments you have submitted in response to the consultation. It is anticipated that the Final Report to the Authority for B/10 will be submitted shortly.

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Thank you for your response, dated 9th March 2010, to our consultation on proposals to modify the Grid Code requirements relating to Records of Inter-System Safety Precautions (Consultation B/10).

National Grid received a good response from the industry with representations being received from 6 industry parties. The general consensus presented within the industry responses was that the B/10 proposals better met the Grid Code Licence Objectives. A number of clarification questions were also raised, which have been covered within the Final Report to the Authority.

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Thank you for your company's response, dated 5th April 2010 which Claire send in reply to our consultation on proposals to modify the Grid Code requirements relating to Records of Inter-System Safety Precautions (Consultation B/10).

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Thank you for your response, dated 25th March 2010, to our consultation on proposals to modify the Grid Code requirements relating to Records of Inter-System Safety Precautions (Consultation B/10).

National Grid received a good response from the industry with representations being received from 6 industry parties. The general consensus presented within the industry responses was that the B/10 proposals better met the Grid Code Licence Objectives. A number of clarification questions were also raised, which have been covered within the Final Report to the Authority.

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Dear Gary,

B/10 Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions (RISSP)

Thank you for your response, dated 22nd March 2010, to our consultation on proposals to modify the Grid Code requirements relating to Records of Inter-System Safety Precautions (Consultation B/10).

National Grid received a good response from the industry with representations being received from 6 industry parties. The general consensus presented within the industry responses was that the B/10 proposals better met the Grid Code Licence Objectives. A number of clarification questions were also raised, which have been covered within the Final Report to the Authority.

An ambiguity raised within the Consultation responses was whether the specified eight character limited included the prefix as well as the unique serial number. Consequently, National Grid has considered this and confirmed that this should be the case and for the avoidance of any future doubt, the final proposals have been slightly amended to make this intention of the drafting clear.

It is anticipated that the Final Report to the Authority for B/10 will be submitted shortly.

If you have any queries please contact me at thomas.ireland@uk.ngrid.com

Yours sincerely

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Annex 3 – Proposed changes to the Grid Code

This annex contains the suggested changes to the Grid Code text that will give effect to the proposal contained within this paper.

OC8A.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **E&W User** or the **Relevant E&W Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number which both together uses up to eight characters (including letters and numbers) ~~consisting of four digits~~ and the suffix "R".

OC8B.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **Scottish User** or **Relevant Scottish Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number which both together uses up to eight characters (including letters and numbers) ~~consisting of four digits~~ and the suffix "R".