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Dear Colleague,

**Grid Code - Further direction in relation to the Operating Code 2 direction letter issued on 18 January 2005**

On 18 January 2005, Ofgem published a direction entitled 'Modification to the Grid Code – Decision and direction in relation to Operating Code no. 2 (Operational Planning and Data Provision) ('OC2') of the Grid Code'.<sup>1</sup> Among the changes directed to be made, GC.A2.12(a)(ii) was inserted.

It has come to the notice of the Authority that, the approval of other changes in the interval between NGC consulting on this change and the approval by Ofgem of this change should have been reflected in the direction of the changes to GC.A2.12 (a) (ii) made on 18 January. Consequently, Ofgem considers that changes to be made pursuant to the direction of 18 January will not now have the intended effect.

The problem arises only in respect of the change directed to clause GC.A2.12(a)(ii) and to the final sentence of GC.A2.12. Clause GC.A2.12(a)(ii) is not due to take effect until 25 February 2005.

**The Authority's decision**

GC.A2.12(a)(ii) brings clause OC2.4.1.2.4(b) into effect for Scottish Users. Clause OC2.4.1.2.4(b) was changed by the implementation of another change<sup>2</sup> between NGC's consultation on GC.A2.12 and the Authority's direction of the change to GC.A2.12. This change split OC2.4.1.2.4(b) into two parts (OC2.4.1.2.4(b) and (c)) to separate two timescales in which information is provided by Generators to NGC and this should have been

<sup>1</sup> Ofgem #11/05.

<sup>2</sup> OC2.4.1.2.4(b) was changed as a result of the 'Decisions in relation to consultation F/03 "Proposed Changes to Operating Code OC2 – Outage Planning" and to consultation E/04 "Further Proposed Changes to OC2" ' published on 8 October 2004 and implemented on 29 November 2004.



reflected in the direction issued on 18 January 2005 which should also have brought clause OC2.4.1.2.4(c) into effect.

In order for the change to GC.A2.12(a)(ii) to have effect in the manner intended as set out in the Authority's decision of 18 January 2005, the Authority consider that it is necessary to revise the change. This is now reflected in the revised drafting given in the Annex to this letter. As the amendment of this drafting gives effect to the intention behind the proposals consulted and concluded upon, the Authority does not consider it appropriate to consult further on these changes.

### **The Authority's direction**

Having regard to the above, the Authority, in accordance with standard licence condition C14 (7) (g) of NGC's transmission licence, hereby directs NGC to modify the Grid Code GC.A2.12(a)(ii) and the final sentence of GC.A2.12 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Haldearn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**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

Original Annex to 18 January 2005 letter

'Additional text for GC.A2

GC.A2.12 **OC2 Data**

- (a) The following provisions of the **GB Grid Code** shall apply to and be complied with by **Scottish Users** with effect from the relevant date indicated below:
- (i) OC2.4.1.2.3 (a) from 19 January 2005 in respect of 2 to 52 week submissions,
  - (ii) OC2.4.1.2.4 (b) from 25 February 2005 in respect of 2 to 7 week submissions,
  - (iii) OC2.4.1.2.4 (b) from 22 March 2005 in respect of 2 to 14 day submissions,

The data to be submitted in respect of OC2.4.1.2.3 (a) and OC2.4.1.2.4 (b) need only be in respect of dates on or after 1 April 2005.'

Amended text

GC.A2.12 (a)(ii) should read '

- (ii) OC2.4.1.2.4 (c) from 25 February 2005 in respect of 2 to 49 day submissions,'

and the final sentence of GC.A2.12(a) should read' The data to be submitted in respect of OC2.4.1.2.3 (a) and OC2.4.1.2.4 (b) and (c) need only be in respect of dates on or after 1 April 2005.'