

GC 0109

The open, transparent, non discriminatory and timely publication of the various GB electricity Warnings or Notices or Alerts or Declarations or Instructions or Directions etc., issued by or to the Network Operator(s).

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Background (1)

- This issue first arose following discussions at the E3C Communications Task Group during the summer of 2016.
- It was raised by EnergyUK with NGET in the autumn of 2016.
- It was discussed at the E3C Electricity Task Group during 2017.
- It was discussed with EnergyUK members in February 2018 – where the proposal received broad support.

Background (2)

- ***What***
- The Grid Code will need to be amended to set out the procedure for the timely publication of the various GB electricity Warnings or Notices or Alerts or Declarations or Instructions or Directions etc., issued by or to the Network Operator(s).
- An illustrative table of the types of relevant items has been developed within the industry and is attached with this proposal. This proposal is looking at the items listed in the far left hand column (headed '*Type*'), some of which are already published¹ (see '*is it published*' in the fourth from left column).

Background (3)

- *Why*
- Currently there is a lack of equality and equivalence in terms of the provision of information associated with certain 'emergency' type situations on the GB electricity system. A limited number of market participants are placed in an advantageous position as a result of this asymmetry of information.
- Further EU legal aspects, that this proposal addresses, are set out in the Proposal.

Background (4)

- Currently some market participants; such as, but not limited to, the Transmission System Operator, DNOs (DSOs), Suppliers and Generators; may (will?) have access to various GB electricity Warnings or Notices or Alerts or Declarations or Instructions or Directions etc., issued by or to the Network Operator(s) which, under the current GB national industry arrangements, either (i) may not be available, in a timely manner, to other market participants or (ii) may not be available at all to other market participants.
- This proposal would provide accessibility for market participants to market relevant information in a timely manner, as well as putting in place a robust governance route to apply the requirements in an open, transparent and proportionate way.

Background (5)

- *How*

- With the support of the industry, we will use this modification to finalise the solution, before consulting with the wider industry and submitting to Ofgem for a decision.
- Our thinking is to make it as simple a process as possible.
- It could, for example, be simply an extension of the existing 'mailing list' used for any electronic alerting (such as email or text/SMS) that is already issued at the time. Or it might be, for example, via a website notice (such as the existing system warning(s) placed on BMRS). Furthermore, it maybe something that market participants pre-register for or is made more widely available – we are open to stakeholder / Workgroup input on the details of the 'how' / 'solution'.

Why Change

- This Proposal seeks to support the application of relevant aspects of EU law which have been introduced in order to enable progress towards a competitive and efficient internal market in electricity.
- Ensuring that there is open and transparent access for market participants to market relevant information will support both the GB market as well as cross-border trade within the (UK) Member State and with other Member States which will achieve improved benefits for end consumers.

Solution (1)

- The initial thinking is that a simple process as possible would be used to achieve the aims of this proposal.
- It could, for example, be simply an extension of the existing 'mailing list' used for any electronic alerting (such as email or text/SMS) that is already issued at the time of a particular Warning etc..
- Or it might be, for example, via a website notice (such as the existing system warning(s) placed on BMRS).
- It may be something that market participants pre-register for or is made more widely available – we are open to stakeholder / Workgroup input on the details of the on this.

Solution (2)

- The Grid Code will require the relevant Network Operator(s) who either issues or receives Warnings or Notices or Alerts or Declarations or Instructions or Directions etc., to notify market participants using the appropriate mechanism(s). Ideally, it would be best if a single information channel was adopted (and in this regard the BMRS would seem the obvious 'candidate').
- However, we appreciate that there maybe practical issues with this (BMRS) approach and, therefore, we believe that a flexible approach, at least to begin with, should be considered as part of the solution.

Justification against Applicable Objectives (i)

- **To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity;**
 - **Neutral**

Justification against Applicable Objectives (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);**
 - **Positive**

Justification against Applicable Objectives (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;**
 - **Neutral**

Justification against Applicable Objectives (iv)

- **To efficiently discharge the obligations imposed upon the licensee by this license and to comply with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency;**
 - **Positive**

Justification against Applicable Objectives (v)

- **To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements.**
 - **Positive**

Governance

- Given materiality of the changes proposed in this Modification, we believes that self-governance or fast track governance arrangements are not appropriate in this case.
- We believe that this proposal is straightforward and that it should be possible for a Workgroup to complete its assessment together with the associated consultations such that this change can come into effect for winter (October) 2018 application.

Code Administrator – GC0109



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Panel Governance decisions

- Panel is asked to:
 - Agree that the modification ***should not*** be treated as Self-Governance
 - Agree as to whether a Workgroup is required to develop the Proposal
 - Agree as to whether a Workgroup Consultation should be administered by the Workgroup (if being assessed by a Workgroup)
 - Agree where the Workgroup discussions should be held
 - Agree the Terms of Reference for the modification
 - Agree that the Workgroup should develop and present back a timetable for this modification (as not required for Compliance) based on the prioritisation of the modification by the Panel