### **Legal Separation Codes update**







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#### Introduction

- Background:
  - August 2017 Ofgem consultation on ESO Separation
  - September 2017 NG Open Letter Code Changes
  - Since September Attended Code Panels, Industry Forums and the National Grid Customer Seminar
- Webinar Today:
  - To introduce the draft legal text for the legal separation modifications and planned timescales



### SO/TO Legal Separation - Modification Approach

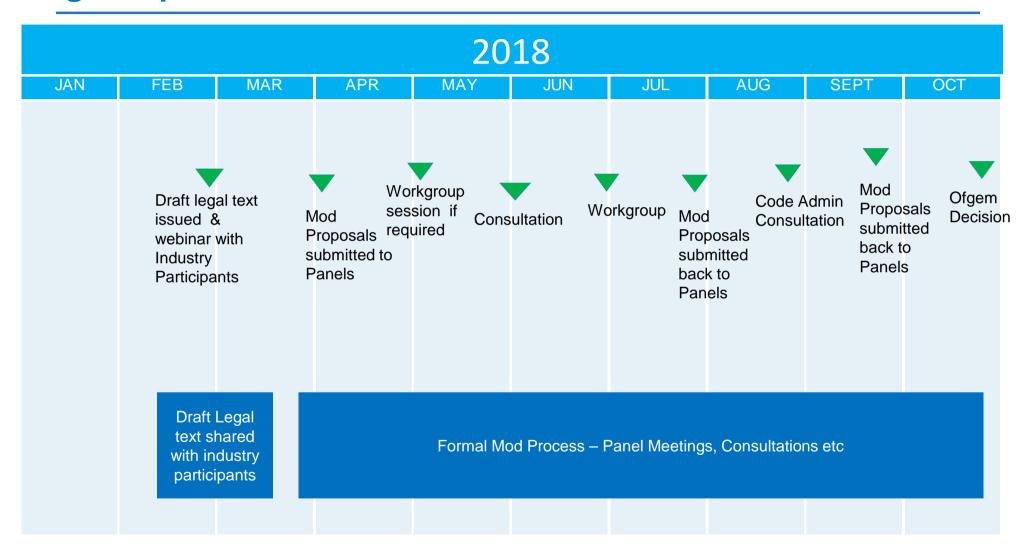
- Industry codes will need to be modified to create a legally separate SO and associated novations
- A coordinated set of code of modifications utilising the normal GB code governance arrangements will be proposed by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
- Anticipate the effect of the modifications on industry parties to be minimal
- Views welcome as to whether these modifications would be open to cross code working to ensure best use of industry time



#### SO/TO Legal Separation – Scope confirmation

- Main types of changes are either:
  - Entity changes changes from the NGET to NGESO where relevant
  - Transitional the change can be smooth for all industry participants
  - Consequential some changes are as a consequence of the separation
- The guiding principles we have focused on are:
  - Minimal change
  - Alignment with other Transmission Owners
  - No housekeeping amendments
  - No betterment changes

### **Legal Separation Modification Timeline**



#### **Legal Drafting**

- The following draft legal text has been developed for the legal separation changes for the following Codes and Standard:
  - CUSC
  - Distribution Code
  - Grid Code
  - SQSS
  - STC Code (and procedures)
- The draft text has been published on the specific code administrators website
- All the documents have clear tracked changes
- In due course we will be proposing to make minor changes to the BSC and DCUSA

#### CUSC – 1 page summary

- Below are the high level indicative changes that are going to be included within the CUSC Modification required for legal separation:
  - All sections 1-15 Entity changes
  - Majority of Exhibits and Schedules Entity changes
  - Novation Agreement
    - Includes the approach to novate all contracts entered under the CUSC from NGET to NGESO



#### Distribution Code – 1 page summary

- High level view of the indicative DCode changes to be included:
  - Entity Changes amending 'NGC' to either 'NGESO' or 'NGET'
  - DCode Panel role is as the representative of the OTSO (system operator in its role as operator of the offshore transmission system) so will stay with NGESO in the future
  - There are some contracts directly with DNO's, which will be novated outside of the Code changes from NGET to NGESO



#### Grid Code – 1 page summary

- Entity Changes throughout the documents
- No requirement to change the Grid Code Panel composition as the Open Governance (GC0086) introduced a Panel position for onshore Transmission Owners
- Amended the code governance role from NGET to NGESO
- Minor Grid Code changes in the following areas:
  - OC9.4 Black Start known geographical difference
  - CC5.2 & CC8 Site Responsibility Schedules

#### SQSS – 1 page summary

- High level view of indicative SQSS changes within the LSP Modification:
  - Entity changes from 'NGET' to 'NGESO' primarily around the management of the transmission system
    - Adding a new definition for 'NGESO' National Grid Electricity System Operator
  - Governance changes to the SQSS:
    - Panel Secretary appointed by NGESO
    - SQSS will be published on the NGESO website
  - Adding a new SQSS Panel representatives role for NGESO (i.e. mirroring the role held by NGET, SPT and SHE)
  - Clarity on the process to update the SQSS industry governance framework
    - Ensure that the licence changes linked to the SQSS modification, could be completed inline with legal separation



#### STC Code (and procedures) – 1 page summary

STC and STCPs have NGET to NGESO changes throughout with the following additions:

#### STC:

- Section B provides for membership on the STC Modification Panel for NGESO and NGET as a TO
- Section C allows for new technologies for data exchange and to increase input of outages to TOGA to beyond 6 years
- Section D has the obligation only on TOs to produce Investment Plans and not NGESO
- Section G Includes Nuclear Site Licence Provision Agreement obligations on NGET that were in the Grid Code

#### STCPs:

 The STCPs have been drafted to provide clarity on TO obligations and NGESO obligations with STCP06-1 showing a regional difference between Scotland and E&W for initiating Local Joint Restoration Plans

#### Feedback Request

- We would like to request industry participants to review the draft legal text that we have published on the specific code administrators websites
- Could you please provide feedback whether:
  - you have any general comments on the approach that has been taken for the legal separation modifications
  - you require clarity on the rationale for the proposed tracked changes
  - there are any additional amendments/alterations to the proposed changes
  - if there are any additional areas/sections of drafting you feel should be included in the legal separation modifications
  - you can provide feedback on the questions identified in the cover letter published with the legal drafting

#### Key questions for Industry

- We have included a cover letter with the draft legal text, which highlight some key questions including:
  - Transitional approach any areas that industry participants require changing prior to the legal separation
  - Housekeeping approach, kept the minimum change required for legal separation
  - Contractual changes will entail contracts signed under the CUSC framework novated from NGET to NGESO
    - Are you comfortable with the novation approach?
  - The naming convention do you think that reference to NGESO is appropriate or should it be a generic reference to the SO?
  - Taken the approach to utilise the baseline Code legal text today, appreciating that the Code baseline text is likely to change as the modifications progress.

#### **Next Steps**

- Feedback to <u>Box.ELSP@nationalgrid.com</u>
- 15<sup>th</sup> March Webinar 2
  - Divide the session into timed sections for each Code:
    - CUSC
    - Distribution Code
    - Grid Code
    - SQSS
    - STC Code (and procedures)
  - If you cannot attend the webinar or would like an additional opportunity to provide feedback, please contact the .Box address above

Any questions/feedback?

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