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Dear Industry Participants,

**Re: GSR008: Regional Variations and Wider Issues:**

**Introduction:**

In 2008, the NETS SQSS Review Panel initiated a Workgroup to undertake a wide ranging review of the National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standards (NETS SQSS). The progress of this review and a number of draft proposals to modify the NETS SQSS were reported to the industry, with comments sought in two separate consultations.

A number of recommendations to amend the NETS SQSS were subsequently submitted to the Authority for a decision. These amendments remove several regional variations; address some of the inconsistencies between the standard and the P2/6 demand security standard; and introduce flexibility in some areas of planning and operation that will result in efficiencies, whilst not adversely affecting customers.

Post submission, minor changes have been applied to the original GSR008 modification to address a number of concerns raised by the Authority. This was done through consultation with all remaining Workgroup members and does not materially affect the intention of the original GSR008 modification. This new version is referred to as GSR008-1. A change-marked version that reflects these changes is available on the "Workgroup" tab of the following webpage:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/SQSS/Modifications/GSR008/>

**NETS SQSS Review Panel View:**

The GSR008 modification has considered a wide range of issues. It is the view of the NETS SQSS Review Panel that those changes now proposed within GSR008-1 provide greater clarity and consistency within the standard and introduce efficiencies in system design and operation that do not adversely affect customers. In this respect, GSR008-1 was unanimously approved at the April 2016 NETS SQSS Review Panel.

GSR008-1 is published online for industry awareness and it is anticipated that the Authority will publish its decision with respect to these changes imminently. Further comments in respect of these changes and the areas covered are welcome and will be considered by the NETS SQSS Review Panel.

Kind Regards

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(On behalf of the NETS SQSS Review Panel)