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<h1 data-bbox="121 342 517 432">GC0136</h1> <p data-bbox="121 472 1002 748"><b>Mod Title:</b> Non-material changes to the Grid Code following implementation of the EU Connection Codes.</p>	<div data-bbox="1118 371 1417 443">01 Proposal</div> <div data-bbox="1118 479 1417 551">02 <b>Code Administrator Consultation</b></div> <div data-bbox="1118 586 1417 674">03 Draft Grid Code Modification Report</div> <div data-bbox="1118 710 1417 797">04 Final Grid Code Modification Report</div>
<p data-bbox="121 891 1449 1160"><b>Purpose of Modification:</b> To implement a number of non-material amendments to various sections of the Grid Code, to correct errors which were identified following the implementation of previous Grid Code Modifications GC0100, GC0101, GC0102 and GC0104. Those Modifications were introduced following the implementation of the European Connection Network Code (i.e. Requirements for Generators (RfG), HVDC and Demand Connection (DCC) codes).</p>	
	<p data-bbox="240 1261 1449 1330">The purpose of this document is to consult on GC0136 with Grid Code Parties and other interested industry members.</p> <p data-bbox="240 1350 1449 1458">Parties are requested to respond by <b>5pm on 13 May 2020</b> to <a href="mailto:grid.code@nationalgrideso.com">grid.code@nationalgrideso.com</a> using the Code Administrator Consultation Response Pro-forma which can be found via the following link:</p> <p data-bbox="240 1478 1246 1547"><a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0136-non-material-changes-grid-code">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0136-non-material-changes-grid-code</a></p> <p data-bbox="240 1568 815 1599"><b>Published on: 21 April 2020</b></p> <p data-bbox="240 1619 868 1650"><b>Length of Consultation: 15 Working days</b></p> <p data-bbox="240 1671 810 1702"><b>Responses by 5pm: 13 May 2020</b></p>
	<p data-bbox="240 1744 1414 1776"><b>Low Impact</b> All users – correction to errors in Grid Code and provides clarification.</p>

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## Timetable

The Code Administrator recommends the following timetable:	
Changes approved at Panel	26 March 2020
Code Administrator Consultation period (15 workings days)	21 April – 13 May 2020
Draft Self Governance Report issued to the Grid Code Review Panel	19 May 2020
Draft Self Governance Report presented to the Grid Code Review Panel	28 May 2020
Grid Code Review Panel decision	28 May 2020
Issue to Panel to confirm votes held at Panel (5 working days)	29 May 2020 – 05 June 2020
Appeal window (15 working days)	08 June – 29 June 2020
Decision implemented in Grid Code	30 June 2020

## 1 About this document

This document is the Code Administrator Consultation document that contains the details of the proposed corrections to the Grid Code with the aim of improving the quality of the text for all stakeholders.

GC0136 was proposed by National Grid ESO and was submitted to the Grid Code Review Panel for its consideration on 19 December 2019. The Panel decided that the Proposal met the criteria for Self-Governance as the changes were non-material.

The Self-Governance criteria used by the Panel to make the decision were as follows:-

*Self-Governance - The modification is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of Grid Code Parties and is unlikely to have a material effect on:*

- i) Existing or future electricity customers;*
- ii) Competition in the generation, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, distribution or supply of electricity*
- iii) The operation of the National Electricity Transmission System*
- iv) Matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies*
- v) The Grid Code's governance procedures or the Grid Code's modification procedures*

However, the Panel on 19 December 2019 could not determine whether or not this should proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation.

Specifically the Panel requested that :

- the non-material changes should be clearly identified and should be separated from the typographical changes. The Proposer has provided two documents which can be found in Annex 2 and Annex 3 which detail all the changes; and the proposed changes to the legal text need to be reviewed by a group of stakeholders and industry experts.

Following completion of both of these tasks, Panel on 26 March 2020 agreed that GC0136 should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

This Code Administrator Consultation has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Grid Code. An electronic copy can be found on the National Grid ESO Website, along with the Grid Code Modification Proposal Form.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0136-non-material-changes-grid-code>

## 2 Original Proposal

***Section 2 (Original Proposal) is sourced directly from the Proposer and any statements or assertions have not been altered or substantiated/supported.***

### Defect

In 2018, the GB Grid Code was updated (through Grid Code modifications GC0100, GC0101, GC0102 and GC0104) to implement the European Connection Network Codes (ie Requirements for Generators (RfG), HVDC Code and the Demand Connection Code (DCC))

Shortly after the requirements of RfG and HVDC Codes were implemented into the GB Grid Code, it was realised that the effective date from when the RfG and HVDC Codes applied was incorrect, together with a number of other minor errors. It was initially proposed to address all these issues at the same time, however the implementation dates were first corrected via Grid Code modification GC0116 and the later non-material changes were agreed to be amended at some future point which has resulted in this Grid Code Modification (GC0136).

As part of this modification, the opportunity is being taken to correct a number of other outstanding errors which have been observed in checking the current Grid Code legal text.

### What

This modification seeks to correct these errors in the relevant sections of the Grid Code.

### Why

This will provide clarity to users, remove known errors and improve the quality of the Grid Code.

### How

It is proposed to modify the Grid Code to correct the identified errors. Please see the Legal Text Section for a summary of the proposed changes, and the attached Legal Text for those sections in full detail.

## 3 Proposer's Solution

***Section 3 (Proposer's Solution) is sourced directly from the Proposer and any statements or assertions have not been altered or substantiated/supported.***

Correcting the typographical and other non-material errors will address the defect.

Please see a high level summary of the changes in Annex 2 and updates to the Legal Text in Annex 1 of this consultation.

## 4 Impacts & Other Considerations

Shortly after the requirements of RfG and HVDC Codes were implemented into the GB Grid Code, it was realised that the effective date from when the RfG and HVDC Codes applied was incorrect, together with a number of other minor errors. It was initially proposed to address all these issues at the same time, however the implementation dates were first corrected via Grid Code modification GC0116 and the later non-material changes were agreed to be amended at some future point which has resulted in this Grid Code Modification (GC0136).

### Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This modification is not expected to impact any SCR's or other significant industry change projects or other Consumers directly.

### Consumer Impacts

This modification is not expected to impact Consumers directly.

## 5 Relevant Objectives

This section outlines the Proposer's view of how this modification meets the Applicable Grid Code Objectives.

### Impact of the modification on the Applicable Grid Code Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) To permit the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical system for the transmission of electricity	Positive
(b) Facilitating effective 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
(c) Subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), to promote the security and efficiency of the electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems in the national	Positive

electricity transmission system operator area taken as a whole;	
(d) 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; and	Positive
(e) To promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Grid Code arrangements	Positive

This modification makes a number of changes across multiple areas of the Grid Code. Whilst the individual changes are not material, together they will make a significant improvement to the grid code, by removing errors, improving accuracy and making the text clearer and easier to understand for users. This has a positive impact on all the Grid Code objectives.

## 6 Implementation

This modification needs to be implemented before GC0132 “Updating the Grid Code governance process to ensure we capture EBGL change process for Article 18 Terms and Conditions (T&Cs)” is implemented.

- GC0136 makes changes throughout the Grid Code but it is essential to the intent of this modification that none of these are material. The Panel’s decision on Self-Governance was made on this basis.
- GC0132 puts in place an amended modification process to align with the requirements of Article 18 of the Regulation [\(EU\) 2017/2195](#) establishing a guideline on electricity balancing (EBGL). The requirement to follow this process in compliance with EBGL is for changes that are made to the Balancing Terms and Conditions which were defined through a mapping carried out to the GB Frameworks. As none of the changes in GC0136 are material, these do not make substantive changes to the terms and conditions and are therefore not required to comply with the process set out in EBGL and will be applied to the Grid Code through GC0132.

## 7 Legal Text

The proposed legal text for GC0136 is set out in Annex 1 of this document.

## 8 Code Administrator Consultation: how to respond

If you wish to respond to this Code Administrator Consultation, please use the response pro-forma via the following link:-

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0136-non-material-changes-grid-code>

Responses are invited to the following questions;

1. Do you believe GC0136 better facilitates the Applicable Grid Code Objectives?  
Please include your reasoning.
  
2. Do you support the proposed implementation approach?
  
3. Do you have any other comments in relation to GC0136?

Views are invited on the proposals outlined in this consultation, which should be received by **5pm on 13May 2020**. Please email your formal response to: [grid.code@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:grid.code@nationalgrideso.com)

If you wish to submit a confidential response, please note the following;

Information provided in response to this consultation will be published on National Grid ESO's website unless the response is clearly marked 'Private & Confidential', we will contact you to establish the extent of this confidentiality. A response marked 'Private & Confidential' will be disclosed to the Authority in full by, unless agreed otherwise, will not be shared with the Grid Code Modifications Panel or the industry and may therefore not influence the debate to the same extent as a non-confidential response.

Please note an automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT System will not in itself, mean that your response is treated as if it had been marked 'Private & Confidential'.

## **Annex 1: GC0136 Legal Text**

The proposed legal text for GC0136 can be found on the National Grid ESO website [here](#).

## **Annex 2: Table of changes: Issues identified with new baseline**

This document lists the non-material amendments proposed as a result of conducting a thorough review of the baseline in relation to the implementation of respective modifications.

## **Annex 3: List of queries discussed with Group**

This document details the queries and Proposer's responses on the GC0136 proposed legal text which were discussed with the group of stakeholders involved in this modification.

## **Annex 4: Self Governance Statement GC0136**

This is the Self-Governance statement issued to Ofgem.