

Proposed changes to the JESG Terms of Reference

The Joint European Standing Group (JESG) was formed in August 2011 as a standing group of the BSC Panel, CUSC Modification Panel and Grid Code Review Panel. Since its formation there have been 23 meetings, plus a dozen technical workshops. The typical industry attendance at each meeting is over 20 individuals, plus representatives from National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd (NGET), DECC and Ofgem. The email distribution lists used by the JESG and for the weekly update emails has a circulation of over 500 individuals from some 300 companies.

The JESG was originally set up as a forum for NGET to share information with GB Industry Parities on the development of the European Network Codes (ENCs). In particular the information shared related to the ENTSO-E development of European Network Codes, by virtue of NGET's role as a member of ENTSO-E.

The JESG Terms of Reference were last updated in November 2012 to take account of Stakeholder feedback and the evolution of the forum since its formation. These changes sought to clarify the scope and role of the JESG rather than change the fundamental role it takes.

In September 2013 the JESG proposed to consider a further revision to their Terms of Reference. The proposed revised Terms of References are based on information gathered during setting up of ECCAF and feedback from industry parties; they have also been reviewed by JESG members. Moreover, the emphasis of the ENC development process has now shifted from the ENTSO-E drafting phase, towards the Commission-led Comitology process and subsequent national implementation, meaning the emphasis of the JESG also needs to shift.

So that the JESG can continue to provide an effective information sharing forum for GB stakeholders, it is proposed that the Terms of Reference be revised to include information sharing of the following topics:

- ENTSO-E Network Code development;
- ACER Review of the Network Codes;
- Comitology process and developments;
- GB Application of the European Network Codes and the work of ECCAF.

The BSC Panel, CUSC Modification Panel and Grid Code Review Panel are all invited to approve the attached revised Terms of Reference for the JESG at their November meetings.

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Joint European Standing Group (JESG) Terms of Reference

**Subject to approval by the BSC Panel, CUSC Modifications Panel
and the Grid Code Review Panel**

Purpose and Scope

1. The purpose of the JESG is to facilitate information sharing with interested GB Stakeholders on matters of the development of European Network Codes (ENCs) and the application of the ENCs to the current GB Regulatory Framework.
2. The parties who may share information through the JESG are:
 - a) National Grid Electricity Transmission plc in its role as National Electricity Transmission System Operator and member of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E),
 - b) Ofgem in its role as the National Regulatory Agency and member of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER),
 - c) Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in its role as the Government department responsible for the ENCs,
 - d) all other GB interested parties, and
 - e) appropriate European parties, for example ENTSO-E and ACER.
3. The information shared could, as appropriate:
 - a) provide National Grid, Ofgem and DECC with the views of GB stakeholders on relevant European issues and vice versa;
 - b) allow GB stakeholders to seek and take into consideration the views of National Grid, Ofgem and DECC on relevant European issues and vice versa;
 - c) provide details of National Grid's thinking on the development of ENCs and the direction of ENTSO-E's thinking;
 - d) provide details of Ofgem's view of ACER's Opinion and views on the ENCs and the direction of ACER's thinking;
 - e) provide details of DECC's view of the Commission's thinking on the ENCs, the Comitology process and the direction of the Commission's thinking;
 - f) provide feedback from meetings and workshops which National Grid has attended as NETSO, particularly with regard to the development of the ENCs;
 - g) provide information to interested parties so that they can respond to European Consultations, as appropriate;

- h) share information relating to GB application, including the work undertaken by the European Code Coordination Application Forum (ECCAF).
4. The JESG may establish sub-groups, as it considers necessary, to address specific ENCs and issues.
 - a. In particular a focused technical workshop will be held to coincide with the ENTSO-E public consultation period and may, if appropriate, also be held during the ACER review and Comitology stages of development of the ENCs. .
 5. The JESG is not a decision-making body. For the avoidance of doubt, National Grid, Ofgem and DECC may take into consideration but is not bound to follow the comments of the group. It will remain the responsibility of individual GB stakeholders to participate in/respond to EU level public consultations, and national forums to gather stakeholder views (e.g. DECC-Ofgem Stakeholder Workshops).

Chair

6. The JESG Chair will be appointed jointly by the BSC, CUSC and Grid Code Review Panels.

Membership

7. Membership of the JESG is open to all GB interested parties. Those wishing to attend JESG meetings or wishing to be added to the mailing list for correspondence should provide contact details to the JESG secretary.
8. The Code Administrators of the GB Industry Codes are invited to provide a representative to attend the meetings.
9. The JESG Chair is able to add observers to the group, by notice to the JESG secretary.
10. A review of membership will be undertaken from time to time.
11. The JESG Chair may remove any JESG member if the member is deliberately and persistently disrupting or frustrating the work of the JESG.

Meetings

12. The JESG will meet in person (default location being London).
13. Meetings of the JESG will be held on an as required basis, scheduled to be monthly and reviewed on a regular basis, as decided by the JESG Chair, in consultation with National Grid, and JESG members, as appropriate.

Meeting Administration

14. National Grid will act as the administrator of the JESG. National Grid will maintain a list of JESG members and an electronic distribution list.

15. Emails will be sent from a dedicated account (europeancodes.electricity@nationalgrid.com)
16. National Grid will circulate and publish meeting agendas prior to each meeting and a high-level "headline report" after each meeting. Actions will be captured in an actions log and any issues identified in an issues log.
17. Meeting documentation will be published on a dedicated webpage, hosted on National Grid's website.
18. Links to and information on relevant European consultations and information on how to access those consultations will be circulated to the JESG distribution list.
19. Where the JESG requires instruction, clarification or guidance from the Panels, particularly in relation to their Terms of Reference, the JESG Chair should contact the Panel Secretaries.

Reporting

20. The JESG Chair, or another JESG member nominated by the Chair, will report to the BSC, CUSC and Grid Code Panel meetings on a regular basis.

Appendix: JESG Chair and Secretary

Name	Role	Organisation
Barbara Vest	JESG Chair	Energy UK
Adam Hipgrave	JESG Secretary	National Grid