

CUSC Modification Proposal Form

CMP380: Making the CUSC Gender Neutral

Overview: To remove any gender specific references or terminology within the CUSC.

Modification process & timetable



Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on the governance route to be taken.

This modification is expected to have a: **Low impact**

No parties should be impacted by these minor, non-material changes.

Proposer's recommendation of governance route	Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation	
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What is the issue?

This modification is seeking to remove any gender specific references or terminology within the CUSC and make it Gender Neutral.

Why change?

These changes will have a positive impact, as they will remove any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the CUSC. They will also acknowledge diversity and convey respect to all people.

What is the proposer's solution?

The following changes will be required to the CUSC (along with some other minor typographical amendments):

Current Term	Future Term	Parts of the code impacted
Chairman	Chair	Sections 8 and 11
Dear Sir/Madam	Dear XXXXXX	Schedule 2 Exhibit 3, Exhibits C, E, G, H, J, N, R and V
He/She	They	Sections 7, 8 and 11, Schedule 2 Exhibit 3 and 3a, Exhibits B, F, U, V, O (Part I B, Part I C, Part II B and Part II C)
Him/Himself	Them/Themselves	Sections 6, 7, 8 and 11, Schedule 2 Exhibit 3 and 3a, Exhibits O (Part I B, Part I C, Part II B and Part II C)
His	Their	Sections 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, Schedule 2 Exhibit 3 and 3a, Exhibits G, H, O (Part I B, Part I C, Part II B and Part II C)

Draft legal text

The full draft legal text, with tracked changes can be found in Annex 1

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's assessment against CUSC Non-Charging Objectives

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) The efficient discharge by the Licensee of the obligations imposed on it by the Act and the Transmission Licence;	Neutral
(b) Facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the sale, distribution, and purchase of electricity;	Neutral
(c) Compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency *; and	Neutral
(d) Promoting efficiency in the implementation and administration of the CUSC arrangements.	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

*Objective (c) refers specifically to European Regulation 2009/714/EC. Reference to the Agency is to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).

Proposer's assessment of the impact of the modification on the stakeholder / consumer benefit categories

Stakeholder / consumer benefit categories	Identified impact
Improved safety and reliability of the system	Neutral
Lower bills than would otherwise be the case	Neutral
Benefits for society as a whole	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Positive By removing any gender bias, inequality, and discrimination within the code and promoting equality and diversity.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

9 March 2022.

This modification will be implemented 5 working days after the appeals window closes (5pm on 2 March 2022), providing no objections have been raised.

Date decision required by

Panel Self-Governance vote needs to take place by 26 January 2022.

Implementation approach

No systems or processes will need to be amended as a result of this proposal.

Proposer's justification for governance route

Governance route: Self-Governance modification to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation

As this modification:

- Is only making minor administrative changes to the code, so an Industry Consultation should be sufficient. We considered Fast-Track Self-Governance but believe it is more appropriate to include provision for an industry consultation.
- It will not impact parties; and it will not amend or impose any obligations on them.

- It does not have a material impact on any of the self-governance criteria, (including the governance and modification procedures).
- It does not cause any discrimination between CUSC parties but removes any existing bias or discrimination within the code.
- The best use of industry time is for Panel (rather than Ofgem), to make a final decision on this.

Interactions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grid Code | <input type="checkbox"/> BSC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SQSS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European
Network Codes | <input type="checkbox"/> EBR Article 18
T&Cs ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other
modifications | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

This Proposal is closely linked to GC0153, which will make the Grid Code Gender Neutral. Further modifications to make similar changes to the STC and SQSS will also be raised in January 2022.

Acronyms, key terms, and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CMP	CUSC Modification Proposal
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
EBR	Electricity Balancing Regulation
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
T&Cs	Terms and Conditions

Reference material

- None

Annexes

Annex	Information
Annex 1	Draft legal text

¹ If your modification amends any of the clauses mapped out in Exhibit Y to the CUSC, it will change the Terms & Conditions relating to Balancing Service Providers. The modification will need to follow the process set out in Article 18 of the Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBR – EU Regulation 2017/2195) – the main aspect of this is that the modification will need to be consulted on for 1 month in the Code Administrator Consultation phase. N.B. This will also satisfy the requirements of the NCER process.