

Letter to Key Stakeholders who hold CUSC Contracts with National GridESO

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European Network Codes – Emergency and Restoration Code

This letter is for information only and no further action need be taken

In March 2011, the European Third Energy Package became EU law which aimed to develop a more harmonised European Energy Market for gas and electricity. While achieving this, it also facilitates the integration of renewable energy sources in order to maintain system security and also enhance competition.

In developing these objectives, the European Commission have approved a suite of Network Codes of which one is the EU Emergency and Restoration Code.

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R2196&from=EN>

The aim of the Emergency and Restoration Code is to minimise the impact of an incident on the electricity system and to facilitate efficient and rapid restoration were an incident to occur.

Although the UK has now officially left the European Union, the majority of the requirements defined in the EU Emergency and Restoration Code are still applicable in GB as they have been transferred into GB law via the Statutory Instruments.

National Grid ESO in their role as the Electricity System Operator (NGESO) has been working with industry stakeholders and Ofgem over the last few years to update the GB Industry Codes and associated documentation to ensure they are consistent with the EU Emergency and Restoration Code.

As part of the implementation of the EU Emergency and Restoration Code (which now falls under **UK** law), NGESO is also required to formally notify parties affected by the European Emergency and Restoration Code of any actions that they need to take.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to advise that if you already have or are intending to have a CUSC Contract with National Grid ESO, you are within the scope of the EU Emergency and Restoration Code and through fulfilling the requirements of the Grid Code will be satisfying these requirements. There is therefore no further action required.

National Grid ESO is currently working with the Industry and Ofgem to implement the second phase of the EU Emergency and Restoration Code which will come into effect in December 2022 through Grid Code modification GC0148. Should there be any changes arising as a result of this work, they will be reflected through the GC0148 Grid Code modification process and if there is a need to notify you of any changes that you need to make arising from this process, then we will write to you in the future.

As noted, there is no requirement for you to take any further action as a result of this letter. For your information, Appendix 1 attached to this letter summarises the work National Grid ESO has developed or is developing with the wider Industry to introduce the changes arising from the EU Emergency and Restoration Code.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, or are interested in joining the GC0148 Grid Code Modification Workgroup, please email

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Yours sincerely



Appendix 1 – Emergency and Restoration Code – Background Information

Article Number from Emergency and Restoration Code	Network Code Emergency and Restoration Code documents	Status	Date submitted (Issue number)
Article 4.2a)	T&Cs for Defence providers	Approved 13th July 2021	20/12/2019 (Issue 3)
Article 4.2b)	T&Cs for Restoration providers		
Article 4.2c)	List of SGUs (submitted as appendix to SDP and SRP)	Approved 13th July 2021	20/12/2019 (Issue 3)
Article 4.2d)	High priority SGUs ((submitted as appendix to SDP and SRP)	Approved 13th July 2021	20/12/2019 (Issue 3)
Article 4.2e)	Market Suspension and Restoration rules - with intermediate methodology	Approved 11th June 2021	21/01/2020 (Issue 4)
Article 4.2f)	Imbalance settlement rules for suspension of activities		
Article 4.2g)	Test plan	Approved 13th July 2021	20/12/2019 (Issue 1)
Article 4.5)	System Defence plan	Approval not required by Ofgem, but NGESO should notify Ofgem of any changes	20/12/2019 (Issue 3)
Article 4.5)	System Restoration plan	Approval not required by Ofgem, but NGESO should notify Ofgem of any changes	
Articles 15.5 – 15.8, Article 41 and Article 42 (1), (2) and (5)	Implementation of Phase II of the Emergency and Restoration Code which have implementation dates of 18 th December 2022 and 18 th December 2021	Progressed through Grid Code Modification GC0148 https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0148-implementation-eu-emergency-and-0	Ongoing