

STC Modification Proposal Form

CM083: Workgroup Quoracy Improvements

Overview: This proposal seeks to provide STC Panel an improved route to help Code Admin convene workgroups with a more proportionate quoracy approach.

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

STC Parties

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

Currently the STC governance rules do not foresee specific situations related to convening modification workgroups. Current quoracy rules are potentially restrictive for modifications where there is limited STC Party impact. This either leads to workgroups not commencing, or Code Admin having to request non-impacted STC parties to participate to help achieve quoracy. Either outcome leads to an inefficient use of industry time.

Why change?

- Enable STC modification workgroups to be convened swiftly, but with effective participation.
- Maximise efficient use of industry resources.
- Facilitate proportionate engagement in on-going code change by STC parties, rather than forcing arbitrary attendance to meet with quoracy rules.

What is the proposer's solution?

This proposal seeks to amend the governance rules to remove specific participation requirements on individual STC Parties.

It retains the minimum requirement of three workgroup members from STC Parties – one always being the ESO - but removes the requirement for mandatory attendance placed on Onshore Transmission Owner (TOs) and an Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) regardless of the subject matter. Instead, the proposal simply specifies that two additional STC Parties to the ESO who are legally separate (i.e. not affiliated) provide workgroup membership representation. This could, for example, be two Onshore TOs or two OFTOs members.

The workgroup membership would continue to be approved by Panel as per existing governance provisions. Additionally though, the proposal also requires the STC Panel to consider amendments to workgroup terms of reference to elicit wider views should any non-attendance by Onshore TOs or OFTOs be considered to potentially prejudice or limit workgroup outcomes. It is highly unlikely however that an STC party affected by a modification proposal will not arrange for workgroup representation regardless of quoracy requirements.

Draft legal text

Provided separately.

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's assessment against STC Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act	Neutral
(b) development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission	Neutral

(c) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity	Neutral
(d) protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system insofar as it relates to interactions between transmission licensees	Neutral
(e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC	Positive Ensures that governance rules better facilitate swift progression of new code modifications.
(f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;	Neutral
(g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	Neutral

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	Neutral
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral
Improved quality of service	Positive Ensures that modification proposers can rely on the process support efficient development of their proposal within a workgroup.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

This modification will be implemented 5 working days after the appeals window closes on

Date decision required by

As soon as possible.

Implementation approach

No impacts on systems; this modification relies on amendments to code legal text only.

Proposer's justification for governance route

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

The proposed changes will not materially impact governance processes or modification outcomes. The Proposer believes Panel are best placed to consider how to constitute workgroup membership without the need to request a determination from Ofgem. Self-governance would also ensure a swifter route to conclusion for this proposal.

Interactions

- Grid Code BSC CUSC SQSS
 European Other Other
 Network Codes modifications

None

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CM	Code Modification
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards
STCP	System Operator Transmission Procedure
ESO	Electricity System Operator
TO	Transmission Owner
OFTO	Offshore Transmission Owner
NGESO	National Grid Electricity System Operator
WACM	Workgroup Alternative CUSC Modification

Reference material

- Proposed draft legal text