



# SQSS Panel

Wednesday 24 January 2024

Online Meeting via Teams

# WELCOME



# Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the Meeting held  
20 September 2023



# Action Log



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| ID   | Month      | Agenda Item                | Description                                                                                            | Owner | Notes                                                                                              | Target Date | Status |
|------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 40.8 | March 2022 | GC0117 & New Modifications | ESO to report on progress of GC0117 and if an SQSS modification is required, when this will be raised. | RW    | UPDATE: Options are still in the process of being refined. A CBA is currently underway by the ESO. | TBC         | Open   |

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## Authority Decisions and Update (as at 08 December 2023)

### Received Final Modification Reports since last Panel Meeting

| Modification                                                                      | Final Modification Report Received | Expected Decision Date       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GSR032 - Facilitate Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard | 04 October 2023                    | In line with other ESRS Mods |

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>



# Inflight Modification Updates

Teri Puddefoot, Code Administrator

# GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners Request to change Terms of Reference

The Workgroup would like reflect the following within their Terms of Reference:

## Amended Workgroup Terms of Reference

Consider the cross-code impacts that this modification has, with particular consideration of any consequential impacts to STC, Grid Code, SQSS and CUSC as appropriate

Ensure that the proposed STC, Grid Code, SQSS and CUSC as appropriate changes effectively implement the CATO regime in a proportionate manner, adopting minimum necessary change whilst also ensuring that the new arrangements are future proofed as much as possible

## GSR031 - the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** the additional points within Terms of Reference



# GSR030 - Review of Offshore DC Connections Timeline Update

|                   | Workgroup Report issued to Panel | DFMR issued to Panel | FMR issued to Ofgem |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Previous timeline | 29 February 2024                 | 03 July 2024         | 29 September 2024   |
| New timeline      | TBC                              | TBC                  | TBC                 |

**Rationale:** Further delay due to sensitivity analysis being required. Awaiting view on when this will be done. Further Workgroup will be required

**Workgroups Remaining:** TBC



# Workgroup Report

**GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed  
Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers**

Catia Gomes

## Key points to note to the Panel

- As GC0159 has been affected by interactions with [GC0156](#), the Chair asked the ESO representative if SQSS would be affected by such interactions. The ESO representative was not aware of any interactions to delay GSR031.

# Solution and Workgroup Vote

## **Solution:**

- The objective of this modification is to implement changes to the SQSS to facilitate the introduction of CATOs. The changes, which are non-exhaustive, are made on the assumption that a CATO will be granted a Transmission Licence and will be categorised as an Onshore Transmission Owner. Our initial assessment indicated that this would include introducing the Competitively Appointed Transmission Owner concept to the SQSS Terms and Definitions, in addition to other consequential changes including but not limited to changes to Specifying the Standards that will apply to CATO assets in the respective incumbent TO areas.
- This will be achieved through the proposed high-level changes to the SQSS legal text.

## **Summary of Workgroup Vote:**

The Workgroup concluded unanimously that the Original better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

# Terms of Reference

The Workgroup conclude that they have met their Terms of Reference and the references can be located below:

| Workgroup Term of Reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Location in Workgroup Report                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Consider the transmission licencees definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Annex 3</b>                                 |
| Consider the approach when a CATO is connected to more than one TO                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Workgroup Considerations</b>                |
| Consider whether resolving this in the definitions is correct or whether the eight instances in the document should be considered                                                                                                                                      | <b>Workgroup Considerations</b>                |
| Consider the cross-code impacts that this modification has, with particular consideration of any consequential impacts to STC, Grid Code, SQSS and CUSC as appropriate                                                                                                 | <b>Interactions</b>                            |
| Ensure that the proposed STC, Grid Code, SQSS and CUSC as appropriate changes effectively implement the CATO regime in a proportionate manner, adopting minimum necessary change whilst also ensuring that the new arrangements are future proofed as much as possible | <b>Legal Text and Workgroup Considerations</b> |

# GSR031– the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that the Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference
- **AGREE** that this Modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation
- **NOTE** the ongoing timeline

# GSR031 Next Steps

| Milestone                                                                                    | Date                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Code Administrator Consultation (20 working days)                                            | 29 January 2024 to 5pm on 26 February 2024 |
| Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel                                              | 06 March 2024                              |
| Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel                                           | 14 March 2024                              |
| Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 working days) | 18 March 2024 - 22 March 2024              |
| Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem                                             | 26 March 2024                              |
| Ofgem decision date                                                                          | ASAP                                       |
| Implementation Date                                                                          | TBC                                        |



**Any Other Business**



# **AOB**

- **FRCR Report Update**
- **OFTO Appointment**

# Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

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**Modification Proposals to be submitted**

20 February 2024

**Papers Day**

28 February 2024

**Panel Meeting**

14 March 2024  
Teams

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**Close**



**Teri Puddefoot**  
Chair, SQSS Panel