

STC Modification Proposal Form

CM099:

Removing references to “Fax” and “Facsimile” within the STC

Overview: This modification seeks to remove references to “fax” and “facsimile” from the STC in order to reflect the current methods of communication between TOs and the ESO within the STC.

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 on
ESO, Transmission Owners (TO’s)

Proposer’s recommendation of governance route	Fast-track Self-Governance modification
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What is the issue?

Some sections of the STC currently reference “fax” and “facsimile” as communication methods between TOs and the ESO, but the use of fax machines has been superseded over time to with other methods of communication such as email.

Why change?

The STC is currently out of date as references to Fax and Facsimile are no longer applicable.

What is the proposer’s solution?

Update the relevant sections of the STC to remove references to fax and facsimile and replace with appropriate wording to reflect how communications between the TOs and ESO currently take place.

Draft legal text

See Annex 1

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 The proposed change reflects the current arrangements for communication in the STC between the TOs and ESO
(f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the	Neutral

national electricity transmission system or distribution system;	
(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 Click or tap here to enter text.
Reduced environmental damage	Neutral Click or tap here to enter text.
Improved quality of service	Neutral Click or tap here to enter text.

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

September 2024

Date decision required by

September 2024

Implementation approach

N/A

Proposer’s justification for governance route

Governance route: Fast-track Self-Governance modification

The proposed changes are to reflect what currently takes place in relation to communications between the TOs and ESO in respect of the STC.

Interactions

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

Further modifications will be raised in the future in relation to updating references to Fax and Facsimile within the Grid Code, CUSC and STCPs, but this proposal can be implemented independently of these proposals.

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
STCPs	System Operator Transmission Owner Code Procedures
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards

Annex	Information
Annex 1	Legal text