

**GRID CODE  
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

**Time Extension for the requirements of Grid Code  
General Conditions GC15**

**The purpose of this document is to consult on the above Grid Code Modification Proposal with authorised electricity operators liable to be materially affected by the proposed changes**

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National Grid website:

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AEO's	Various
GCRP Members/Alternates	Various
Interested Parties	Various
National Grid Industry Information Website	

A. Introduction

1. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("National Grid"), in accordance with its obligations under paragraph 2 of Condition C14 of the Transmission Licence, believes that the time has come to review, in consultation with authorised electricity operators liable to be materially affected thereby, the Grid Code and its implementation in certain respects.
2. This review is concerned with an extension to the time limit encoded into Grid Code General Conditions GC.15. The proposed changes to the Grid Code were discussed at the Extra Ordinary Grid Code Review Panel meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005. At this stage, proposed revised text for Grid Code was presented, and following some further discussion it was agreed that a Consultation Paper would be issued.
3. Following receipt of comments from those authorised electricity operators which it has consulted by this Paper, National Grid intends, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Condition C14 of the Transmission Licence, to send to the Authority: -
  - (a) a report on the outcome of its review, including this consultation process;
  - (b) the proposed revisions to the Grid Code which National Grid (having regard to the outcome of such review) reasonably thinks fit for the achievement of the objectives of the Grid Code referred to in subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1 of Condition C14 of the Transmission Licence; and
  - (c) any written representations or objections from authorised electricity operators (including any proposals by such operators for revisions to the Grid Code not accepted by National Grid in the course of the review) arising during the consultation process and subsequently maintained.
4. The report will also be made publicly available on National Grid's website.
5. The revisions to the Grid Code proposed by National Grid and sent to the Authority then require approval by that body and will, if approved, come into force on such date (or dates) of which you will be notified by National Grid, in accordance with the Authority's approval.

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B. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND THEIR EFFECTS

6. Background

- 6.1 On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 the Authority directed that Grid Code changes associated with requirements for Embedded Exemptable Large Power Stations should be implemented on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2005. At that time it was recognised that as the date for BETTA go live was imminent it would not be practical to expect all Users potentially affected by the changes to be able to comply with the Grid Code or even demonstrate compliance.
- 6.2 In addition, it was noted that National Grid would also be expected to review the size limits in the Grid Code relating to Small, Medium and Large Power Stations.
- 6.3 As a result it was decided to include a section in the Grid Code General Conditions (GC.15) that would effectively allow for National Grid to dis-apply parts of the Grid Code (with the Users agreement). This effectively enabled National Grid to issue temporary derogations.
- 6.4 A GCRP Working Group is to review the Grid Code regional differences, particularly in relation to the definitions of Small, Medium and Large Power Stations. If, as a result of this review, changes to the limits for Small, Medium and Large Power stations are recommended and approved, a significant number of Generators who now have to comply with the Grid Code may no longer need to comply. Given the associated current uncertainty National Grid feels that it is inappropriate that any plant that may not need to comply in the future as a result of the outcome of the review, should actually be required to comply until the review has concluded
- 6.5 It is therefore proposed to extend the period stated in GC15 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 to enable time for the review to be conducted in a considered manner and obviate the need for unnecessary expenditure by generators and National Grid.
- 6.6 It should also be noted that as current Bilateral Agreements associated with EELPS specifically reference the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 date, these may need to be amended.

7. Proposed Changes

- 7.1 It is proposed to amend GC.15.1 to extend the time limit from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.
- 7.2 In addition it is proposed to take the opportunity to correct a typographical error in GC.15.1(a).
- 7.3 The proposed Grid Code changes are shown in Appendix 1 with deletions shown struck through and insertions highlighted by text in red and double underlined.

C. COMMENTS

8. National Grid would be grateful to receive your comments on, or any suggestions you may have in relation to, these proposed amendments to the Grid Code. Comments would be welcomed and should be sent to National Grid by **26 August 2005**. The comments will be reviewed and responded to and National Grid will then prepare its report to the Authority.
9. Unless otherwise marked as confidential any responses containing objections to the proposals which are maintained will be published on our website in the copy of the Report to the Authority referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4.
10. Your formal responses may be: -

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **EXTRACT FROM GRID CODE GENERAL CONDITIONS** (Based on Grid Code Issue 3 Revision 1)

GC.15 *Embedded Exemptable Large and Medium Power Stations*

GC.15.1 This GC.15.1 shall have an effect until and including 31<sup>st</sup> March ~~2006~~  
2007.

- (i) CC.6.3.2, CC.6.3.7, CC.8.1 and BC3.5.1; and
- (ii) Planning Code obligations and other Connection Conditions;

shall apply to a **User** who owns or operates

- (a) an **Embedded ~~Exemtable~~ Exemptable Large Power Station**, or
- (b) an **Embedded Exemptable Medium Power Station** in Scotland

except where and to the extent that, in respect of that **Embedded Exemptable Large Power Station** or **Embedded Exemptable Medium Power Station**, **NGC** agrees or where the relevant **User** and **NGC** fail to agree, where and to the extent that the **Authority** consents.