



National Grid

GRID CODE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Note: Response required within 5 Business Days

**Changes to BC2.9.2.2 to support the issue of Emergency
Instructions for Maximum Generation Service via
Electronic Data Communication Facilities.**

**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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http://www.nationalgridinfo.co.uk/grid_code/mn_consultation_papers.html

DISTRIBUTION

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

INTRODUCTION

1. National Grid Company plc ("National Grid"), in accordance with its obligations under paragraph 2 of Condition 7 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 clarification of the application of BC2.9.2.2 in relation to Maximum Generation Service. The proposed change has been discussed with Grid Code Review Panel members.
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 7 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 7 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.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND THEIR EFFECTS

6. Background
 - 6.1 Maximum Generation Service, MGS, was introduced on 28th November 2003 following approval by the Authority on 18th November 2003. The original MGS consultation, J/03, and associated report to the Authority can be viewed on the NGC Industry Information Website
 - 6.2 The process envisaged for instructing MGS is via an Electronic Data Communication Facility - Electronic Data Logger, EDL, using an Emergency Instruction code 'EN'. At the time of writing the previous consultation, J/03, and the report to the Authority it was NGC's view that an EN code, together with appropriate contractual provisions, were sufficient for the purposes of Balancing Code BC2.9.2.2.

BC2.9.2.2 requires all Emergency Instructions to be prefixed by the words 'This is an Emergency Instruction'.

- 6.3 The contractual arrangements supporting this service also reflect the intention to issue instructions for MGS by EDL.
- 6.4 The Authority has indicated that in order to use EDL to instruct this service it believes that a change is required to BC2.9.2.2. This change would explicitly allow an Emergency Instruction associated with MGS to be issued by EDL using the reason code 'EN'.

7. Proposed Changes

- 7.1 National Grid propose that the wording in BC2.9.2.2 be changed to recognise that an Emergency Instruction associated with MGS can be issued by EDL with a reason code EN, in place of the prefix "This is an Emergency Instruction".
- 7.2 The proposed change to Balancing Code 2, BC2.9.2.2, is shown in Appendix 1.
- 7.3 It is National Grid's view that this change is of a procedural nature only and it will ensure that MGS can be instructed efficiently at the times when it is required.
- 7.4 National Grid is committed to reviewing the current arrangements for MGS and bring forward a more enduring solution for access to this service. This review is currently being undertaken by the BSSG (a standing group under the CUSC panel).

COMMENTS

- 8. Given the previous MGS consultation and clarifactory nature of this change, and also in order to allow the use of this service over the current winter period, the consultation period is considerably shorter than a normal Grid Code consultation. Under normal circumstances NGC would allow 4 weeks for AEOs to respond, in this case, given the reasons above, NGC is requesting that Users respond within 5 business days.
- 9. National Grid would be grateful to receive your comments on, or any suggestions you may have in relation to, this proposed amendment to the Grid Code. Comments would be welcomed and should be sent to National Grid by 5pm on **Tuesday 3rd February 2004**. The comments will be reviewed and responded to and National Grid will then prepare its report to the Authority.
- 10. 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.

11. Your formal responses may be:-

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Appendix 1

Extracts from Balancing Code 2:

BC2.9.2.2 **Emergency Instructions** will always be prefixed with the words “This is an **Emergency Instruction**” except in the case of **Maximum Generation Service** instructed by electronic data communication facilities where the reason code ‘EN’ will indicate an **Emergency Instruction**.