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Dear Sir/Madam

THE SERVICED GRID CODE – ISSUE 3 REVISION 5

Revision 5 of Issue 3 of the Grid Code has recently been approved by the Authority for implementation on **4th February 2005**.

I have enclosed the replacement pages that incorporate the agreed changes necessary to update the serviced copies of the Grid Code Issue 3 held by you to Revision 5 standard.

The enclosed note indicates the changes that are necessary to incorporate the pages and also attached is a brief summary of the changes made to the text.

Yours faithfully

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The changes arise from the implementation of modifications proposed in Ofgem/DTI Consultation **251/04** (Ofgem/DTI BETTA consultation on outstanding matters concerning the Grid Code under BETTA and associated STC drafting).

1. <u>Glossary and Definitions</u>

- Reinstatement of the definition of GB Transmission System Warning.
- Amendment of Definition of Operational Switching.
- Amendment of definition of Local Joint Restoration Plan.
- Amendment of the definition of Power Island.
- Add definition of Control Engineer
- Add definition of Local Switching Procedure.
- 2. <u>Planning Code</u>.
 - Amend Appendix C to refer to GB Security and Quality of Supply Standard.
- 3. <u>Connection Conditions</u>
 - Add proformas for SHETL and SPT Site Responsibility Schedules in Appendix 1.
 - Amendment to Appendix A.

4. <u>Operating Codes</u>

- OC7- Additional text in relation to the procedure in respect of Operational Switching.
- OC8 Additional text to clarify how safety precautions are established when work on one Transmission System requires Safety Precautions to be established on an adjacent Transmission System or on a User System connected to the Transmission System.
- OC9 Additional text in respect of the establishment of Local Joint Restoration Plans IN Scotland. Changes reflecting the difference between existing operational practice in respect of Black Start in Scotland and England and Wales and the role of the transmission owner in a Black Start situation in Scotland.

5. <u>General Conditions</u>

- Addition of lists of Electrical Standards for SPT and SHETL.
- Amendment to GC.A2.12

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- **Contingency Reserve** The margin of generation over forecast **Demand** which is required in the period from 24 hours ahead down to real time to cover against uncertainties in **Large Power Station** availability and against both weather forecast and **Demand** forecast errors.
- <u>Control Calls</u> A telephone call whose destination and/or origin is a key on the control desk telephone keyboard at a **Transmission Control Centre** and which has the right to exercise priority over (ie. disconnect) a call of a lower status.
- <u>Control Centre</u> A location used for the purpose of control and operation of the GB Transmission System or a User System other than a Generator's System or an External System.
- <u>Control Engineer</u> A person nominated by the relevant party for the control of its **Plant** and **Apparatus**.

Control PersonThe term used as an alternative to "Safety Co-ordinator" on the Site
Responsibility Schedule only.

- <u>Control Phase</u> The Control Phase follows on from the Programming Phase and covers the period down to real time.
- Control Point The point from which:
 - a) A Non-Embedded Customer's Plant and Apparatus is controlled; or
 - b) A BM Unit at a Large Power Station or at a Medium Power Station or representing a Cascade Hydro Scheme or with a Demand Capacity with a magnitude of 50MW or more (in England and Wales) or 5MW or more (in Scotland), is physically controlled by a BM Participant; or
 - c) In the case of any other **BM Unit**, data submission is co-ordinated for a **BM Participant** and instructions are received from **NGC**,

as the case may be. For a **Generator** this will normally be at a **Power Station**. In the case of a **BM Unit** of an **Interconnector User**, the **Control Point** will be the **Control Centre** of the relevant **Externally Interconnected System Operator**.

- <u>Control Telephony</u> The method by which a User's Responsible Engineer/Operator and NGC Control Engineer(s) speak to one another for the purposes of control of the Total System in both normal and emergency operating conditions.
- <u>CUSC</u> Has the meaning set out in NGC's Transmission Licence

CUSC Contract	One or more of the following agreements as envisaged in Standard Condition C1 of NGC's Transmission Licence :
	(a) the CUSC Framework Agreement;
	(b) a Bilateral Agreement;
	(c) a Construction Agreement
	or a variation to an existing Bilateral Agreement and/or Construction Agreement ;
<u>CUSC Framework</u> <u>Agreement</u>	Has the meaning set out in NGC's Transmission Licence
<u>Customer</u>	A person to whom electrical power is provided (whether or not he is the same person as the person who provides the electrical power).
<u>Customer Demand</u> <u>Management</u>	Reducing the supply of electricity to a Customer or disconnecting a Customer in a manner agreed for commercial purposes between a Supplier and its Customer .
<u>Customer Demand</u> <u>Management</u> Notification Level	The level above which a Supplier has to notify NGC of its proposed or achieved use of Customer Demand Management which is 12 MW in England and Wales and 5 MW in Scotland.
<u>Customer Generating</u> <u>Plant</u>	A Power Station or Generating Unit of a Customer to the extent that it operates the same exclusively to supply all or part of its own electricity requirements, and does not export electrical power to any part of the Total System .
Data Registration Code or DRC	That portion of the Grid Code which is identified as the Data Registration Code .
<u>Data Validation,</u> <u>Consistency and</u> <u>Defaulting Rules</u>	The rules relating to validity and consistency of data, and default data to be applied, in relation to data submitted under the Balancing Codes , to be applied by NGC under the Grid Code as set out in the document "Data Validation, Consistency and Defaulting Rules" - Issue 7, dated 11 th October 2004. The document is available on the National Grid website or upon request from NGC .
<u>De-Load</u>	The condition in which a Genset has reduced or is not delivering electrical power to the System to which it is Synchronised .
<u>Demand</u>	The demand of MW and Mvar of electricity (i.e. both Active and Reactive Power), unless otherwise stated.
Demand Capacity	Has the meaning as set out in the BSC .

GB National Demand The amount of electricity supplied from the Grid Supply Points plus:that supplied by Embedded Large Power Stations, and GB Transmission System Losses, minus:the Demand taken by Station Transformers and Pumped Storage Units' and, for the purposes of this definition, does not include:any exports from the GB Transmission System across External Interconnections. **GB** Transmission The system consisting (wholly or mainly) of high voltage electric lines owned or operated by Transmission Licensees within Great Britain and System used for the transmission of electricity from one Power Station to a substation or to another Power Station or between sub-stations or to or from any External Interconnection, and includes any Plant and Apparatus and meters owned or operated by any Transmission Licensee within Great Britain in connection with the transmission of electricity but does not include any Remote Transmission Assets. The amount of electricity supplied from the Grid Supply Points plus:-**GB** Transmission System Demand that supplied by Embedded Large Power Stations, and exports from the GB Transmission System across External Interconnections, and **GB** Transmission System Losses, • and, for the purposes of this definition, includes:the **Demand** taken by **Station Transformers** and **Pumped Storage** Units. **GB** Transmission The losses of electricity incurred on the **GB Transmission System**. System Losses **GB** Transmission A computer file containing details of transmission plant and Large Power System Study Network Stations and the configuration of the connection between them, together **Data File** with data on **Demand** and on the **GB Transmission System**. These details, when read together as represented in the file, form NGC's view of an appropriate representation of the GB Transmission System for technical analysis purposes only. The file will only deal with the GB

Transmission System

<u>GB Transmission</u> System Warning	A war accord conditi	ning issued by NGC to Users (or to certain Users only) in ance with OC7.4.8.2, which provides information relating to System ons or Events and is intended to :
	(a)	alert Users to possible or actual Plant shortage, System problems and/or Demand reductions;
	(b)	inform of the applicable period;
	(c)	indicate intended consequences for Users; and
	(d)	enable specified Users to be in a state of readiness to receive instructions from NGC .
<u>GB Transmission</u> System Warning - Demand Control Imminent	A warn to prov to rece	ing issued by NGC , in accordance with OC7.4.8.7, which is intended ide short term notice, where possible, to those Users who are likely sive Demand reduction instructions from NGC within 30 minutes.
<u>GB Transmission</u> System Warning - High Risk of Demand Reduction	A warn to aler implen Margir	ing issued by NGC , in accordance with OC7.4.8.6, which is intended t recipients that there is a high risk of Demand reduction being nented and which may normally result from an inadequate System n .
<u>GB Transmission</u> <u>System Warning - Inadequate System</u> <u>Margin</u>	A warn to aler improv	ing issued by NGC , in accordance with OC7.4.8.5, which is intended t recipients of an inadequate System Margin and which if not red may result in Demand reduction being instructed.
GB Transmission System Warning - Risk of System Disturbance	A warn to aler which	ing issued by NGC , in accordance with OC7.4.8.8, which is intended t Users of the risk of widespread and serious System disturbance may affect Users .
General Conditions or GC	That p Condi	portion of the Grid Code which is identified as the General tions.
<u>Generating Plant</u> <u>Demand Margin</u>	The di	fference between Output Usable and forecast Demand .
Generating Unit	Unless produc	otherwise provided in the Grid Code , any Apparatus which es electricity, including, for the avoidance of doubt, a CCGT Unit .
Generation Capacity	Has th	e meaning set out in the BSC .
<u>Generation Planning</u> Parameters	Those	parameters listed in Appendix 2 of OC2 .

<u>Generator</u>	A person who generates electricity under licence or exemption under the Act acting in its capacity as a generator in Great Britain .
<u>Generator</u> Performance Chart	A diagram which shows the MW and Mvar capability limits within which a Generating Unit will be expected to operate under steady state conditions.
<u>Genset</u>	A Generating Unit or CCGT Module at a Large Power Station or any Generating Unit or CCGT Module which is directly connected to the GB Transmission System.
<u>Good Industry</u> <u>Practice</u>	The exercise of that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced operator engaged in the same type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances.
<u>Governor Deadband</u>	The total magnitude of the change in steady state speed (expressed as a range of Hz (\pm x Hz) where "x" is a numerical value) within which there is no resultant change in the position of the governing valves of the speed/load Governing System.
Great Britain or GB	Has the meaning set out in Schedule 1 of NGC's Transmission Licence.
<u>Grid Code Review</u> Panel or Panel	The panel with the functions set out in GC.4.
<u>Grid Entry Point</u>	A point at which a Generating Unit or a CCGT Module or a CCGT Unit , as the case may be, which is directly connected to the GB Transmission System connects to the GB Transmission System .
Grid Supply Point	A point of supply from the GB Transmission System to Network Operators or Non-Embedded Customers .
<u>High Frequency</u> <u>Response</u>	An automatic reduction in Active Power output in response to an increase in System Frequency above the Target Frequency (or such other level of Frequency as may have been agreed in an Ancillary Services Agreement). This reduction in Active Power output must be in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Ancillary Services Agreement which will provide that it will be released increasingly with time over the period 0 to 10 seconds from the time of the Frequency increase on the basis set out in the Ancillary Services Agreement and fully achieved within 10 seconds of the time of the start of the Frequency increase and it must be sustained at no lesser reduction thereafter. The interpretation of the High Frequency Response to a + 0.5 Hz frequency change is shown diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.3.
High Voltage or HV	In England and Wales, a voltage exceeding 650 volts. In Scotland, a voltage exceeding 1000 volts.

<u>HV Generator</u> <u>Connections</u>	Apparatus connected at the same voltage as that of the GB Transmission System, including Users' circuits, the higher voltage windings of Users' transformers and associated connection Apparatus.
<u>HP Turbine Power</u> Fraction	Ratio of steady state mechanical power delivered by the HP turbine to the total steady state mechanical power delivered by the total steam turbine at Registered Capacity .
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission.
IEC Standard	A standard approved by the International Electrotechnical Commission.
Implementing Safety Co-ordinator	The Safety Co-ordinator implementing Safety Precautions.
Incident Centre	A centre established by NGC or a User as the focal point in NGC or in that User , as the case may be, for the communication and dissemination of information between the senior management representatives of NGC , or of that User , as the case may be, and the relevant other parties during a Joint System Incident in order to avoid overloading NGC's , or that User's , as the case may be, existing operational/control arrangements.
Indicated Constraint Boundary Margin	The difference between a constraint boundary transfer limit and the difference between the sum of BM Unit Maximum Export Limits and the forecast of local Demand within the constraint boundary.
Indicated Imbalance	The difference between the sum of Physical Notifications for BM Units comprising Generating Units or CCGT Modules and the forecast of Demand for the whole or any part of the System .
Indicated Margin	The difference between the sum of BM Unit Maximum Export Limits submitted and the forecast of Demand for the whole or any part of the System
Instructor Facilities	A device or system which gives certain Transmission Control Centre instructions with an audible or visible alarm, and incorporates the means to return message acknowledgements to the Transmission Control Centre
Integral Equipment Test or IET	A test on equipment, associated with Plant and/or Apparatus , which takes place when that Plant and/or Apparatus forms part of a Synchronised System and which, in the reasonable judgement of the person wishing to perform the test, may cause an Operational Effect .

Interconnection Agreement	An agreement made between NGC and an Externally Interconnected System Operator and/or an Interconnector User and/or other relevant persons for the External Interconnection relating to an External Interconnection and/or an agreement under which an Interconnector User can use an External Interconnection.
Interconnector User	Has the meaning set out in the BSC .
Interface Agreement	Has the meaning set out in the CUSC .
<u>Intertripping</u>	 (a) The tripping of circuit-breaker(s) by commands initiated from Protection at a remote location independent of the state of the local Protection; or
	(b) Operational Intertripping .
Intertrip Apparatus	Apparatus which performs Intertripping.
<u>IP Turbine Power</u> Fraction	Ratio of steady state mechanical power delivered by the IP turbine to the total steady state mechanical power delivered by the total steam turbine at Registered Capacity .
Isolating Device	A device for achieving Isolation .
<u>Isolation</u>	The disconnection of HV Apparatus (as defined in OC8A.1.6.2 and OC8B.1.7.2) from the remainder of the System in which that HV Apparatus is situated by either of the following:
	(a) an Isolating Device maintained in an isolating position. The isolating position must either be:
	 (i) maintained by immobilising and Locking the Isolating Device in the isolating position and affixing a Caution Notice to it. Where the Isolating Device is Locked with a Safety Key, the Safety Key must be secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key must be retained in safe custody; or
	 (ii) maintained and/or secured by such other method which must be in accordance with the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be; or
	(b) an adequate physical separation which must be in accordance with and maintained by the method set out in the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be.
<u>Joint BM Unit Data</u>	Has the meaning set out in the BSC .

- <u>Joint System Incident</u> An Event wherever occurring (other than on an Embedded Medium Power Station or an Embedded Small Power Station) which, in the opinion of NGC or a User, has or may have a serious and/or widespread effect, in the case of an Event on a User(s) System(s) (other than on an Embedded Medium Power Station or Embedded Small Power Station), on the GB Transmission System, and in the case of an Event on the GB Transmission System, on a User(s) System(s) (other than on an Embedded Medium Power Station or Embedded Small Power Station).
- Key Safe A device for the secure retention of keys.
- <u>Key Safe Key</u> A key unique at a Location capable of operating a lock, other than a control lock, on a **Key Safe**.
- Large Power Station A Power Station in NGC's Transmission Area with a Registered Capacity of 100MW or more or a Power Station in SPT's Transmission Area with a Registered Capacity of 30MW or more; or a Power Station in SHETL's Transmission Area with a Registered Capacity of 5MW or more.
- Licence Any licence granted to NGC or a Relevant Transmission Licensee or a User, under Section 6 of the Act.

<u>Licence Standards</u> Those standards set out or referred to in Condition C17 of NGC's Transmission Licence and/or Condition D3 of a Relevant Transmission Licensee's Transmission Licence.

<u>Limited Frequency</u> <u>Sensitive Mode</u> A mode whereby the operation of the **Genset** is **Frequency** insensitive except when the **System Frequency** exceeds 50.4Hz, from which point **Limited High Frequency Response** must be provided.

- <u>Limited High</u> <u>Frequency Response</u> A response of a **Genset** to an increase in **System Frequency** above 50.4Hz leading to a reduction in **Active Power** in accordance with the provisions of BC3.7.2.
- Load The Active, Reactive or Apparent Power, as the context requires, generated, transmitted or distributed.
- **Loaded** Supplying electrical power to the **System**.
- <u>Load Factor</u> The ratio of the actual output of a **Generating Unit** to the possible maximum output of that **Generating Unit**.
- Load Management A block of **Demand** controlled by a **Supplier** or other party through the means of radio teleswitching or by some other means.

Local Joint Restoration Plan	A plan produced under OC9.4.7.11 detailing the agreed method and procedure by which a Genset at a Black Start Station (possibly with other Gensets at that Black Start Station) will energise part of the Total System and meet complementary blocks of local Demand so as to form a Power Island .
	In Scotland, the plan may also: cover more than one Black Start Station ; include Gensets other than those at a Black Start Station and cover the creation of one or more Power Islands .
<u>Local Safety</u> <u>Instructions</u>	For safety co-ordination in England and Wales, instructions on each User Site and Transmission Site , approved by the relevant NGC or User's manager, setting down the methods of achieving the objectives of NGC's or the User's Safety Rules , as the case may be, to ensure the safety of personnel carrying out work or testing on Plant and/or Apparatus on which his Safety Rules apply and, in the case of a User , any other document(s) on a User Site which contains rules with regard to maintaining or securing the isolating position of an Isolating Device , or maintaining a physical separation or maintaining or securing the position of an Earthing Device .
<u>Local Switching</u> <u>Procedure</u>	A procedure produced under OC7.6 detailing the agreed arrangements in respect of carrying out of Operational Switching at Connection Sites and parts of the GB Transmission System adjacent to those Connection Sites .
Localised Negative Reserve Active Power Margin or Localised NRAPM	That margin of Active Power sufficient to allow transfers to and from a System Constraint Group (as the case may be) to be contained within such reasonable limit as NGC may determine.
Location	Any place at which Safety Precautions are to be applied.
<u>Locked</u>	A condition of HV Apparatus that cannot be altered without the operation of a locking device.
Locking	The application of a locking device which enables HV Apparatus to be Locked .
Low Frequency Relay	Has the same meaning as Under Frequency Relay .
Low Voltage or LV	In England and Wales a voltage not exceeding 250 volts. In Scotland, a voltage exceeding 50 voltage but not exceeding 1000 volts.
Main Protection	Protection equipment or system expected to have priority in initiating either a fault clearance or an action to terminate an abnormal condition in a power system.

<u>Material Effect</u>	An effect causing NGC or a Relevant Transmission Licensee to effect any works or to alter the manner of operation of Transmission Plant and/or Transmission Apparatus at the Connection Site (which term shall, in this definition and in the definition of "Modification" only, have the meaning ascribed thereto in the CUSC) or the site of connection or a User to effect any works or to alter the manner of operation of its Plant and/or Apparatus at the Connection Site or the site of connection which in either case involves that party in expenditure of more than £10,000.
<u>Maximum Generation</u> Service, MGS	A service utilised by NGC in accordance with the CUSC and the Balancing Principles Statement in operating the Total System .
<u>Maximum Generation</u> <u>Service Agreement</u>	An agreement between a User and NGC for the payment by NGC to that User in respect of the provision by such User of a Maximum Generation Service .
Medium Power Station	A Power Station in NGC's Transmission Area with a Registered Capacity of 50MW or more, but less than 100MW; or a Power Station in SPT's Transmission Area with a Registered Capacity of 5MW or more, but less than 30MW.
Medium Voltage or MV	In England and Wales a voltage exceeding 250 volts but not exceeding 650 volts.
<u>Mills</u>	Milling plant which supplies pulverised fuel to the boiler of a coal fired Power Station .
Minimum Constation	
<u>minimum Generation</u>	The minimum output (in whole MW) which a Genset can generate under stable operating conditions, as registered with NGC under the PC (and amended pursuant to the PC). For the avoidance of doubt, the output may go below this level as a result of operation in accordance with BC3.7.
Modification	The minimum output (in whole MW) which a Genset can generate under stable operating conditions, as registered with NGC under the PC (and amended pursuant to the PC). For the avoidance of doubt, the output may go below this level as a result of operation in accordance with BC3.7. Any actual or proposed replacement, renovation, modification, alteration or construction by or on behalf of a User or NGC to either that User's Plant or Apparatus or Transmission Plant or Apparatus , as the case may be, or the manner of its operation which has or may have a Material Effect on NGC or a User , as the case may be, at a particular Connection Site .
Modification Modification <u>Mothballed Generating</u> <u>Unit</u>	The minimum output (in whole MW) which a Genset can generate under stable operating conditions, as registered with NGC under the PC (and amended pursuant to the PC). For the avoidance of doubt, the output may go below this level as a result of operation in accordance with BC3.7. Any actual or proposed replacement, renovation, modification, alteration or construction by or on behalf of a User or NGC to either that User's Plant or Apparatus or Transmission Plant or Apparatus , as the case may be, or the manner of its operation which has or may have a Material Effect on NGC or a User , as the case may be, at a particular Connection Site . A Generating Unit that has previously generated which the Generator plans not to use to generate for the remainder of the current NGC Financial Year but which could be returned to service.
Modification Modification Mothballed Generating Unit Multiple Point of Connection	The minimum output (in whole MW) which a Genset can generate under stable operating conditions, as registered with NGC under the PC (and amended pursuant to the PC). For the avoidance of doubt, the output may go below this level as a result of operation in accordance with BC3.7. Any actual or proposed replacement, renovation, modification, alteration or construction by or on behalf of a User or NGC to either that User's Plant or Apparatus or Transmission Plant or Apparatus , as the case may be, or the manner of its operation which has or may have a Material Effect on NGC or a User , as the case may be, at a particular Connection Site . A Generating Unit that has previously generated which the Generator plans not to use to generate for the remainder of the current NGC Financial Year but which could be returned to service. A double (or more) Point of Connection , being two (or more) Points of Connection interconnected to each other through the User's System .

<u>Network Operator</u>	A person with a User System directly connected to the GB Transmission System to which Customers and/or Power Stations (not forming part of the User System) are connected, acting in its capacity as an operator of the User System , but shall not include a person acting in the capacity of an Externally Interconnected System Operator .
NGC	National Grid Company plc.
<u>NGC Control Engineer</u>	The nominated person employed by NGC to direct the operation of the GB Transmission System or such person as nominated by NGC .
<u>NGC Operational</u> <u>Strategy</u>	NGC's operational procedures which form the guidelines for operation of the GB Transmission System .
<u>No-Load Field Voltage</u>	Shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in IEC 34-16-1:1991 [equivalent to British Standard BS 4999 Section 116.1 : 1992].
<u>Non-Embedded</u> <u>Customer</u>	A Customer in Great Britain , except for a Network Operator acting in its capacity as such, receiving electricity direct from the GB Transmission System irrespective of from whom it is supplied.
Normal CCGT Module	A CCGT Module other than a Range CCGT Module.
<u>Novel Unit</u>	A tidal, wave, wind, geothermal, or any similar, Generating Unit.
OC9 De-synchronised Island Procedure	Has the meaning set out in OC9.5.4.
<u>On-Site Generator Site</u>	A site which is determined by the BSC Panel to be a Trading Unit under the BSC by reason of having fulfilled the Class 1 or Class 2 requirements as such terms are used in the BSC .
Operating Code or OC	That portion of the Grid Code which is identified as the Operating Code .
Operating Margin	Contingency Reserve plus Operating Reserve.
<u>Operating Reserve</u>	The additional output from Large Power Stations or the reduction in Demand , which must be realisable in real-time operation to respond in order to contribute to containing and correcting any System Frequency fall to an acceptable level in the event of a loss of generation or a loss of import from an External Interconnection or mismatch between generation and Demand .
<u>Operation</u>	A scheduled or planned action relating to the operation of a System (including an Embedded Power Station).

Operational Data Data required under the **Operating Codes** and/or **Balancing Codes**.

Operational Day The period from 0500 hours on one day to 0500 on the following day.

- **Operation Diagrams** Diagrams which are a schematic representation of the **HV Apparatus** and the connections to all external circuits at a **Connection Site**, incorporating its numbering, nomenclature and labelling.
- **Operational Effect** Any effect on the operation of the relevant other **System** which causes the **GB Transmission System** or the **System** of the other **User** or **Users**, as the case may be, to operate (or be at a materially increased risk of operating) differently to the way in which they would or may have operated in the absence of that effect.
- Operational
IntertrippingThe automatic tripping of circuit-breakers to prevent abnormal system
conditions occurring, such as over voltage, overload, System instability,
etc. after the tripping of other circuit-breakers following power System
fault(s) which includes System to Generating Unit, System to CCGT
Module and System to Demand intertripping schemes.
- Operational Planning Planning through various timescales the matching of generation output with forecast GB Transmission System Demand together with a reserve of generation to provide a margin, taking into account outages of certain Generating Units, of parts of the GB Transmission System and of parts of User Systems to which Power Stations and/or Customers are connected, carried out to achieve, so far as possible, the standards of security set out in NGC's Transmission Licence, each Relevant Transmission Licensee's Transmission Licence or Electricity Distribution Licence, as the case may be.
- **<u>Operational Planning</u>** An operational planning margin set by **NGC**.
- <u>Margin</u>
- **<u>Operational Planning</u>** The period from 8 weeks to the end of the 5th year ahead of real time operation.
- Operational
ProceduresManagement instructions and procedures, both in support of the Safety
Rules and for the local and remote operation of Plant and Apparatus,
issued in connection with the actual operation of Plant and/or Apparatus
at or from a Connection Site.
- Operational Switching Operation of Plant and/or Apparatus to the instruction of the relevant Control Engineer. For the avoidance of doubt, the operation of Transmission Plant and/or Apparatus forming part of the GB Transmission System in England and Wales, will be to the instruction of NGC and in Scotland will be to the instruction of the Relevant Transmission Licensee.

Other Relevant Data	The data listed in BC1.4.2(f) under the heading Other Relevant Data
Out of Synchronism	The condition where a System or Generating Unit cannot meet the requirements to enable it to be Synchronised .
Output Usable or OU	That portion of Registered Capacity which is expected to be available and which is not unavailable due to a Planned Outage .
Over-excitation Limiter	Shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in IEC 34-16-1:1991 [equivalent to British Standard BS 4999 Section 116.1 : 1992].
<u>Part 1 System</u> <u>Ancillary Services</u>	Ancillary Services which are required for System reasons and which must be provided by Users in accordance with the Connection Conditions. An exhaustive list of Part 1 System Ancillary Services is included in that part of CC.8.1 headed Part 1.
Part 2 System Ancillary Services	Ancillary Services which are required for System reasons and which must be provided by a User if the User has agreed to provide them under a Bilateral Agreement. A non-exhaustive list of Part 2 System Ancillary Services is included in that part of CC.8.1 headed Part 2.
Part Load	The condition of a Genset , or Cascade Hydro Scheme which is Loaded but is not running at its Maximum Export Limit.
<u>Permit for Work for</u> proximity work	In England and Wales, a document issued by NGC or a User in accordance with its respective Safety Rules to enable work to be carried out in accordance with OC8A.8 and which provides for Safety Precautions to be applied and maintained. An example format of NGC 's permit for work is attached as Appendix E to OC8A .
	In Scotland, a document issued by a Relevant Transmission Licensee or a User in accordance with its respective Safety Rules to enable work to be carried out in accordance with OC8B.8 and which provides for Safety Precautions to be applied and maintained. Example formats of the Relevant Transmission Licensees' permits for work are attached as Appendix E to OC8B .
<u>Partial Shutdown</u>	The same as a Total Shutdown except that all generation has ceased in a separate part of the Total System and there is no electricity supply from External Interconnections or other parts of the Total System to that part of the Total System and, therefore, that part of the Total System is shutdown, with the result that it is not possible for that part of the Total System to begin to function again without NGC's directions relating to a Black Start .
<u>Phase (Voltage)</u> Unbalance	The ratio (in percent) between the rms values of the negative sequence component and the positive sequence component of the voltage.

Physical Notification	Data that describes the BM Participant 's best estimate of the expected input or output of Active Power of a BM Unit .
Planning Code or PC	That portion of the Grid Code which is identified as the Planning Code .
<u>Planned Maintenance</u> <u>Outage</u>	An outage of NGC electronic data communication facilities as provided for in CC.6.5.8 and NGC's associated computer facilities of which normally at least 5 days notice is given, but in any event of which at least twelve hours notice has been given by NGC to the User and which is anticipated to last no longer than 2 hours. The length of such an outage may in exceptional circumstances be extended where at least 24 hours notice has been given by NGC to the User . It is anticipated that normally any planned outage would only last around one hour.
<u>Planned Outage</u>	An outage of a Large Power Station or of part of the GB Transmission System, or of part of a User System, co-ordinated by NGC under OC2.
<u>Plant</u>	Fixed and movable items used in the generation and/or supply and/or transmission of electricity, other than Apparatus .
<u>Point of Common</u> Coupling	That point on the GB Transmission System electrically nearest to the User installation at which either Demands or Loads are, or may be, connected.
Point of Connection	An electrical point of connection between the GB Transmission System and a User's System .
Point of Isolation	The point on Apparatus (as defined in OC8A.1.6.2 and OC8B.1.7.2) at which Isolation is achieved.
Post-Control Phase	The period following real time operation.
Power Factor	The ratio of Active Power to Apparent Power.
Power Island	Gensets at an isolated Power Station, together with complementary local Demand. In Scotland a Power Island may include more than one Power Station.
Power Station	An installation comprising one or more Generating Units (even where sited separately) owned and/or controlled by the same Generator , which may reasonably be considered as being managed as one Power Station .
<u>Power System</u> <u>Stabiliser or PSS</u>	Equipment controlling the Exciter output via the voltage regulator in such a way that power oscillations of the synchronous machines are dampened. Input variables may be speed, frequency or power (or a combination of these).

PrefaceThe preface to the Grid Code (which does not form part of the Grid Code
and therefore is not binding).

- <u>Preliminary Notice</u> A notice in writing, sent by NGC both to all Users identified by it under OC12.4.2.1 and to the Test Proposer, notifying them of a proposed System Test.
- Preliminary ProjectData relating to a proposed User Development at the time the UserPlanning Dataapplies for a CUSC Contract but before an offer is made and accepted.
- **Primary Response** The automatic increase in **Active Power** output of a **Genset** or, as the case may be, the decrease in **Active Power Demand** in response to a **System Frequency** fall. This increase in **Active Power Demand** must be in accordance with the provisions of the relevant **Ancillary Services Agreement** which will provide that it will be released increasingly with time over the period 0 to 10 seconds from the time of the start of the **Frequency** fall on the basis set out in the **Ancillary Services Agreement** and fully available by the latter, and sustainable for at least a further 20 seconds. The interpretation of the **Primary Response** to a – 0.5 Hz frequency change is shown diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.2.
- **Programming Phase** The period between **Operational Planning Phase** and the **Control Phase**. It starts at the 8 weeks ahead stage and finishes at 17:00 on the day ahead of real time.
- <u>Proposal Notice</u> A notice submitted to NGC by a User which would like to undertake a System Test.
- **Proposal Report** A report submitted by the **Test Panel** which contains:
 - a) proposals for carrying out a **System Test** (including the manner in which the **System Test** is to be monitored);
 - b) an allocation of costs (including un-anticipated costs) between the affected parties (the general principle being that the **Test Proposer** will bear the costs); and
 - c) such other matters as the Test Panel considers appropriate.

The report may include requirements for indemnities to be given in respect of claims and losses arising from a **System Test**.

- **Protection** The provisions for detecting abnormal conditions on a **System** and initiating fault clearance or actuating signals or indications.
- **Protection Apparatus** A group of one or more **Protection** relays and/or logic elements designated to perform a specified **Protection** function.

<u>Pumped Storage</u> <u>Generator</u>	A Generator which owns and/or operates any Pumped Storage Plant.
Pumped Storage Plant	The Dinorwig, Ffestiniog, Cruachan and Foyers Power Stations .
Pumped Storage Unit	A Generating Unit within a Pumped Storage Plant.
Quiescent Physical Notification or QPN	Data that describes the MW levels to be deducted from the Physical Notification of a BM Unit to determine a resultant operating level to which the Dynamic Parameters associated with that BM Unit apply, and the associated times for such MW levels. The MW level of the QPN must always be set to zero.
<u>Range CCGT Module</u>	A CCGT Module where there is a physical connection by way of a steam or hot gas main between that CCGT Module and another CCGT Module or other CCGT Modules , which connection contributes (if open) to efficient modular operation, and which physical connection can be varied by the operator.
<u>Rated Field Voltage</u>	Shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in IEC 34-16-1:1991 [equivalent to British Standard BS 4999 Section 116.1 : 1992].
Rated MW	The "rating-plate" MW output of a Generating Unit , being that output up to which the Generating Unit was designed to operate (Calculated as specified in British Standard BS EN 60034 – 1: 1995).
Reactive Energy	The integral with respect to time of the Reactive Power .
<u>Reactive Power</u>	The product of voltage and current and the sine of the phase angle between them measured in units of voltamperes reactive and standard multiples thereof, ie:
	1000 VAr = 1 kVAr 1000 kVAr = 1 Mvar
Record of Inter- System Safety	A written record of inter-system Safety Precautions to be compiled in accordance with the provisions of OC8 .

Precautions or RISSP

PLANNING CODE APPENDIX C

- C1.1 Planning and design of the **SPT** and **SHETL Transmission Systems** is based generally, but not totally, on criteria which evolved from joint consultation among various **Transmission Licensees** responsible for design of the **GB Transmission System**.
- C1.2 The above criteria are set down within the standards, memoranda, recommendations and reports and are provided as a guide to system planning. It should be noted that each scheme for reinforcement or modification of the **Transmission System** is individually designed in the light of economic and technical factors associated with the particular system limitations under consideration.
- C1.3 The tables below identify the literature referred to above, together with the main topics considered within each document.

ITEM No.	DOCUMENT	REFERENCE No.
1	GB Security and Quality of Supply Standard	Version 1
2	System Phasing	TPS 13/4
3	not used	
4	Planning Limits for Voltage Fluctuations Caused by Industrial, Commercial and Domestic Equipment in the United Kingdom	ER P28
5	EHV or HV Supplies to Induction Furnaces Voltage unbalance limits.	ER P16 (Supported by ACE Report No.48)
	Harmonic current limits.	,
6	Planning Levels for Harmonic Voltage Distortion and the Connection of Non-Linear Loads to Transmission Systems and Public Electricity Supply Systems in the United Kingdom	ER G5/4 (Supported by ACE Report No.73)
	Harmonic distortion (waveform).	
	Harmonic voltage distortion.	
	Harmonic current distortion.	
	Stage 1 limits.	
	Stage 2 limits.	
	Stage 3 Limits	
	Addition of Harmonics	
	Short Duration Harmonics	
	Site Measurements	

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ITEM No.	DOCUMENT	REFERENCE No.
7	AC Traction Supplies to British Rail	ER P24
	Type of supply point to railway system.	
	Estimation of traction loads.	
	Nature of traction current.	
	System disturbance estimation.	
	Earthing arrangements.	
8	Operational Memoranda	(SOM)
	Main System operating procedure.	SOM 1
	Operational standards of security.	SOM 3
	Voltage and reactive control on main system.	SOM 4
	System warnings and procedures for instructed load reduction.	SOM 7
	Continuous tape recording of system control telephone messages and instructions.	SOM 10
	Emergency action in the event of an exceptionally serious breakdown of the main system.	SOM 15
9	Planning Limits for Voltage Unbalance in the United Kingdom.	ER P29

ITEM	DOCUMENT	Reference
No.		No.
1	GB Security and Quality of Supply Standard	Version 1
2	System Phasing	TDM 13/10,002
		Issue 4
3	not used	
4	Planning Limits for Voltage Fluctuations Caused by Industrial, Commercial and Domestic Equipment in the United Kingdom	ER P28
5	EHV or HV Supplies to Induction Furnaces	ER P16
	Voltage Unbalance limits.	(Supported by ACE Report No.48)
	Harmonic current limits.	
6	Planning Levels for Harmonic Voltage Distortion and the Connection of Non-Linear Loads to Transmission Systems and Public Electricity Supply Systems in the United Kingdom	ER G5/4 Supported by ACE Report No 73)
	Harmonic distortion (waveform).	Report No.73)
	Harmonic voltage distortion.	
	Harmonic current distortion.	
	Stage 1 limits.	
	Stage 2 limits.	
	Stage 3 Limits	
	Addition of Harmonics	
	Short Duration Harmonics	
	Site Measurements	
7	AC Traction Supplies to British Rail	ER P24
	Type of supply point to railway system.	
	Estimation of traction loads.	
	Nature of traction current.	
	System disturbance estimation.	
	Earthing arrangements.	

PART 2 – SPT'S TECHNICAL AND DESIGN CRITERIA

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CC.7.8 <u>SITE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES</u>

CC.7.8.1 **NGC** and **Users** with an interface with **NGC**, must make available staff to take necessary **Safety Precautions** and carry out operational duties as may be required to enable work/testing to be carried out and for the operation of **Plant** and **Apparatus** connected to the **Total System**.

CC.8 ANCILLARY SERVICES

CC.8.1 System Ancillary Services

The CC contain requirements for the capability for certain Ancillary Services, which are needed for System reasons ("System Ancillary Services"). There follows a list of these System Ancillary Services, together with the paragraph number of the CC (or other part of the Grid Code) in which the minimum capability is required or referred to. The list is divided into two categories: Part 1 lists the System Ancillary Services which Generators are obliged to provide, and Part 2 lists the System Ancillary Services which Generators will provide only if agreement to provide them is reached with NGC:

<u>Part 1</u>

- (a) **Reactive Power** supplied otherwise than by means of synchronous or static compensators CC.6.3.2
- (b) **Frequency** Control by means of **Frequency** sensitive generation CC.6.3.7 and BC3.5.1

<u>Part 2</u>

- (c) **Frequency** Control by means of **Fast Start** CC.6.3.14
- (d) Black Start Capability CC.6.3.5

CC.8.2 Commercial Ancillary Services

Other Ancillary Services are also utilised by NGC in operating the Total System if these have been agreed to be provided by a User (or other person) under an Ancillary Services Agreement or under a Bilateral Agreement, with payment being dealt with under an Ancillary Services Agreement or in the case of Externally Interconnected System Operators or Interconnector Users, under any other agreement (and in the case of Externally Interconnected System Operators and Interconnector Users includes ancillary services equivalent to or similar to System Ancillary Services) ("Commercial Ancillary Services"). The capability for these Commercial Ancillary Services is set out in the relevant Ancillary Services Agreement or Bilateral Agreement (as the case may be).

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APPENDIX 1

FORMAT, PRINCIPLES AND BASIC PROCEDURE TO BE USED IN THE PREPARATION OF SITE RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULES

CC.A.1.1 PRINCIPLES

Types of Schedules

- CC.A.1.1.1 At all **Complexes** the following **Site Responsibility Schedules** shall be drawn up using the relevant proforma attached or with such variations as may be agreed between **NGC** and **Users**, but in the absence of agreement the relevant proforma attached will be used:
 - (a) Schedule of **HV Apparatus**
 - (b) Schedule of **Plant**, **LV/MV Apparatus**, services and supplies;
 - (c) Schedule of telecommunications and measurements **Apparatus**.

Other than at **Generating Unit** and **Power Station** locations, the schedules referred to in (b) and (c) may be combined.

New Connection Sites

CC.A.1.1.2 In the case of a new Connection Site each Site Responsibility Schedule for a Connection Site shall be prepared by NGC in consultation with relevant Users at least 2 weeks prior to the Completion Date under the Bilateral Agreement and/or Construction Agreement for that Connection Site (which may form part of a Complex). Each User shall, in accordance with the timing requirements of the Bilateral Agreement and/or Construction Agreement and/or Construction Agreement and/or Construction Agreement and/or Construction Agreement of the Bilateral Agreement and/or Construction Agreement , provide information to NGC to enable it to prepare the Site Responsibility Schedule.

Sub-division

CC.A.1.1.3 Each **Site Responsibility Schedule** will be subdivided to take account of any separate **Connection Sites** on that **Complex**.

<u>Scope</u>

- CC.A.1.1.4 Each **Site Responsibility Schedule** shall detail for each item of **Plant** and **Apparatus**:-
 - (a) **Plant/Apparatus** ownership;
 - (b) Site Manager (Controller) (except in the case of **Plant/Apparatus** located in **SPT's Transmission Area**);
 - Safety issues comprising applicable Safety Rules and Control Person or other responsible person (Safety Co-ordinator), or such other person who is responsible for safety;

- (d) Operations issues comprising applicable **Operational Procedures** and control engineer;
- (e) Responsibility to undertake statutory inspections, fault investigation and maintenance.

Each **Connection Point** shall be precisely shown.

<u>Detail</u>

- CC.A.1.1.5 (a) In the case of **Site Responsibility Schedules** referred to in CC.A.1.1.1(b) and (c), with the exception of **Protection Apparatus** and **Intertrip Apparatus** operation, it will be sufficient to indicate the responsible **User** or **Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be.
 - (b) In the case of the **Site Responsibility Schedule** referred to in CC.A.1.1.1(a) and for **Protection Apparatus** and **Intertrip Apparatus**, the responsible management unit must be shown in addition to the **User** or **Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be.
- CC.A.1.1.6 The **HV Apparatus Site Responsibility Schedule** for each **Connection Site** must include lines and cables emanating from or traversing¹ the **Connection Site**.

Issue Details

CC.A.1.1.7 Every page of each **Site Responsibility Schedule** shall bear the date of issue and the issue number.

Accuracy Confirmation

- CC.A.1.1.8 When a **Site Responsibility Schedule** is prepared it shall be sent by **NGC** to the **Users** involved for confirmation of its accuracy.
- CC.A.1.1.9 The **Site Responsibility Schedule** shall then be signed on behalf of **NGC** by its **Responsible Manager** (see CC.A.1.1.16) and on behalf of each **User** involved by its **Responsible Manager** (see CC.A.1.1.16), by way of written confirmation of its accuracy. For **Connection Sites** in Scotland, the **Site Responsibility Schedule** will also be signed on behalf of the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** by its **Responsible Manager**.

Distribution and Availability

- CC.A.1.1.10 Once signed, two copies will be distributed by **NGC**, not less than two weeks prior to its implementation date, to each **User** which is a party on the **Site Responsibility Schedule**, accompanied by a note indicating the issue number and the date of implementation.
- CC.A.1.1.11 **NGC** and **Users** must make the **Site Responsibility Schedules** readily available to operational staff at the **Complex** and at the other relevant control points.

¹ Details of circuits traversing the **Connection Site** are only needed from the date which is the earlier of the date when the **Site Responsibility Schedule** is first updated and 15th October 2004. In Scotland, from a date to be agreed between **NGC** and **the Relevant Transmission Licensee**.

Alterations to Existing Site Responsibility Schedules

- CC.A 1.1.12 Without prejudice to the provisions of CC.A.1.1.15 which deals with urgent changes, when a **User** identified on a **Site Responsibility Schedule** becomes aware that an alteration is necessary, it must inform **NGC** immediately and in any event 8 weeks prior to any change taking effect (or as soon as possible after becoming aware of it, if less than 8 weeks remain when the **User** becomes aware of the change). This will cover the commissioning of new **Plant** and/or Apparatus at the **Connection Site**, whether requiring a revised **Bilateral Agreement** or not, de-commissioning of **Plant** and/or **Apparatus**, and other changes which affect the accuracy of the **Site Responsibility Schedule**.
- CC.A 1.1.13 Where **NGC** has been informed of a change by a **User**, or itself proposes a change, it will prepare a revised **Site Responsibility Schedule** by not less than six weeks prior to the change taking effect (subject to it having been informed or knowing of the change eight weeks prior to that time) and the procedure set out in CC.A.1.1.8 shall be followed with regard to the revised **Site Responsibility Schedule**.
- CC.A 1.1.14 The revised **Site Responsibility Schedule** shall then be signed in accordance with the procedure set out in CC.A.1.1.9 and distributed in accordance with the procedure set out in CC.A.1.1.10, accompanied by a note indicating where the alteration(s) has/have been made, the new issue number and the date of implementation.

Urgent Changes

- CC.A.1.1.15 When a **User** identified on a **Site Responsibility Schedule**, or **NGC**, as the case may be, becomes aware that an alteration to the **Site Responsibility Schedule** is necessary urgently to reflect, for example, an emergency situation which has arisen outside its control, the **User** shall notify **NGC**, or **NGC** shall notify the **User**, as the case may be, immediately and will discuss:
 - (a) what change is necessary to the **Site Responsibility Schedule**;
 - (b) whether the **Site Responsibility Schedule** is to be modified temporarily or permanently;
 - (c) the distribution of the revised **Site Responsibility Schedule**.

NGC will prepare a revised **Site Responsibility Schedule** as soon as possible, and in any event within seven days of it being informed of or knowing the necessary alteration. The **Site Responsibility Schedule** will be confirmed by **Users** and signed on behalf of **NGC** and **Users** (by the persons referred to in CC.A.1.1.9) as soon as possible after it has been prepared and sent to **Users** for confirmation.

Responsible Managers

CC.A.1.1.16 Each User shall, prior to the Completion Date under each Bilateral Agreement and/or Construction Agreement, supply to NGC a list of Managers who have been duly authorised to sign Site Responsibility Schedules on behalf of the User and NGC shall, prior to the Completion Date under each Bilateral Agreement and/or Construction Agreement, supply to that User the name of its Responsible Manager and for Connection Sites in Scotland, the name of the Relevant Transmission Licensee's Responsible Manager and each shall supply to the other any changes to such list six weeks before the change takes effect where the change is anticipated, and as soon as possible after the change, where the change was not anticipated.

De-commissioning of Connection Sites

CC.A.1.1.17 Where a **Connection Site** is to be de-commissioned, whichever of **NGC** or the **User** who is initiating the de-commissioning must contact the other to arrange for the **Site Responsibility Schedule** to be amended at the relevant time.

ATTACHMENT TO APPENDIX 1 OF CONNECTION CONDITIONS

PROFORMA FOR SITE RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE

_____ AREA

COMPLEX: _____

SCHEDULE: _____

CONNECTION SITE: _____

				SAFETY	OPERA	ATIONS	PARTY	
ITEM OF PLANT/ APPARATUS	PLANT APPARATUS OWNER	SITE MANAGER	SAFETY RULES	CONTROL OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON (SAFETY CO- ORDINATOR	OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES	Control or other responsible engineer	RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERTAKING STATUTORY INSPECTIONS, FAULT INVESTIGATION & MAINTENANCE	REMARKS

PAGE: _____ ISSUE NO: _____ DATE: _____

ATTACHMENT TO APPENDIX 1 OF CONNECTION CONDITIONS

PROFORMA FOR SITE RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE

_____ AREA

COMPLEX: _____

SCHEDULE: _____

CONNECTION SITE: _____

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APPENDIX 2

<u>PART 1A</u>

PROCEDURES RELATING TO OPERATION DIAGRAMS

FIXED CAPACITOR	\perp	SWITCH DISCONNECTOR	 ×
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LIQUID EARTHING RESISTOR			<u></u> <u> </u>
ARC SUPPRESSION COIL		(CENTRE ROTATING POST)	
FIXED MAINTENANCE EARTHING DEV	ICE I	DISCONNECTOR (SINGLE BREAK DOUBLE ROTATING)	\langle
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PORTABLE MAINTENANCE EARTH DEVICE	(O +	DISCONNECTOR (PANTOGRAPH TYPE)	
QUADRATURE BOOSTER		DISCONNECTOR (KNEE TYPE)	
SHORTING/DISCHARGE SWITCH			

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CAPACITOR (INCLUDING HARMONIC FILTER)

SINGLE PHASE TRANSFORMER (BR) NEUTRAL AND PHASE CONNECTIONS

RESISTOR WITH INHERENT NON-LINEAR VARIABILITY, VOLTAGE DEPENDANT

CONNECTION CONDITIONS

APPENDIX 2

<u>PART 1B</u>

PROCEDURES RELATING TO GAS ZONE DIAGRAMS



CONNECTION CONDITIONS

APPENDIX 2

NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF **APPARATUS** TO BE INCLUDED ON **OPERATION DIAGRAMS**

<u>PART 2</u>

Basic Principles

- 1. Where practicable, all the **HV Apparatus** on any **Connection Site** shall be shown on one **Operation Diagram**. Provided the clarity of the diagram is not impaired, the layout shall represent as closely as possible the geographical arrangement on the **Connection Site**.
- 2. Where more than one **Operation Diagram** is unavoidable, duplication of identical information on more than one **Operation Diagram** must be avoided.
- 3. The **Operation Diagram** must show accurately the current status of the **Apparatus** eg. whether commissioned or decommissioned. Where decommissioned, the associated switchbay will be labelled "spare bay".
- 4. Provision will be made on the **Operation Diagram** for signifying approvals, together with provision for details of revisions and dates.
- 5. **Operation Diagrams** will be prepared in A4 format or such other format as may be agreed with **NGC**.
- 6. The **Operation Diagram** should normally be drawn single line. However, where appropriate, detail which applies to individual phases shall be shown. For example, some **HV Apparatus** is numbered individually per phase.

APPARATUS TO BE SHOWN ON OPERATION DIAGRAM

1	Rushars
2	Circuit Breakers
3	Disconnector (Isolator) and Switch Disconnecters (Switching Isolators)
4	Disconnectors (Isolators) - Automatic Facilities
5	Bypass Facilities
6	Earthing Switches
0. 7	Maintenance Farths
7. 8	
0.	Overhead Line Traps
9. 10	Cable and Cable Sealing Ends
10.	Capite and Capite Sealing Ends
11.	Concreter Transformere
12.	Generating Unit Transformers, Station Transformers, including the lower voltage
13.	Generaling Unit Transformers, Station Transformers, including the lower voltage
11	Circuit-Dreakers.
14.	Synchronous Compensators
15.	Static Variable Compensators
16.	Capacitors (including Harmonic Fliters)
17.	Series or Shunt Reactors (Referred to as "Inductors" at nuclear power station
40	sites)
18.	Supergrid and Grid Transformers
19.	lertiary windings
20.	Earthing and Auxiliary Transformers
21.	Three Phase VI's
22.	Single Phase VI & Phase Identity
23.	High Accuracy VI and Phase Identity
24.	Surge Arrestors/Diverters
25.	Neutral Earthing Arrangements on HV Plant
26.	Fault Throwing Devices
27.	Quadrature Boosters
28.	Arc Suppression Coils
29.	Single Phase Transformers (BR) Neutral and Phase Connections
30.	Current Transformers (where separate plant items)
31.	Wall Bushings
32.	Combined VT/CT Units
33.	Shorting and Discharge Switches
34.	Thyristor
35.	Resistor with Inherent Non-Linear Variability, Voltage Dependent
36.	Gas Zone

CONNECTION CONDITIONS

APPENDIX 3

MINIMUM FREQUENCY RESPONSE REQUIREMENT PROFILE AND OPERATING RANGE for new Generating Units and/or CCGT Modules with a Completion Date after 1 January 2001 in England and Wales and 1 April 2005 in Scotland

CC.A.3.1 SCOPE

The frequency response capability is defined in terms of **Primary Response**, **Secondary Response** and **High Frequency Response**. This appendix defines the minimum frequency response requirement profile for each **Generating Unit** and/or **CCGT Module** which has a **Completion Date** after 1 January 2001 in England and Wales and 1 April 2005 in Scotland. For the avoidance of doubt, this appendix does not apply to **Generating Units** and/or **CCGT Modules** which have a **Completion Date** before 1 January 2001 or to **Small Power Stations**. The functional definition provides appropriate performance criteria relating to the provision of frequency control by means of frequency sensitive generation in addition to the other requirements identified in CC.6.3.7.

In this Appendix 3 to the CC, for a CCGT Module with more than one Generating Unit, the phrase Minimum Generation applies to the entire CCGT Module operating with all Generating Units Synchronised to the System.

The minimum frequency response requirement profile is shown diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.1. The capability profile specifies the minimum required levels of **Primary Response**, **Secondary Response** and **High Frequency Response** throughout the normal plant operating range. The definitions of these frequency response capabilities are illustrated diagrammatically in Figures CC.A.3.2 & CC.A.3.3.

CC.A.3.2 PLANT OPERATING RANGE

The upper limit of the operating range is the **Registered Capacity** of the **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module**.

The Minimum Generation level may be less than, but must not be more than, 65% of the Registered Capacity. Each Generating Unit and/or CCGT Module must be capable of operating satisfactorily down to the Designed Minimum Operating Level as dictated by System operating conditions, although it will not be instructed to below its Minimum Generation level. If a Generating Unit or CCGT Module is operating below Minimum Generation because of high System Frequency, it should recover adequately to its Minimum Generation level as the System Frequency returns to Target Frequency so that it can provide Primary and Secondary Response from Minimum Generation if the System Frequency continues to fall. For the avoidance of doubt, under normal operating conditions steady state operation below Minimum Generation is not expected. The Designed Minimum Operating Level must not be more than 55% of Registered Capacity.

In the event of a **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module** load rejecting down to no less than its **Designed Minimum Operating Level** it should not trip as a result of automatic action as detailed in BC3.7. If the load rejection is to a level less than the **Designed Minimum Operating Level** then it is accepted that the condition might be so severe as to cause it to be disconnected from the **System**.

CC.A.3.3 MINIMUM FREQUENCY RESPONSE REQUIREMENT PROFILE

Figure CC.A.3.1 shows the minimum frequency response requirement profile diagrammatically for a 0.5 Hz change in **Frequency**. The percentage response capabilities and loading levels are defined on the basis of the **Registered Capacity** of the **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module**. Each **Generating Unit** and/or **CCGT Module** must be capable of operating in a manner to provide frequency response at least to the solid boundaries shown in the figure. If the frequency response capability falls within the solid boundaries, the **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module**. Nothing in this appendix is intended to prevent a **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module** from being designed to deliver a frequency response in excess of the identified minimum requirement.

The frequency response delivered for **Frequency** deviations of less than 0.5 Hz should be no less than a figure which is directly proportional to the minimum frequency response requirement for a **Frequency** deviation of 0.5 Hz. For example, if the **Frequency** deviation is 0.2 Hz, the corresponding minimum frequency response requirement is 40% of the level shown in Figure CC.A.3.1. The frequency response delivered for **Frequency** deviations of more than 0.5 Hz should be no less than the response delivered for a **Frequency** deviation of 0.5 Hz.

Each **Generating Unit** and/or **CCGT Module** must be capable of providing some response, in keeping with its specific operational characteristics, when operating between 95% to 100% of **Registered Capacity** as illustrated by the dotted lines in Figure CC.A.3.1.

At the **Minimum Generation** level, each **Generating Unit** and/or **CCGT Module** is required to provide high and low frequency response depending on the **System Frequency** conditions. Where the **Frequency** is high, the **Active Power** output is therefore expected to fall below the **Minimum Generation** level.

The **Designed Minimum Operating Level** is the output at which a **Generating Unit** and/or **CCGT Module** has no **High Frequency Response** capability. It may be less than, but must not be more than, 55% of the **Registered Capacity**. This implies that a **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module** is not obliged to reduce its output to below this level unless the **Frequency** is at or above 50.5 Hz (cf BC3.7).

CC.A.3.4 TESTING OF FREQUENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITY

The response capabilities shown diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.1 are measured by taking the responses as obtained from some of the dynamic response tests specified by **NGC** and carried out by **Generators** for compliance purposes and to validate the content of **Ancillary Services Agreements** using an injection of a frequency change to the plant control system (ie governor and load controller). The injected signal is a linear ramp from zero to 0.5 Hz frequency change over a ten second period, and is sustained at 0.5 Hz frequency change thereafter, as illustrated diagrammatically in figures CC.A.3.2 and CC.A.3.3.

The **Primary Response** capability (P) of a **Generating Unit** or a **CCGT Module** is the minimum increase in **Active Power** output between 10 and 30 seconds after the start of the ramp injection as illustrated diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.2.

The **Secondary Response** capability (S) of a **Generating Unit** or a **CCGT Module** is the minimum increase in **Active Power** output between 30 seconds and 30 minutes after the start of the ramp injection as illustrated diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.2.

The **High Frequency Response** capability (H) of a **Generating Unit** or a **CCGT Module** is the decrease in **Active Power** output provided 10 seconds after the start of the ramp injection and sustained thereafter as illustrated diagrammatically in Figure CC.A.3.3.

CC.A.3.5 REPEATABILITY OF RESPONSE

When a **Generating Unit** or **CCGT Module** has responded to a significant **Frequency** disturbance, its response capability must be fully restored as soon as technically possible. Full response capability should be restored no later than 20 minutes after the initial change of **System Frequency** arising from the **Frequency** disturbance.



Figure CC.A.3.1 - Minimum Frequency Response Requirement Profile

for a 0.5 Hz frequency change from Target Frequency

Figure CC.A.3.2 - Interpretation of Primary and Secondary Response Values



Figure CC.A.3.3 - Interpretation of High Frequency Response Values



APPENDIX 4

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APPENDIX 5

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS LOW FREQUENCY RELAYS FOR THE AUTOMATIC DISCONNECTION OF SUPPLIES AT LOW FREQUENCY

CC.A.5.1 LOW FREQUENCY RELAYS

CC.A.5.1.1 The **Low Frequency Relays** to be used shall be in accordance with the requirements of the **Bilateral Agreement**. They should have a setting range of 47.0 to 50Hz and be suitable for operation from a nominal AC input of 63.5, 110 or 240V. The following general parameters on the requirements of approved **Low Frequency Relays** for automatic installations is given as an indication, without prejudice to the provisions that may be included in a **Bilateral Agreement**:

(a)	Frequency settings:	47-50Hz in steps of 0.05Hz or better, preferably 0.01Hz;
(b)	Measurement period settings:	Within a minimum selectable settings range of 4 to 6 cycles;
(C)	Operating time:	Between 100 and 150ms dependent on measurement period setting;
(d)	Voltage lock-out:	Selectable within a range of 55 to 90% of nominal voltage;
(e)	Facility stages:	One or two stages of Frequency operation;
(f)	Output contacts:	Two output contacts per stage to be capable of repetitively making and breaking for 1000 operations.

CC.A.5.2 LOW FREQUENCY RELAY VOLTAGE SUPPLIES

- CC.A.5.2.1 It is essential that the voltage supply to the **Low Frequency Relays** shall be derived from the primary **System** at the supply point concerned so that the **Frequency** of the **Low Frequency Relays** input voltage is the same as that of the primary **System**. This requires either:
 - (a) the use of a secure supply obtained from voltage transformers directly associated with the grid transformer(s) concerned, the

supply being obtained where necessary via a suitable automatic voltage selection scheme; or

(b) the use of the substation 240V phase-to-neutral selected auxiliary supply, provided that this supply is always derived at the supply point concerned and is never derived from a standby supply **Generating Unit** or from another part of the **User System**.

CC.A.5.3 <u>SCHEME REQUIREMENTS</u>

- CC.A.5.3.1 The tripping facility should be engineered in accordance with the following reliability considerations:
 - (a) <u>Dependability</u>

Failure to trip at any one particular **Demand** shedding point would not harm the overall operation of the scheme. However, many failures would have the effect of reducing the amount of **Demand** under low **Frequency** control. An overall reasonable minimum requirement for the dependability of the **Demand** shedding scheme is 96%, ie. the average probability of failure of each **Demand** under low **Frequency** control should be less than 4%. Thus the **Demand** under low **Frequency** control will not be reduced by more than 4% due to relay failure.

(b) Outages

Low **Frequency Demand** shedding schemes will be engineered such that the amount of **Demand** under control is as specified by **NGC** and is not reduced unacceptably during equipment outage or maintenance conditions.

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OPERATING CODE NO.7

OPERATIONAL LIAISON

OC7.1 INTRODUCTION

- OC7.1.1 **Operating Code No. 7** ("OC7") sets out the requirements for the exchange of information in relation to **Operations** and/or **Events** on the **Total System** which have had (or may have had) or will have (or may have) an **Operational Effect**:
 - (a) on the **GB Transmission System** in the case of an **Operation** and/or **Event** occurring on the **System** of a **User** or **Users**; and
 - (b) on the **System** of a **User** or **Users** in the case of an **Operation** and/or **Event** occurring on the **GB Transmission System**.

It also describes the types of **GB Transmission System Warning** which may be issued by **NGC**.

- OC7.1.2 The requirement to notify in OC7 relates generally to notifying of what is expected to happen or what has happened and not the reasons why. However, as OC7 provides, when an Event or Operation has occurred on the GB Transmission System which itself has been caused by (or exacerbated by) an Operation or Event on a User's System, NGC in reporting the Event or Operation on the GB Transmission System to another User can pass on what it has been told by the first User in relation to the Operation or Event on the first User's System.
- OC7.1.3 Where an **Event** or **Operation** on the **GB Transmission System** falls to be reported by **NGC** to an **Externally Interconnected System Operator** under an **Interconnection Agreement**, **OC7** provides that in the situation where that **Event** or **Operation** has been caused by (or exacerbated by) an **Operation** or **Event** on a **User's System**, **NGC** can pass on what it has been told by the **User** in relation to the **Operation** or **Event** on that **User's System**.
- OC7.1.4 OC7 also deals with **Integral Equipment Tests**.
- OC7.1.5 To reconfigure the **GB Transmission System**, **NGC** may reasonably require the assistance of a **User** to reconfigure parts of the **User System**. To reconfigure its **User System** a **User** may reasonably require the reasonable assistance of **NGC** to direct the reconfiguration of parts of the **GB Transmission System**.
- OC7.1.6 OC7.6 sets down the arrangements for the exchange of information required when configuring **Connection Sites** and parts of the **GB Transmission System** adjacent to those **Connection Sites** in Scotland. It also covers the setting up of a **Local Switching Procedure**. **NGC** shall procure that **Relevant Transmission Licensees** shall comply with section OC7.6 and any relevant **Local Switching Procedure** where and to the extent that such matters apply to them.

OC7.2 <u>OBJECTIVE</u>

The objectives of OC7 are:-

OC7.2.1 To provide for the exchange of information so that the implications of an **Operation** and/or **Event** can be considered, possible risks arising from it can be assessed and appropriate action taken by the relevant party in order to maintain the integrity of the **Total System**. **OC7** does not seek to deal with any actions arising from the exchange of information, but merely with that exchange.

- OC7.2.2 To provide for types of **GB Transmission System Warnings** which may be issued by **NGC**.
- OC7.2.3 To provide the framework for the information flow and discussion between **NGC** and certain **Users** in relation to **Integral Equipment Tests**.
- OC7.2.4 To provide the procedure to be followed in respect of **Operational Switching** in Scotland.
- OC7.3 <u>SCOPE</u>
- OC7.3.1 OC7 applies to NGC and to Users, which in OC7 means:-
 - (a) Generators (other than those which only have Embedded Small Power Stations or Embedded Medium Power Stations);
 - (b) Network Operators;
 - (c) Non-Embedded Customers;
 - (d) Suppliers (for the purposes of GB Transmission System Warnings); and
 - (e) **Externally Interconnected System Operators** (for the purposes of **GB Transmission System Warnings**).

The procedure for operational liaison by NGC with Externally Interconnected System Operators is set out in the Interconnection Agreement with each Externally Interconnected System Operator.

In Scotland OC7.6 also applies to **Relevant Transmission Licensees**.

- OC7.4 <u>PROCEDURE</u>
- OC7.4.1 The term **"Operation**" means a scheduled or planned action relating to the operation of a **System** (including an **Embedded Power Station**).
- OC7.4.2 The term "Event" means an unscheduled or unplanned (although it may be anticipated) occurrence on, or relating to, a **System** (including an **Embedded Power Station**) including, without limiting that general description, faults, incidents and breakdowns and adverse weather conditions being experienced.
- OC7.4.3 The term **"Operational Effect"** means any effect on the operation of the relevant other **System** which causes the **GB Transmission System** or the **Systems** of the other **User** or **Users**, as the case may be, to operate (or be at a materially increased risk of operating) differently to the way in which they would or may have normally operated in the absence of that effect.
- OC7.4.4 References in this **OC7** to a **System** of a **User** or **User's System** shall not include **Embedded Small Power Stations** or **Embedded Medium Power Stations**, unless otherwise stated.

OC7.4.5 Requirement to notify **Operations**

OC7.4.5.1 Operation on the GB Transmission System

In the case of an **Operation** on the **GB Transmission System**, which will have (or may have) an **Operational Effect** on the **System(s)** of a **User** or **Users**, **NGC** will notify the **User** or **Users** whose **System(s)** will, or may, in the reasonable opinion of **NGC**, be affected, in accordance with **OC7**.

OC7.4.5.2 **Operation** on a **User's System**

In the case of an **Operation** on the **System** of a **User** which will have (or may have) an **Operational Effect** on the **GB Transmission System** (including an equivalent to an **Operation** on the equivalent of a **System** of a **User** or other person connected to that **User's System** which, via that **User System**, will or may have an **Operational Effect** on the **GB Transmission System**), the **User** will notify **NGC** in accordance with **OC7**. Following notification by the **User**, **NGC** will notify any other **User** or **Users** on whose **System(s)** the **Operation** will have, or may have, in the reasonable opinion of **NGC**, an **Operational Effect**, in accordance with **OC7** and will notify any **Externally Interconnected System Operator** on whose **System** the **Operation** will have, or may have, in the reasonable opinion of **NGC**, an **Operational Effect**, if it is required to do so by the relevant **Interconnection Agreement**.

OC7.4.5.3 Examples of situations where notification by NGC or a User may be required

Whilst in no way limiting the general requirement to notify in advance set out in OC7.4.5.1 and OC7.4.5.2, the following are examples of situations where notification in accordance with OC7.4.5 will be required if they will, or may, have an **Operational Effect**:

- (a) the implementation of a planned outage of **Plant** and/or **Apparatus** which has been arranged pursuant to **OC2**;
- (b) the operation (other than, in the case of a User, at the instruction of NGC) of any circuit breaker or isolator/disconnector or any sequence or combination of the two; or
- (c) voltage control.

OC7.4.5.4 **Operations** caused by another **Operation** or by an **Event**

An **Operation** may be caused by another **Operation** or an **Event** on another's **System** (including an **Embedded Power Station**) (or by the equivalent of an **Event** or **Operation** on the **System** of an **Externally Interconnected System Operator** or **Interconnector User**) and in that situation the information to be notified is different to that where the **Operation** arose independently of any other **Operation** or **Event**, as more particularly provided in OC7.4.5.6.

OC7.4.5.5 Form

A notification and any response to any questions asked under OC7.4.5, of an **Operation** which has arisen independently of any other **Operation** or of an **Event**, shall be of sufficient detail to describe the **Operation** (although it need not state the cause) and to enable the recipient of the notification reasonably to consider and

assess the implications and risks arising (provided that, in the case of an **Operation** on a **User's System** which **NGC** is notifying to other **Users** under OC7.4.5.2, **NGC** will only pass on what it has been told by the **User** which has notified it) and will include the name of the individual reporting the **Operation** on behalf of **NGC** or the **User**, as the case may be. The recipient may ask questions to clarify the notification and the giver of the notification will, insofar as it is able, answer any questions raised, provided that, in the case of an **Operation** on a **User's System** which **NGC** is notifying to other **Users** under OC7.4.5.2, in answering any question, **NGC** will not pass on anything further than that which it has been told by the **User** which has notified it. **NGC** may pass on the information contained in the notification as provided in OC7.4.5.6.

- OC7.4.5.6 A notification by NGC of an Operation under OC7.4.5.1 which has been (a) caused by another **Operation** (the "first **Operation**") or by an **Event** on a User's System, will describe the **Operation** and will contain the information which NGC has been given in relation to the first **Operation** or that **Event** by the User. The notification and any response to any questions asked (other than in relation to the information which NGC is merely passing on from a User) will be of sufficient detail to enable the recipient of the notification reasonably to consider and assess the implications and risks arising from the Operation on the GB Transmission System and will include the name of the individual reporting the **Operation** on behalf of **NGC**. The recipient may ask questions to clarify the notification and **NGC** will, insofar as it is able, answer any questions raised, provided that in relation to the information which **NGC** is merely passing on from a **User**, in answering any question NGC will not pass on anything further than that which it has been told by the User which has notified it.
 - (b) Where a User is reporting an Operation or an Event which itself has been caused by an incident or scheduled or planned action affecting (but not on) its System, the notification to NGC will contain the information which the User has been given by the person connected to its System in relation to that incident or scheduled or planned action (which the User must require, contractually or otherwise, the person connected to its System to give to it) and NGC may pass on the information contained in the notification as provided in this OC7.4.5.6.
- OC7.4.5.7 Where an **Operation** on the **GB Transmission System** falls to be reported by **NGC** under an **Interconnection Agreement** and the **Operation** has been caused by another **Operation** (the "first **Operation**") or by an **Event** on a **User's System**, **NGC** will include in that report the information which **NGC** has been given in relation to the first **Operation** or that **Event** by the **User** (including any information relating to an incident or scheduled or planned action, as provided in OC7.4.5.6).
- OC7.4.5.8 (a) A notification to a User by NGC of an Operation under OC7.4.5.1 which has been caused by the equivalent of an Operation or of an Event on the equivalent of a System of an Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User, will describe the Operation on the GB Transmission System and will contain the information which NGC has been given, in relation to the equivalent of an Operation or of an Event on the equivalent of a System of an Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User, by that Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User.

- (b) The notification and any response to any question asked (other than in relation to the information which NGC is merely passing on from that **Externally Interconnected System Operator** or **Interconnector User**) will be of sufficient detail to enable the recipient of the notification reasonably to consider and assess the implications and risks arising from the **Operation** on the **GB Transmission System** and will include the name of the individual reporting the **Operation** on behalf of NGC. The recipient may ask questions to clarify the notification and NGC will, insofar as it is able, answer any questions raised, provided that, in relation to the information which NGC is merely passing on from an **Externally Interconnected System Operator** or **Interconnector User**, in answering any question NGC will not pass on anything further than that which it has been told by the **Externally Interconnected System Operator** or **Interconnected System Operator** or **Interconnector User** which has notified it.
- OC7.4.5.9 (a) A **Network Operator** may pass on the information contained in a notification to it from **NGC** under OC7.4.5.1, to a **Generator** with a **Generating Unit** connected to its **System**, or to the operator of another **User System** connected to its **System** (which, for the avoidance of doubt, could be another **Network Operator**), in connection with reporting the equivalent of an **Operation** under the **Distribution Code** (or the contract pursuant to which that **Generating Unit** or other **User System** is connected to the **System** of that **Network Operator**) (if the **Operation** on the **GB Transmission System** caused it).
 - (b) A Generator may pass on the information contained in a notification to it from NGC under OC7.4.5.1, to another Generator with a Generating Unit connected to its System, or to the operator of a User System connected to its System (which, for the avoidance of doubt, could be a Network Operator), if it is required (by a contract pursuant to which that Generating Unit or that User System is connected to its System) to do so in connection with the equivalent of an Operation on its System (if the Operation on the GB Transmission System caused it).
- OC7.4.5.10 (a) Other than as provided in OC7.4.5.9, a **Network Operator** or a **Generator** may not pass on any information contained in a notification to it from **NGC** under OC7.4.5.1 (and an operator of a **User System** or **Generator** receiving information which was contained in a notification to a **Generator** or a **Network Operator**, as the case may be, from **NGC** under OC7.4.5.1, as envisaged in OC7.4.5.9 may not pass on this information) to any other person, but may inform persons connected to its **System** (or in the case of a **Generator** which is also a **Supplier**, inform persons to which it supplies electricity which may be affected) that there has been an incident on the **Total System**, the general nature of the incident (but not the cause of the incident) and (if known and if power supplies have been affected) an estimated time of return to service.
 - (b) In the case of a Generator which has an Affiliate which is a Supplier, the Generator may inform it that there has been an incident on the Total System, the general nature of the incident (but not the cause of the incident) and (if known and if power supplies have been affected in a particular area) an estimated time of return to service in that area, and that Supplier may pass this on to persons to which it supplies electricity which may be affected).

- (c) Each Network Operator and Generator shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure that any Generator or operator of a User System receiving information which was contained in a notification to a Generator or Network Operator, as the case may be, from NGC under OC7.4.5.1, which is not bound by the Grid Code, does not pass on any information other than as provided above.
- OC7.4.5.11 The notification will, if either party requests, be recorded by the sender and dictated to the recipient, who shall record and repeat each phrase as it is received and on completion of the dictation shall repeat back the notification in full to the sender who shall confirm that it has been accurately recorded.

OC7.4.5.12 Timing

A notification under OC7.4.5 will be given as far in advance as possible and in any event shall be given in sufficient time as will reasonably allow the recipient to consider and assess the implications and risks arising.

OC7.4.6 <u>Requirements to notify **Events**</u>

OC7.4.6.1 <u>Events on the GB Transmission System</u>

In the case of an **Event** on the **GB Transmission System** which has had (or may have had) an **Operational Effect** on the **System(s)** of a **User** or **Users**, **NGC** will notify the **User** or **Users** whose **System(s)** have been, or may have been, in the reasonable opinion of **NGC**, affected, in accordance with **OC7**.

OC7.4.6.2 Events on a User's System

In the case of an **Event** on the **System** of a **User** which has had (or may have had) an **Operational Effect** on the **GB Transmission System**, the **User** will notify **NGC** in accordance with **OC7**.

OC7.4.6.3 **Events** caused by another **Event** or by an **Operation**

An **Event** may be caused (or exacerbated by) another **Event** or by an **Operation** on another's **System** (including on an **Embedded Power Station**) (or by the equivalent of an **Event** or **Operation** on the equivalent of a **System** of an **Externally Interconnected System Operator** or **Interconnector User**) and in that situation the information to be notified is different to that where the **Event** arose independently of any other **Event** or **Operation**, as more particularly provided in OC7.4.6.7.

OC7.4.6.4 **NGC** or a **User**, as the case may be, may enquire of the other whether an **Event** has occurred on the other's **System**. If it has, and the party on whose **System** the **Event** has occurred is of the opinion that it may have had an **Operational Effect** on the **System** of the party making the enquiry, it shall notify the enquirer in accordance with **OC7**.

OC7.4.6.5 Examples of situations where notification by NGC or a User may be required

Whilst in no way limiting the general requirement to notify set out in OC7.4.6.1, OC7.4.6.2 and OC7.4.6.3, the following are examples of situations where

notification in accordance with OC7.4.6 will be required if they have an **Operational Effect**:

- (a) where **Plant** and/or **Apparatus** is being operated in excess of its capability or may present a hazard to personnel;
- (b) the activation of any alarm or indication of any abnormal operating condition;
- (c) adverse weather conditions being experienced;
- (d) breakdown of, or faults on, or temporary changes in the capabilities of, **Plant** and/or **Apparatus**;
- (e) breakdown of, or faults on, control, communication and metering equipment; or
- (f) increased risk of inadvertent protection operation.

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- OC7.4.6.6 A notification and any response to any questions asked under OC7.4.6.1 and OC7.4.6.2 of an **Event** which has arisen independently of any other **Event** or of an **Operation**, will describe the **Event**, although it need not state the cause of the **Event**, and, subject to that, will be of sufficient detail to enable the recipient of the notification reasonably to consider and assess the implications and risks arising and will include the name of the individual reporting the **Event** on behalf of **NGC** or the **User**, as the case may be. The recipient may ask questions to clarify the notification and the giver of the notification will, insofar as it is able (although it need not state the cause of the **Event**) answer any questions raised. **NGC** may pass on the information contained in the notification as provided in OC7.4.6.7.
- OC7.4.6.7 A notification (and any response to any questions asked under OC7.4.6.1) (a) by **NGC** of (or relating to) an **Event** under OC7.4.6.1 which has been caused by (or exacerbated by) another **Event** (the "first **Event**") or by an **Operation** on a User's System will describe the Event and will contain the information which NGC has been given in relation to the first Event or that Operation by the **User** (but otherwise need not state the cause of the **Event**). The notification and any response to any questions asked (other than in relation to the information which **NGC** is merely passing on from a **User**) will be of sufficient detail to enable the recipient of the notification reasonably to consider and assess the implications and risks arising from the Event on the GB Transmission System and will include the name of the individual reporting the **Event** on behalf of **NGC**. The recipient may ask guestions to clarify the notification and NGC will, insofar as it is able, answer any questions raised, provided that in relation to the information which NGC is merely passing on from a **User**, in answering any guestion **NGC** will not pass on anything further than that which it has been told by the User which has notified it.
 - (b) Where a User is reporting an Event or an Operation which itself has been caused by (or exacerbated by) an incident or scheduled or planned action affecting (but not on) its System the notification to NGC will contain the information which the User has been given by the person connected to its System in relation to that incident or scheduled or planned action (which the User must require, contractually or otherwise, the person connected to its

System to give to it) and **NGC** may pass on the information contained in the notification as provided in this OC7.4.6.7.

- OC7.4.6.8 Where an **Event** on the **GB Transmission System** falls to be reported by **NGC** under an **Interconnection Agreement** and the **Event** has been caused by (or exacerbated by) another **Event** (the "first **Event**") or by an **Operation** on a **User's System**, **NGC** will include in that report the information which **NGC** has been given in relation to the first **Event** or that **Operation** by the **User** (including any information relating to an incident or scheduled or planned action on that **User's System**, as provided in OC7.4.6.7).
- OC7.4.6.9 (a) A notification to a User (and any response to any questions asked under OC7.4.6.1) by NGC of (or relating to) an Event under OC7.4.6.1 which has been caused by (or exacerbated by) the equivalent of an Event or of an Operation on the equivalent of a System of an Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User, will describe the Event on the GB Transmission System and will contain the information which NGC has been given, in relation to the equivalent of an Event or of an Operation on the equivalent of a System of an Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User, by that Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User (but otherwise need not state the cause of the Event).
 - (b) The notification and any response to any questions asked (other than in relation to the information which NGC is merely passing on from that Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User) will be of sufficient detail to enable the recipient of the notification reasonably to consider and assess the implications and risks arising from the Event on the GB Transmission System and will include the name of the individual reporting the Event on behalf of NGC. The recipient may ask questions to clarify the notification and NGC will, insofar as it is able (although it need not state the cause of the Event) answer any questions raised, provided that, in relation to the information which NGC is merely passing on from an Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User, in answering any question NGC will not pass on anything further than that which it has been told by the Externally Interconnected System Operator or Interconnector User which has notified it.
- OC7.4.6.10 (a) A **Network Operator** may pass on the information contained in a notification to it from **NGC** under OC7.4.6.1, to a **Generator** with a **Generating Unit** connected to its **System** or to the operator of another **User System** connected to its **System** (which, for the avoidance of doubt, could be a **Network Operator**), in connection with reporting the equivalent of an **Event** under the **Distribution Code** (or the contract pursuant to which that **Generating Unit** or other **User System** is connected to the **System** of that **Network Operator**) (if the **Event** on the **GB Transmission System** caused or exacerbated it).
 - (b) A Generator may pass on the information contained in a notification to it from NGC under OC7.4.6.1, to another Generator with a Generating Unit connected to its System or to the operator of a User System connected to its System (which, for the avoidance of doubt, could be a Network Operator), if it is required (by a contract pursuant to which that Generating Unit or that User System is connected to its System) to do so in connection

with the equivalent of an **Event** on its **System** (if the **Event** on the **GB Transmission System** caused or exacerbated it).

- OC7.4.6.11 (a) Other than as provided in OC7.4.6.10, a **Network Operator** or a **Generator**, may not pass on any information contained in a notification to it from **NGC** under OC7.4.6.1 (and an operator of a **User System** or **Generator** receiving information which was contained in a notification to a **Generator** or a **Network Operator**, as the case may be, from **NGC** under OC7.4.6.1, as envisaged in OC7.4.6.10 may not pass on this information) to any other person, but may inform persons connected to its **System** (or in the case of a **Generator** which is also a **Supplier**, inform persons to which it supplies electricity which may be affected) that there has been an incident on the **Total System**, the general nature of the incident (but not the cause of the incident) and (if known and if power supplies have been affected) an estimated time of return to service.
 - (b) In the case of a Generator which has an Affiliate which is a Supplier, the Generator may inform it that there has been an incident on the Total System, the general nature of the incident (but not the cause of the incident) and (if known and if power supplies have been affected in a particular area) an estimated time of return to service in that area, and that Supplier may pass this on to persons to which it supplies electricity which may be affected).
 - (c) Each Network Operator and Generator shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure that any Generator or operator of a User System receiving information which was contained in a notification to a Generator or Network Operator, as the case may be, from NGC under OC7.4.6.1, which is not bound by the Grid Code, does not pass on any information other than as provided above.
- OC7.4.6.12 When an **Event** relating to a **Generating Unit**, has been reported to **NGC** by a **Generator** under OC7.4.6 and it is necessary in order for the **Generator** to assess the implications of the **Event** on its **System** more accurately, the **Generator** may ask **NGC** for details of the fault levels from the **GB Transmission System** to that **Generating Unit** at the time of the **Event**, and **NGC** will, as soon as reasonably practicable, give the **Generator** that information provided that **NGC** has that information.
- OC7.4.6.13 Except in an emergency situation the notification of an **Event** will, if either party requests, be recorded by the sender and dictated to the recipient, who shall record and repeat each phrase as it is received and on completion of the dictation shall repeat the notification in full to the sender who shall confirm that it has been accurately recorded.

<u>Timing</u>

OC7.4.6.14 A notification under OC7.4.6 shall be given as soon as possible after the occurrence of the **Event**, or time that the **Event** is known of or anticipated by the giver of the notification under **OC7**, and in any event within 15 minutes of such time.

OC7.4.7 Significant Incidents

- OC7.4.7.1 Where a **User** notifies **NGC** of an **Event** under **OC7** which **NGC** considers has had or may have had a significant effect on the **GB Transmission System**, **NGC** will require the **User** to report that **Event** in writing in accordance with the provisions of **OC10** and will notify that **User** accordingly.
- OC7.4.7.2 Where **NGC** notifies a **User** of an **Event** under **OC7** which the **User** considers has had or may have had a significant effect on that **User's System**, that **User** will require **NGC** to report that **Event** in writing in accordance with the provisions of **OC10** and will notify **NGC** accordingly.
- OC7.4.7.3 **Events** which **NGC** requires a **User** to report in writing pursuant to OC7.4.7.1, and **Events** which a **User** requires **NGC** to report in writing pursuant to OC7.4.7.2, are known as **"Significant Incidents**".
- OC7.4.7.4 Without limiting the general description set out in OC7.4.7.1 and OC7.4.7.2, a **Significant Incident** will include **Events** having an **Operational Effect** which result in, or may result in, the following:
 - (a) operation of **Plant** and/or **Apparatus** either manually or automatically;
 - (b) voltage outside statutory limits;
 - (c) **Frequency** outside statutory limits; or
 - (d) **System** instability.

OC 7.4.8 **GB TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WARNINGS**

OC7.4.8.1 Role of **GB Transmission System Warnings**

GB Transmission System Warnings as described below provide information relating to **System** conditions or **Events** and are intended to:

- (i) alert **Users** to possible or actual **Plant** shortage, **System** problems and/or **Demand** reductions;
- (ii) inform of the applicable period;
- (iii) indicate intended consequences for Users; and
- (iv) enable specified **Users** to be in a state of readiness to react properly to instructions received from **NGC**.

A table of **GB Transmission System Warnings**, set out in the Appendix to **OC7**, summarises the warnings and their usage. In the case of a conflict between the table and the provisions of the written text of **OC7**, the written text will prevail.

OC7.4.8.2 Recipients of GB Transmission System Warnings

(a) Where GB Transmission System Warnings, (except those relating to Demand Control Imminent), are applicable to System conditions or Events which have widespread effect, NGC will notify all Users under OC7.

- (b) Where in NGC's judgement System conditions or Events may only have a limited effect, the GB Transmission System Warning will only be issued to those Users who are or may in NGC's judgement be affected.
- (c) Where a **GB Transmission System Warning Demand Control Imminent** is issued it will only be sent to those **Users** who are likely to receive **Demand Control** instructions from **NGC**.

OC7.4.8.3 Preparatory Action

- (a) Where possible, and if required, recipients of the warnings should take such preparatory action as they deem necessary taking into account the information contained in the **GB Transmission System Warning**. All warnings will be of a form determined by **NGC** and will remain in force from the stated time of commencement until the cancellation, amendment or reissue, as the case may be, is notified by **NGC**.
- (b) Where a GB Transmission System Warning has been issued to a Network Operator and is current, Demand Control should not (subject as provided below) be employed unless instructed by NGC. If Demand Control is, however, necessary to preserve the integrity of the Network Operator's System, then the impact upon the integrity of the Total System should be considered by the Network Operator and where practicable discussed with NGC prior to its implementation.

Where a **GB Transmission System Warning** has been issued to a **Supplier**, further **Customer Demand Management** (in addition to that previously notified under **OC1 - Demand** Forecasts) must only be implemented following notification to **NGC**.

- (c) GB Transmission System Warnings will be issued by fax, to the facsimile number(s) and locations agreed between NGC and Users, or by such electronic data transmission facilities as have been agreed. In the case of Generators with Gensets this will normally be at their Trading Points (if they have notified NGC that they have a Trading Point)
- (d) Users may at times be informed by telephone or other means of GB Transmission System Warnings and in these circumstances confirmation will be sent to those Users so notified, by fax as soon as possible.

OC7.4.8.4 Types of **GB Transmission System Warnings**

GB Transmission System Warnings consist of the following types:-

- (i) GB Transmission System Warning Inadequate System Margin
- (ii) GB Transmission System Warning High Risk of Demand Reduction
- (iii) **GB Transmission System Warning Demand Control Imminent**
- (iv) GB Transmission System Warning Risk of System Disturbance

OC7.4.8.5 GB Transmission System Warning - Inadequate System Margin

A **GB Transmission System Warning - Inadequate System Margin** may be issued to **Users** in accordance with OC7.4.8.2, at times when there is inadequate

System Margin, as determined under BC1.5.4. It will contain the following information:

- (i) the period for which the warning is applicable; and
- (ii) the availability shortfall in MW; and
- (iii) intended consequences for **Users**, including notification that **Maximum Generation Service** may be instructed.

OC 7.4.8.6 **GB Transmission System Warning - High Risk of Demand Reduction**

- (a) A GB Transmission System Warning High Risk of Demand Reduction may be issued to Users in accordance with OC7.4.8.2 at times when there is inadequate System Margin, as determined under BC1.5.4 and in NGC's judgement there is increased risk of Demand reduction being implemented under OC6.5.1. It will contain the following information in addition to the required information in a GB Transmission System Warning - Inadequate System Margin:
 - (i) the possible percentage level of **Demand** reduction required; and
 - (ii) Specify those **Network Operators** and **Non Embedded Customers** who may subsequently receive instructions under OC6.5.1.
- (b) A GB Transmission System Warning High Risk of Demand Reduction may also be issued by NGC to those Network Operators and Non Embedded Customers who may subsequently receive instructions under OC6.5.1 relating to a Demand reduction in circumstances not related to inadequate System Margin (for example Demand reduction required to manage System overloading).

The **GB Transmission System Warning - High Risk of Demand Reduction** will specify the period during which **Demand** reduction may be required and the part of the **Total System** to which it applies and any other matters specified in OC6.5.

OC7.4.8.6.1 Protracted Periods of Generation Shortage

- (a) Whenever NGC anticipates that a protracted period of generation shortage may exist a GB Transmission System Warning - Inadequate System Margin or High Risk of Demand Reduction may be issued, to give as much notice as possible to those Network Operators and Non Embedded Customers who may subsequently receive instructions under OC6.5.
- (b) A GB Transmission System Warning High Risk of Demand Reduction will in these instances include an estimate of the percentage of Demand reduction that may be required and the anticipated duration of the Demand reduction. It may also include information relating to estimates of any further percentage of Demand reduction that may be required.
- (c) The issue of the **GB Transmission System Warning Inadequate System Margin** or **High Risk of Demand Reduction** is intended to enable recipients to plan ahead on the various aspects of **Demand** reduction.

OC7.4.8.7 GB Transmission System Warning - Demand Control Imminent

- (a) A GB Transmission System Warning Demand Control Imminent, relating to a Demand reduction under OC6.5, will be issued by NGC to Users in accordance with OC7.4.8.2. It will specify those Network Operators who may subsequently receive instructions under OC6.5.
- (b) A GB Transmission System Warning Demand Control Imminent, need not be preceded by any other GB Transmission System Warning and will be issued when a Demand reduction is expected within the following 30 minutes, but will not cease to have effect after 30 minutes from its issue. However, NGC will either reissue the GB Transmission System Warning - Demand Control Imminent or cancel the GB Transmission System Warning - Demand Control Imminent no later than 2 hours from first issue, or from re-issue, as the case may be.

OC7.4.8.8 **GB Transmission System Warning - Risk of System Disturbance**

- (a) A GB Transmission System Warning Risk of System Disturbance will be issued by NGC to Users who may be affected when NGC knows there is a risk of widespread and serious disturbance to the whole or part of, the GB Transmission System;
- (b) The **GB Transmission System Warning Risk of System Disturbance** will contain such information as **NGC** deems appropriate;
- (c) for the duration of the GB Transmission System Warning Risk of System Disturbance, each User in receipt of the GB Transmission System Warning - Risk of System Disturbance shall take the necessary steps to warn its operational staff and to maintain its Plant and/or Apparatus in the condition in which it is best able to withstand the anticipated disturbance;
- (d) During the period that the GB Transmission System Warning Risk of System Disturbance is in effect, NGC may issue Emergency Instructions in accordance with BC2 and it may be necessary to depart from normal Balancing Mechanism operation in accordance with BC2 in issuing Bid-Offer Acceptances.

OC7.4.8.9 Cancellation of GB Transmission System Warning

- (a) NGC will give notification of a Cancellation of GB Transmission System Warning to all Users issued with the GB Transmission System Warning when in NGC's judgement System conditions have returned to normal.
- (b) A Cancellation of GB Transmission System Warning will identify the type of GB Transmission System Warning being cancelled and the period for which it was issued. The Cancellation of GB Transmission System Warning will also identify any GB Transmission System Warnings that are still in force.

OC7.4.8.10 General Management of **GB Transmission System Warnings**

- (a) **GB Transmission System Warnings** remain in force for the period specified unless superseded or cancelled by **NGC**.
- (b) A GB Transmission System Warning issued for a particular period may be superseded by further related warnings. This will include GB Transmission System Warning - Inadequate System Margin being superseded by GB Transmission System Warning - High Risk of Demand Reduction and vice-versa.
- (c) In circumstances where it is necessary for the period of a **GB Transmission System Warning** to be changed:
 - the period applicable may be extended by the issue of a GB Transmission System Warning with a period which follows on from the original period, or
 - (ii) revised or updated GB Transmission System Warnings will be issued where there is an overlap with the period specified in an existing GB Transmission System Warning, but only if the revised period also includes the full period of the existing GB Transmission System Warning.

In any other case the existing **GB Transmission System Warning** will be cancelled and a new one issued.

(d) A **GB Transmission System Warning** is no longer applicable once the period has passed and to confirm this **NGC** will issue a **Cancellation of GB Transmission System Warning**.

OC7.5 PROCEDURE IN RELATION TO INTEGRAL EQUIPMENT TESTS

OC7.5.1 This section of the **Grid Code** deals with **Integral Equipment Tests**. It is designed to provide a framework for the exchange of relevant information and for discussion between **NGC** and certain **Users** in relation to **Integral Equipment Tests**.

OC7.5.2 An Integral Equipment Test :-

- (a) is carried out in accordance with the provisions of this OC7.5 at:
 - i) a **User Site**,
 - ii) a Transmission Site, or,
 - iii) an Embedded Large Power Station;
- (b) will normally be undertaken during commissioning or re-commissioning of **Plant** and/or **Apparatus**;
- (c) may, in the reasonable judgement of the person wishing to perform the test, cause, or have the potential to cause, an **Operational Effect** on a part or parts of the **Total System** but which with prior notice is unlikely to have a materially adverse effect on any part of the **Total System**; and

- (d) may form part of an agreed programme of work.
- OC7.5.3 A set of guidance notes is available from **NGC** on request, which provide further details on suggested procedures, information flows and responsibilities.

Notification of an IET

- OC7.5.4 In order to undertake an **Integral Equipment Test** (and subject to OC7.5.8 below), the **User** or **NGC**, as the case may be, (the proposer) must notify the other (the recipient) of a proposed **IET**. Reasonable advance notification must be given, taking into account the nature of the test and the circumstances which make the test necessary. This will allow recipients time to adequately assess the impact of the **IET** on their **System**.
- OC7.5.5 The notification of the **IET** must normally include the following information:
 - a) the proposed date and time of the **IET**;
 - b) the name of the individual and the organisation proposing the **IET**;
 - c) a proposed programme of testing; and
 - d) such further detail as the proposer reasonably believes the recipient needs in order to assess the effect the **IET** may have on relevant **Plant** and/or **Apparatus**.
- OC7.5.6 In the case of an **IET** in connection with commissioning or re-commissioning, the test should be incorporated as part of any overall commissioning programme agreed between **NGC** and the **User**.

Response to notification of an IET

- OC7.5.7 The recipient of notification of an **IET** must respond within a reasonable timescale prior to the start time of the **IET** and will not unreasonably withhold or delay acceptance of the **IET** proposal.
- OC7.5.8 (a) Where NGC receives notification of a proposed IET from a User, NGC will consult those other Users whom it reasonably believes may be affected by the proposed IET to seek their views. Information relating to the proposed IET may be passed on by NGC with the prior agreement of the proposer. However it is not necessary for NGC to obtain the agreement of any such User as IETs should not involve the application of irregular, unusual or extreme conditions. NGC may however consider any comments received when deciding whether or not to agree to an IET.
 - (b) In the case of an **Embedded Large Power Station**, the **Generator** must liaise with both **NGC** and the relevant **Network Operator**. **NGC** will not agree to an **IET** relating to such **Plant** until the **Generator** has shown that it has the agreement of the relevant **Network Operator**.
 - (c) A Network Operator will liaise with NGC as necessary in those instances where it is aware of an Embedded Small Power Station or an Embedded Medium Power Station which intends to perform tests which in the reasonable judgement of the Network Operator may cause an Operational Effect on the GB Transmission System.

- OC7.5.9 The response from the recipient, following notification of an **IET** must be one of the following:
 - a) to accept the **IET** proposal;
 - b) to accept the **IET** proposal conditionally subject to minor modifications such as date and time;
 - c) not to agree the **IET**, but to suggest alterations to the detail and timing of the **IET** that are necessary to make the **IET** acceptable.

Final confirmation of an IET

- OC7.5.10 The date and time of an **IET** will be confirmed between **NGC** and the **User**, together with any limitations and restrictions on operation of **Plant** and/or **Apparatus**.
- OC7.5.11 The **IET** may subsequently be amended following discussion and agreement between **NGC** and the **User**.

Carrying out an IET

- OC7.5.12 **IETs** may only take place when agreement has been reached and must be carried out in accordance with the agreed programme of testing.
- OC7.5.13 The implementation of an **IET** will be notified in accordance with OC7.4.5.
- OC7.5.14 Where elements of the programme of testing change during the **IET**, there must be discussion between the appropriate parties to identify whether the **IET** should continue.

OC7.6 PROCEDURE IN RESPECT OF OPERATIONAL SWITCHING IN SCOTLAND

OC7.6.1 This section OC7.6 of the **Grid Code** sets out the procedure to be followed for **Operational Switching** in Scotland. Its provisions are supplementary to the provisions of the rest of this **OC7**.

It is designed to set down the arrangements for NGC, Users and the Relevant Transmission Licensees in respect of the Operational Switching of Plant and Apparatus at a Connection Site and parts of the GB Transmission System adjacent to that Connection Site.

- OC7.6.2 In general:
 - (i) NGC is responsible for directing the configuration of the GB Transmission System
 - (ii) Each **Relevant Transmission Licensee** is responsible for the instruction and operation of its **Plant** and **Apparatus** on its **Transmission System**
 - (iii) Each **User** is responsible for the configuration, instruction and operation of its **Plant** and **Apparatus.**

Definitive schedules of these responsibilities for each **Connection Site** are contained in the relevant **Site Responsibility Schedules**.

For the avoidance of doubt, where a **User** operates **Transmission Plant** and **Apparatus** on behalf of a **Relevant Transmission Licensee**, **NGC** cannot instruct the **User** to operate that **Plant** and **Apparatus**.

Planned Operational Switching

- OC7.6.3 Following the notification of an **Operation** under OC7.4.5, **NGC** and the **User** shall discuss the **Operational Switching** required. **NGC** will then discuss and agree the details of the **Operational Switching** with the **Relevant Transmission Licensee**. The **Relevant Transmission Licensee** shall then make contact with the **User** to initiate the **Operational Switching**. For the avoidance of doubt, from the time that the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** makes contact with the **User**, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** shall then become the primary point of operational contact with the **User** in relation to **OC7** for matters which would or could affect, or would or could be affected by the **Operational Switching**.
- OC7.6.4 The **User** shall be advised by the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** on the completion of the **Operational Switching**, that **NGC** shall again become the primary point of operational contact for the **User** in relation to **OC7**.
- OC7.6.5 During **Operational Switching**, either the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** or the **User** may need to unexpectedly terminate the **Operational Switching**. **NGC** may also need to terminate the **Operational Switching** during the **Operational Switching**. In the event of unexpected termination of the **Operational Switching**, **NGC** shall become the primary point of operational contact for the **User** in relation to **OC7**. Following the termination of the **Operational Switching**, it will not be permitted to restart that **Operational Switching** without the parties again following the process described in OC7.6.3.

Emergencies

- OC7.6.6 For **Operations** and/or **Events** that present an immediate hazard to the safety of personnel, **Plant** or **Apparatus**, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** may:
 - (i) as permitted by the STC, carry out Operational Switching of Plant and Apparatus on its Transmission System without reference to NGC and the User, and
 - (ii) request a **User** to carry out **Operational Switching** without the **User** first receiving notification from **NGC**.

In such emergency circumstances, communication between the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and the **User** shall normally be by telephone and will include an exchange of names. The **User** shall use all reasonable endeavours to carry out **Operational Switching** on its **Plant** and **Apparatus** without delay. Following completion of the requested **Operational Switching**, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** shall notify **NGC** of the **Operational Switching** which has taken place. In such emergency circumstances, the **User** may only refuse to carry out **Operational Switching** on safety grounds (relating to personnel or plant) and this must be notified to the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** immediately by telephone.

OC7.6.7 For **Operations** and/or **Events** that present an immediate hazard to the safety of personnel, **Plant** or **Apparatus**, and which require **Operational Switching** of

Plant or Apparatus on a Transmission System in order to remove the hazard, the User should contact the Relevant Transmission Licensee directly to request Operational Switching of Plant or Apparatus on its Transmission System.

In such emergency circumstances, communication between the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and the **User** shall normally be by telephone and will include an exchange of names. The **Relevant Transmission Licensee** shall use all reasonable endeavours to carry out **Operational Switching** on its **Plant** and **Apparatus** without delay. Following completion of the requested **Operational Switching**, the **User** shall notify **NGC** of the **Operational Switching** which has taken place. In such emergency circumstances, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** may only refuse to carry out **Operational Switching** on safety grounds (relating to personnel or plant) and this must be notified to the **User** immediately by telephone.

- OC7.6.8 Establishment of a Local Switching Procedure
 - (a) **NGC**, a **User** or a **Relevant Transmission Licensee** may reasonably require a **Local Switching Procedure** to be established.
 - (b) Where the need for a **Local Switching Procedure** arises the following provisions shall apply:-
 - (i) NGC, User(s) and the Relevant Transmission Licensee will discuss and agree the detail of the Local Switching Procedure as soon as the requirement for a Local Switching Procedure is identified. NGC will notify the Relevant Transmission Licensee and the affected User(s) and will initiate these discussions.
 - Each Local Switching Procedure shall be in relation to either one or more Connection Sites and parts of the GB Transmission System adjacent to the Connection Site(s)
 - (iii) A draft Local Switching Procedure shall be prepared by the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** to reflect the agreement reached and shall be sent to **NGC**.
 - (iv) When a Local Switching Procedure has been prepared, it shall be sent by NGC to the Relevant Transmission Licensee and User(s) for confirmation of its accuracy.
 - (v) The Local Switching Procedure shall then be signed on behalf of NGC and on behalf of each User and Relevant Transmission Licensee by way of written confirmation of its accuracy.
 - (vi) Once agreed under this OC7.6.8, the procedure will become a Local Switching Procedure under the Grid Code, and (subject to any change pursuant to this OC7) will apply between NGC, Relevant Transmission Licensee and the relevant User(s) as if it were part of the Grid Code.
 - (vii) Once signed, NGC will send a copy of the Local Switching Procedure to the Relevant Transmission Licensee and the User(s).

- (viii) An agreed **Local Switching Procedure** should be referenced by relevant **Site Responsibility Schedules**.
- (ix) NGC, the User(s) and the Relevant Transmission Licensee must make the Local Switching Procedure readily available to the relevant operational staff.
- (x) If the Relevant Transmission Licensee or the User(s) become aware that a change is needed to a Local Switching Procedure, they must inform NGC immediately. Where NGC has been informed of a need for a change, or NGC proposes a change, NGC shall notify both the affected User and the Relevant Transmission Licensee and will initiate discussions to agree a change to the Local Switching Procedure. The principles applying to the establishment of a new Local Switching Procedure shall then apply to the discussion and agreement of any changes.

WARNING TYPE	Grid Code	FORMAT	to : for ACTION	to : for INFORMATION	TIMESCALE	WARNING OF/OR CONSEQUENCE	Response From Recipients
GB TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WARNING - Inadequate System Margin	OC7.4.8.5	Fax or other electronic means	Generators, Suppliers, Externally Interconnected System Operators	Network Operators, Non-Embedded Customers	All timescales when at the time there is not a high risk of Demand reduction. Primarily 1200 hours onwards for a future period.	Insufficient generation available to meet forecast Demand plus Operating Margin Notification that if not improved Demand reduction may be instructed. (Normal initial warning of insufficient System Margin)	Offers of increased availability from Generators and Interconnector Users. Suppliers notify NGC of any additional Customer Demand Management that they will initiate.
GB TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WARNING High Risk of Demand Reduction	OC7.4.8.6	Fax or other electronic means	Generators, Suppliers, Network Operators, Non- Embedded Customers, Externally Interconnected System Operators		All timescales where there is a high risk of Demand reduction. Primarily 1200 hours onwards for a future period.	Insufficient generation available to meet forecast Demand plus Operating Margin and /or a high risk of Demand reduction being instructed. (May be issued locally as Demand reduction risk only for circuit overloads)	Offers of increased availability from Generators and Interconnector Users. Suppliers notify NGC of any additional Customer Demand Management that they will initiate. Specified Network Operators and Non- Embedded Customers to prepare their Demand reduction arrangements and take actions as necessary to enable compliance with NGC instructions that may follow. (Percentages of Demand reduction above 20 % may not be achieved if NGC has not issued the may not be achieved if NGC has not issued the
GB TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WARNING - Demand Control Imminent	OC7.4.8.7	Fax/ Telephone or other electronic means	Specified Users only : (to whom an instruction is to be given) Network Operators, Non- Embedded Customers	None	within 30 minutes of anticipated instruction.	Possibility of Demand reduction within 30 minutes.	Network Operators specified to prepare to take action as necessary to enable them to comply with any subsequent NGC instruction for Demand reduction.
GB TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WARNING - Risk of System Disturbance	OC7.4.8.8	Fax/ Telephone or other electronic means	Generators, Network Operators, Non- Embedded Customers, Externally Interconnected System	Suppliers	Control room timescales	Risk of, or widespread system disturbance to whole or part of the GB Transmission System	Recipients take steps to warn operational staff and maintain plant or apparatus such that they are best able to withstand the disturbance.

GB TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WARNINGS TABLE

OC7 APPENDIX
OPERATING CODE NO.8

SAFETY CO-ORDINATION

OC8.1 INTRODUCTION

- OC8.1.1 OC8 specifies the standard procedures to be used for the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary Safety Precautions when work is to be carried out on or near the GB Transmission System or the System of a User and when there is a need for Safety Precautions on HV Apparatus on the other System for this work to be carried out safely. OC8 Appendix 1 applies when work is to be carried out on or near to Systems in England and Wales and OC8 Appendix 2 applies when work is to be carried out on or near to Systems in Scotland.
- OC8.1.2 OC8 also covers the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary safety precautions on the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System when work is to be carried out at a User's Site or a Transmission Site (as the case may be) on equipment of the User or a Transmission Licensee as the case may be where the work or equipment is near to HV Apparatus on the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System.

OC.8.2 OBJECTIVE

- OC8.2.1 The objective of OC8 is to achieve:-
 - Safety From The System when work on or near a System necessitates the provision of Safety Precautions on another System on HV Apparatus up to a Connection Point; and
 - (ii) Safety From The System when work is to be carried out at a User's Site or a Transmission Site (as the case may be) on equipment of the User or a Transmission Licensee (as the case may be) where the work or equipment is near to HV Apparatus on the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System.

OC8.3 <u>SCOPE</u>

- OC8.3.1 OC8 applies to NGC and to Users, which in OC8 means:-
 - (a) Generators;
 - (b) Network Operators; and
 - (c) Non-Embedded Customers.

In Scotland OC8 also applies to Relevant Transmission Licensees.

The procedures for the establishment of safety co-ordination by **NGC** in relation to **External Interconnections** are set out in **Interconnection Agreements** with relevant persons for the **External Interconnections**.

OC8.4 <u>PROCEDURE</u>

- OC8.4.1 Safety Co-ordination in England and Wales
- OC8.4.1.1 **OC8** Appendix 1, OC8A, applies when work is to be carried out on or near to **Systems** in England and Wales or when **Safety Precautions** are required to be established in England and Wales when work is to be carried out on or near to **Systems** in Scotland.
- OC8.4.2 Safety Co-ordination in Scotland
- OC8.4.2.1 **OC8** Appendix 2, OC8B, applies when work is to be carried out on or near to **Systems** in Scotland or when **Safety Precautions** are required to be established in Scotland when work is to be carried out on or near to **Systems** in England or Wales.

OPERATING CODE NO.8 APPENDIX 1 (OC8A)

SAFETY CO-ORDINATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES

OC8A.1 INTRODUCTION

OC8A.1.1 OC8A specifies the standard procedures to be used by NGC and Users for the coordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary Safety Precautions when work is to be carried out on or near the GB Transmission System in England and Wales or the System of a User in England and Wales and when there is a need for Safety Precautions on HV Apparatus on the other's System for this work to be carried out safely. OC8A applies to NGC and Users only in England and Wales. Where work is to be carried out on or near equipment in Scotland, but such work requires Safety Precautions to be established in England and Wales, OC8A should be followed by NGC and Users to establish the required Safety Precautions in England and Wales.

> **OC8B** specifies the procedures to be used by the **Relevant Transmission Licensees** and **Users** in Scotland.

> In this **OC8A** the term "work" includes testing, other than **System Tests** which are covered by **OC12**.

- OC8A.1.2 **OC8A** also covers the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary safety precautions on the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System** when work is to be carried out at a **User's Site** or a **Transmission Site** (as the case may be) on equipment of the **User** or **NGC** as the case may be where the work or equipment is near to **HV Apparatus** on the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System**.
- OC8A.1.3 OC8A does not apply to the situation where Safety Precautions need to be agreed solely between Users. OC8A does not apply to the situation where Safety Precautions need to be agreed solely between Transmission Licensees.
- OC8A.1.4 OC8A does not seek to impose a particular set of Safety Rules on NGC and Users; the Safety Rules to be adopted and used by NGC and each User shall be those chosen by each.
- OC8A.1.5 **Site Responsibility Schedules** document the control responsibility for each item of **Plant** and **Apparatus** for each site.
- OC8A.1.6 Defined terms
- OC8A.1.6.1 **Users** should bear in mind that in **OC8** only, in order that **OC8** reads more easily with the terminology used in certain **Safety Rules**, the term "**HV Apparatus**" is defined more restrictively and is used accordingly in **OC8A. Users** should, therefore, exercise caution in relation to this term when reading and using **OC8A.**
- OC8A.1.6.2 In **OC8A** only the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "HV Apparatus" means High Voltage electrical circuits forming part of a System, on which Safety From The System may be required or on which Safety Precautions may be applied to allow work to be carried out on a System.
- (2) **"Isolation**" means the disconnection of **Apparatus** from the remainder of the **System** in which that **Apparatus** is situated by either of the following:
 - (a) an **Isolating Device** maintained in an isolating position. The isolating position must either be:
 - (i) maintained by immobilising and Locking the Isolating Device in the isolating position and affixing a Caution Notice to it. Where the Isolating Device is Locked with a Safety Key, the Safety Key must be secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key must be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured by such other method which must be in accordance with the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or that User, as the case may be; or
 - (b) an adequate physical separation which must be in accordance with, and maintained by, the method set out in the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or that User, as the case may be, and, if it is a part of that method, a Caution Notice must be placed at the point of separation.
- (3) **"Earthing**" means a way of providing a connection between conductors and earth by an **Earthing Device** which is either:
 - (i) immobilised and Locked in the Earthing position. Where the Earthing Device is Locked with a Safety Key, the Safety Key must be secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key must be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured in position by such other method which must be in accordance with the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or that User as the case may be.
- OC8A.1.6.3 For the purpose of the co-ordination of safety relating to **HV Apparatus** the term **"Safety Precautions"** means **Isolation** and/or **Earthing.**
- OC8A.2 <u>OBJECTIVE</u>
- OC8A.2.1 The objective of OC8A is to achieve:-
 - Safety From The System when work on or near a System necessitates the provision of Safety Precautions on another System on HV Apparatus up to a Connection Point; and
 - (ii) Safety From The System when work is to be carried out at a User's Site or a Transmission Site (as the case may be) on equipment of the User or NGC

(as the case may be) where the work or equipment is near to **HV Apparatus** on the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System**.

- OC8A.2.2 A flow chart, set out in **OC8A Appendix C**, illustrates the process utilised in **OC8A** to achieve the objective set out in OC8A.2.1. In the case of a conflict between the flow chart and the provisions of the written text of **OC8A**, the written text will prevail.
- OC8A.3 <u>SCOPE</u>
- OC8A.3.1 OC8A applies to NGC and to Users in England and Wales, which in OC8A means:-
 - (a) Generators;
 - (b) Network Operators; and
 - (c) Non-Embedded Customers.

The procedures for the establishment of safety co-ordination by **NGC** in relation to **External Interconnections** are set out in **Interconnection Agreements** with relevant persons for the **External Interconnections**.

OC8A.4 PROCEDURE

OC8A.4.1 Approval of Local Safety Instructions

- OC8A.4.1.1 (a) In accordance with the timing requirements of its **Bilateral Agreement**, each **User** will supply to **NGC** a copy of its **Local Safety Instructions** relating to its side of the **Connection Point** at each **Connection Site**.
 - (b) In accordance with the timing requirements of each **Bilateral Agreement**, **NGC** will supply to each **User** a copy of its **Local Safety Instructions** relating to the **Transmission** side of the **Connection Point** at each **Connection Site**.
 - (c) Prior to connection **NGC** and the **User** must have approved each other's relevant **Local Safety Instructions** in relation to **Isolation** and **Earthing**.
- OC8A.4.1.2 Either party may require that the **Isolation** and/or **Earthing** provisions in the other party's **Local Safety Instructions** affecting the **Connection Site** should be made more stringent in order that approval of the other party's **Local Safety Instructions** can be given. Provided these requirements are not unreasonable, the other party will make such changes as soon as reasonably practicable. These changes may need to cover the application of **Isolation** and/or **Earthing** at a place remote from the **Connection Site**, depending upon the **System** layout. Approval may not be withheld because the party required to approve reasonably believes the provisions relating to **Isolation** and/or **Earthing** are too stringent.
- OC8A.4.1.3 If, following approval, a party wishes to change the provisions in its **Local Safety Instructions** relating to **Isolation** and/or **Earthing**, it must inform the other party. If the change is to make the provisions more stringent, then the other party merely has to note the changes. If the change is to make the provisions less stringent, then the

other party needs to approve the new provisions and the procedures referred to in OC8A.4.1.2 apply.

OC8A.4.2 Safety Co-ordinators

- OC8A.4.2.1 For each **Connection Point**, **NGC** and each **User** will at all times have nominated and available a person or persons ("**Safety Co-ordinator(s**)") to be responsible for the co-ordination of **Safety Precautions** when work is to be carried out on a **System** which necessitates the provision of **Safety Precautions** on **HV Apparatus** pursuant to **OC8A**. A **Safety Co-ordinator** may be responsible for the co-ordination of safety on **HV Apparatus** at more than one **Connection Point**.
- OC8A.4.2.2 Each **Safety Co-ordinator** shall be authorised by **NGC** or a **User**, as the case may be, as competent to carry out the functions set out in **OC8A** to achieve **Safety From The System**. Confirmation from **NGC** or a **User**, as the case may be, that its **Safety Co-ordinator(s)** as a group are so authorised is dealt with in CC.5.2. Only persons with such authorisation will carry out the provisions of **OC8A**.
- OC8A.4.2.3 Contact between **Safety Co-ordinators** will be made via normal operational channels, and accordingly separate telephone numbers for **Safety Co-ordinators** need not be provided. At the time of making contact, each party will confirm that they are authorised to act as a **Safety Co-ordinator**, pursuant to **OC8A**.
- OC8A.4.2.4 If work is to be carried out on a **System**, or on equipment of **NGC** or a **User** near to a **System**, as provided in this **OC8A**, which necessitates the provision of **Safety Precautions** on **HV Apparatus** in accordance with the provisions of **OC8A**, the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** who requires the **Safety Precautions** to be provided shall contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** to coordinate the establishment of the **Safety Precautions**.

OC8A.4.3 **<u>RISSP</u>**

- OC8A.4.3.1 **OC8A** sets out the procedures for utilising the **RISSP**, which will be used except where dealing with equipment in proximity to the other's **System** as provided in OC8A.8. Sections OC8A.4 to OC8A.7 inclusive should be read accordingly.
- OC8A.4.3.2 NGC will use the format of the RISSP forms set out in Appendix A and Appendix B to OC8A. That set out in OC8A Appendix A and designated as "RISSP-R", shall be used when NGC is the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator, and that in OC8A Appendix B and designated as "RISSP-I", shall be used when NGC is the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator. Proformas of RISSP-R and RISSP-I will be provided for use by NGC staff.
- OC8A.4.3.3 (a) **Users** may either adopt the format referred to in OC8A.4.3.2, or use an equivalent format, provided that it includes sections requiring insertion of the same information and has the same numbering of sections as RISSP-R and RISSP-I as set out in Appendices A and B respectively.
 - (b) Whether **Users** adopt the format referred to in OC8A.4.3.2, or use the equivalent format as above, the format may be produced and held in, and retrieved from an electronic form by the **User**.

- (c) Whichever method **Users** choose, each must provide proformas (whether in tangible or electronic form) for use by its staff.
- OC8A.4.3.4 All references to RISSP-R and RISSP-I shall be taken as referring to the corresponding parts of the alternative forms or other tangible written or electronic records used by each **User**.
- OC8A.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **User** or **NGC**, as the case may be) serial number consisting of four digits and the suffix "R".
- OC8A.4.3.6 (a) In accordance with the timing requirements set out in CC.5.2 each **User** shall apply in writing to **NGC** for **NGC's** approval of its proposed prefix.
 - (b) **NGC** shall consider the proposed prefix to see if it is the same as (or confusingly similar to) a prefix used by **NGC** or another **User** and shall, as soon as possible (and in any event within ten days), respond in writing to the **User** with its approval or disapproval.
 - (c) If **NGC** disapproves, it shall explain in its response why it has disapproved and will suggest an alternative prefix.
 - (d) If NGC has disapproved, then the User shall either notify NGC in writing of its acceptance of the suggested alternative prefix or it shall apply in writing to NGC with revised proposals and the above procedure shall apply to that application.
- OC8A.4.3.7 The prefix allocation will be periodically circulated by **NGC** to all **Users**, for information purposes, using a National Grid Safety Circular in the form set out in **OC8A** Appendix D.

OC8A.5 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON HV APPARATUS

- OC8A.5.1 Agreement of Safety Precautions
- OC8A.5.1.1 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** who requires **Safety Precautions** on another **System(s)** will contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator(s)** to agree the **Location** of the **Safety Precautions** to be established. This agreement will be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.
- OC8A.5.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator to ensure that adequate Safety Precautions are established and maintained, on his and/or another System connected to his System, to enable Safety From The System to be achieved on the HV Apparatus, specified by the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator which is to be identified in Part 1.1 of the RISSP. Reference to another System in this OC8A.5.1.2 shall not include the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System which is dealt with in OC8A.5.1.3.
- OC8A.5.1.3 When the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** is of the reasonable opinion that it is necessary for **Safety Precautions** on the **System** of the **Requesting Safety Coordinator**, other than on the **HV Apparatus** specified by the **Requesting Safety Coordinator**, which is to be identified in Part 1.1 of the **RISSP**, he shall contact the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the details shall be recorded in part 1.1 of the

RISSP forms. In these circumstances it is the responsibility of the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** to establish and maintain such **Safety Precautions**.

OC8A.5.1.4 In the event of disagreement

In any case where the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** are unable to agree the **Location** of the **Isolation** and (if requested) **Earthing**, both shall be at the closest available points on the infeeds to the **HV Apparatus** on which **Safety From The System** is to be achieved as indicated on the **Operation Diagram**.

OC8A.5.2 Implementation of Isolation

- OC8A.5.2.1 Following the agreement of the **Safety Precautions** in accordance with OC8A.5.1 the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall then establish the agreed **Isolation**.
- OC8A.5.2.2 The Implementing Safety Co-ordinator shall confirm to the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator that the agreed Isolation has been established, and identify the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's HV Apparatus up to the Connection Point, for which the Isolation has been provided. The confirmation shall specify:
 - (a) for each Location, the identity (by means of HV Apparatus name, nomenclature and numbering or position, as applicable) of each point of Isolation;
 - (b) whether **Isolation** has been achieved by an **Isolating Device** in the isolating position or by an adequate physical separation;
 - (c) where an **Isolating Device** has been used whether the isolating position is either :
 - (i) maintained by immobilising and Locking the Isolating Device in the isolating position and affixing a Caution Notice to it. Where the Isolating Device has been Locked with a Safety Key that the Safety Key has been secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key will be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured by such other method which must be in accordance with the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or that User, as the case may be; and
 - (d) where an adequate physical separation has been used that it will be in accordance with, and maintained by, the method set out in the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or that User, as the case may be, and, if it is a part of that method, that a Caution Notice has been placed at the point of separation.

The confirmation of **Isolation** shall be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.

OC8A.5.2.3 Following the confirmation of Isolation being established by the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator and the necessary establishment of relevant Isolation on the Requesting Safety Co-ordinators System, the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator may then request the implementation of **Earthing** by the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator**, if agreed in section OC8A.5.1.

- OC8A.5.3 Implementation of Earthing
- OC8A.5.3.1 The Implementing Safety Co-ordinator shall then establish the agreed Earthing.
- OC8A.5.3.2 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall confirm to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** that the agreed **Earthing** has been established, and identify the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's HV Apparatus** up to the **Connection Point**, for which the **Earthing** has been provided. The confirmation shall specify:
 - (a) for each Location, the identity (by means of HV Apparatus name, nomenclature and numbering or position, as is applicable) of each point of Earthing; and
 - (b) in respect of the **Earthing Device** used, whether it is:
 - (i) immobilised and Locked in the Earthing position. Where the Earthing Device has been Locked with a Safety Key, that the Safety Key has been secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key will be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured in position by such other method which is in accordance with the Local Safety Instructions of NGC or the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be.

The confirmation of **Earthing** shall be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.

- OC8A.5.3.3. The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall ensure that the established **Safety Precautions** are maintained until requested to be removed by the relevant **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator**.
- OC8A.5.4 **RISSP** Issue Procedure
- OC8A.5.4.1 Where **Safety Precautions** on another **System(s)** are being provided to enable work on the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System**, before any work commences they must be recorded by a **RISSP** being issued. The **RISSP** is applicable to **HV Apparatus** up to the **Connection Point** identified in section 1.1 of the RISSP-R and RISSP-I forms.
- OC8A.5.4.2 Where **Safety Precautions** are being provided to enable work to be carried out on both sides of the **Connection Point** a **RISSP** will need to be issued for each side of the **Connection Point** with **NGC** and the respective **User** each enacting the role of **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator**. This will result in a RISSP-R and a RISSP-I form being completed by each of the **NGC** and the **User**, with each **Safety Co-ordinator** issuing one **RISSP** number.
- OC8A.5.4.3 Once the **Safety Precautions** have been established (in accordance with OC8A.5.2 and OC8A.5.3), the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall complete parts 1.1 and 1.2 of a RISSP-I form recording the details specified in OC8A.5.1.3, OC8A.5.2.2 and OC8A.5.3.2. Where **Earthing** has not been requested, Part 1.2(b) will be

completed with the words "not applicable" or "N/A". He shall then contact the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** to pass on these details.

- OC8A.5.4.4 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** shall complete Parts 1.1 and 1.2 of the RISSP-R, making a precise copy of the details received. On completion, the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** shall read the entries made back to the sender and check that an accurate copy has been made.
- OC8A.5.4.5 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** shall then issue the number of the **RISSP**, taken from the RISSP-R, to the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** who will ensure that the number, including the prefix and suffix, is accurately recorded in the designated space on the RISSP-I form.
- OC8A.5.4.6 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall complete and sign Part 1.3 of the RISSP-R and RISSP-I respectively and then enter the time and date. When signed no alteration to the **RISSP** is permitted; the **RISSP** may only be cancelled.
- OC8A.5.4.7 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** is then free to authorise work (including a test that does not affect the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System**) in accordance with the requirements of the relevant internal safety procedures which apply to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System**. This is likely to involve the issue of safety documents or other relevant internal authorisations. Where testing is to be carried out which affects the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System**, the procedure set out below in OC8A.6 shall be implemented.
- OC8A.5.5 **<u>RISSP** Cancellation Procedure</u>
- OC8A.5.5.1 When the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** decides that **Safety Precautions** are no longer required, he will contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** to effect cancellation of the associated **RISSP**.
- OC8A.5.5.2 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** will inform the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** of the **RISSP** identifying number (including the prefix and suffix), and agree it is the **RISSP** to be cancelled.
- OC8A.5.5.3 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the relevant **Implementing Safety Co**ordinator shall then respectively complete Part 2.1 of their respective RISSP-R and RISSP-I forms and shall then exchange details. The details being exchanged shall include their respective names and time and date. On completion of the exchange of details the respective **RISSP** is cancelled. The removal of **Safety Precautions** is as set out in OC8A.5.5.4 and OC8A.5.5.5.
- OC8A.5.5.4 Neither **Safety Co-ordinator** shall instruct the removal of any **Isolation** forming part of the **Safety Precautions** as part of the returning of the **HV Apparatus** to service until it is confirmed to each by each other that every earth on each side of the **Connection Point**, within the points of isolation identified on the **RISSP**, has been removed or disconnected by the provision of additional **Points of Isolation**.
- OC8A.5.5.5 Subject to the provisions in OC8A.5.5.4, the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** is then free to arrange the removal of the **Safety Precautions**, the procedure to achieve that being entirely an internal matter for the party the **Implementing Safety**

Co-ordinator is representing. The only situation in which any **Safety Precautions** may be removed without first cancelling the **RISSP** in accordance with OC8A.5.5 or OC8A.5.6 is when **Earthing** is removed in the situation envisaged in OC8A.6.2(b).

OC8A.5.6 **RISSP** Change Control

Nothing in this **OC8A** prevents **NGC** and **Users** agreeing to a simultaneous cancellation and issue of a new **RISSP**, if both agree. It should be noted, however, that the effect of that under the relevant **Safety Rules** is not a matter with which the **Grid Code** deals.

OC8A.6 TESTING AFFECTING ANOTHER SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR'S SYSTEM

- OC8A.6.1 The carrying out of the test may affect **Safety Precautions** on **RISSPs** or work being carried out which does not require a **RISSP**. Testing can, for example, include the application of an independent test voltage. Accordingly, where the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** wishes to authorise the carrying out of such a test to which the procedures in OC8A.6 apply he may not do so and the test will not take place unless and until the steps in (a)-(c) below have been followed and confirmation of completion has been recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**:
 - (a) confirmation must be obtained from the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** that:
 - (i) no person is working on, or testing, or has been authorised to work on, or test, any part of its System or another System(s) (other than the System of the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator) within the points of Isolation identified on the RISSP form relating to the test which is proposed to be undertaken, and
 - (ii) no person will be so authorised until the proposed test has been completed (or cancelled) and the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** has notified the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** of its completion (or cancellation);
 - (b) any other current **RISSPs** which relate to the parts of the **System** in which the testing is to take place must have been cancelled in accordance with procedures set out in OC8A.5.5;
 - (c) the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** must agree with the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** to permit the testing on that part of the **System** between the points of **Isolation** identified in the **RISSP** associated with the test and the points of **Isolation** on the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System**.
- OC8A.6.2 (a) The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** will inform the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** as soon as the test has been completed or cancelled and the confirmation shall be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.
 - (b) When the test gives rise to the removal of **Earthing** which it is not intended to re-apply, the relevant **RISSP** associated with the test shall be cancelled at the completion or cancellation of the test in accordance with the procedure set out

in either OC8A.5.5 or OC8A.5.6. Where the **Earthing** is re-applied following the completion or cancellation of the test, there is no requirement to cancel the relevant **RISSP** associated with the test pursuant to this OC8A.6.2.

OC8A.7 <u>EMERGENCY SITUATIONS</u>

- OC8A.7.1 There may be circumstances where **Safety Precautions** need to be established in relation to an unintended electrical connection or situations where there is an unintended risk of electrical connection between the **GB Transmission System** and a **User's System**, for example resulting from an incident where one line becomes attached or unacceptably close to another.
- OC8A.7.2 In those circumstances, if both **NGC** and the respective **User** agree, the relevant provisions of OC8A.5 will apply as if the electrical connections or potential connections were, solely for the purposes of this **OC8A**, a **Connection Point**.
- OC8A.7.3 (a) The relevant **Safety Co-ordinator** shall be that for the electrically closest existing **Connection Point** to that **User's System** or such other local **Connection Point** as may be agreed between **NGC** and the **User**, with discussions taking place between the relevant local **Safety Co-ordinators**. The **Connection Point** to be used shall be known in this OC8A.7.3 as the "relevant **Connection Point**".
 - (b) The **Local Safety Instructions** shall be those which apply to the relevant **Connection Point**.
 - (c) The prefix for the **RISSP** will be that which applies for the relevant **Connection Point**.

OC8A.8 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS RELATING TO WORKING ON EQUIPMENT NEAR TO THE HV SYSTEM

OC8A.8 applies to the situation where work is to be carried out at a **User's Site** or a **Transmission Site** (as the case may be) on equipment of the **User** or **NGC** as the case may be, where the work or equipment is near to **HV Apparatus** on the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System**. It does not apply to other situations to which **OC8A** applies. In this part of **OC8A**, a **Permit for Work for proximity work** is to be used, rather then the usual **RISSP** procedure, given the nature and effect of the work, all as further provided in the OC8A.8.

OC8A.8.1 Agreement of Safety Precautions

OC8A.8.1.1 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** who requires **Safety Precautions** on another **System(s)** when work is to be carried out at a **User's Site** or a **Transmission Site** (as the case may be) on equipment of the **User** or **NGC**, as the case may be, where the work or equipment is near to **HV Apparatus** on the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System** will contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator(s)** to agree the Location of the **Safety Precautions** to be established, having as part of this process informed the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** of the equipment and the work to be undertaken. The respective **Safety Co-ordinators** will ensure that they discuss the request with their authorised site representative and that the

respective authorised site representatives discuss the request at the **Connection Site**. This agreement will be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.

OC8A.8.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator, working with his authorised site representative as appropriate, to ensure that adequate Safety Precautions are established and maintained, on his and/or another System connected to his System, to enable Safety From The System to be achieved for work to be carried out at a User's Site or a Transmission Site (as the case may be) on equipment and in relation to work which is to be identified in the relevant part of the Permit for Work for proximity work where the work or equipment is near to HV Apparatus of the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System in this OC8A.8.1.2 shall not include the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System.

OC8A.8.1.3 In the event of disagreement

In any case where the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** are unable to agree the **Location** of the **Isolation** and (if requested) **Earthing**, both shall be at the closest available points on the infeeds to the **HV Apparatus** near to which the work is to be carried out as indicated on the **Operation Diagram**.

- OC8A.8.2 Implementation of Isolation and Earthing
- OC8A.8.2.1 Following the agreement of the **Safety Precautions** in accordance with OC8A.8.1 the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall then establish the agreed **Isolation** and (if required) **Earthing**.
- OC8A.8.2.2 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall confirm to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** that the agreed **Isolation** and (if required) **Earthing** has been established.
- OC8A.8.2.3 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall ensure that the established **Safety Precautions** are maintained until requested to be removed by the relevant **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator**.
- OC8A.8.3 Permit for Work for proximity work Issue Procedure
- OC8A.8.3.1 Where **Safety Precautions** on another **System(s)** are being provided to enable work to be carried out at a **User's Site** or **Transmission Site** (as the case may be) on equipment where the work or equipment is in proximity to **HV Apparatus** of the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator**, before any work commences they must be recorded by a **Permit for Work for proximity work** being issued. The **Permit for Work for proximity work** shall identify the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's HV Apparatus** in proximity to the required work
- OC8A.8.3.2 Once the Safety Precautions have been established (in accordance with OC8A.8.2), the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator shall agree to the issue of the Permit for Work for proximity work with the appropriately authorised site representative of the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's Site. The Implementing Safety Co-ordinator will inform the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator of the Permit for Work for proximity work identifying number.

- OC8A.8.3.3 The appropriately authorised site representative of the Implementing Safety Coordinator shall then issue the Permit for Work for proximity work to the appropriately authorised site representative of the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator. The Permit for Work for proximity work will in the section dealing with the work to be carried out, be completed to identify that the work is near the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's HV Apparatus. No further details of the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's work will be recorded, as that is a matter for the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator in relation to his work.
- OC8A.8.3.4 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** is then free to authorise work in accordance with the requirements of the relevant internal safety procedures which apply to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's Site**. This is likely to involve the issue of safety documents or other relevant internal authorisations.

OC8A.8.4 Permit for Work for proximity work Cancellation Procedure

- OC8A.8.4.1 When the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** decides that **Safety Precautions** are no longer required, he will contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** to effect cancellation of the associated **Permit for Work for proximity work**.
- OC8A.8.4.2 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** will inform the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** of the **Permit for Work for proximity work** identifying number, and agree that the **Permit for Work for proximity work** can be cancelled. The cancellation is then effected by the appropriately authorised site representative of the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** returning the **Permit for Work for proximity work** to the appropriately authorised site representative of the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator**.
- OC8A.8.4.3 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** is then free to arrange the removal of the **Safety Precautions**, the procedure to achieve that being entirely an internal matter for the party the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** is representing.

OC8A.9 LOSS OF INTEGRITY OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

OC8A.9.1 In any instance when any **Safety Precautions** may be ineffective for any reason the relevant **Safety Co-ordinator** shall inform the other **Safety Co-ordinator(s)** without delay of that being the case and, if requested, of the reasons why.

OC8A.10 <u>SAFETY LOG</u>

OC8A.10.1 **NGC** and **Users** shall maintain **Safety Logs** which shall be a chronological record of all messages relating to safety co-ordination under **OC8A** sent and received by the **Safety Co-ordinator(s)**. The **Safety Logs** must be retained for a period of not less than one year.

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SAFETY CO-ORDINATION IN SCOTLAND

OC8B.1 INTRODUCTION

OC8B.1.1 OC8B specifies the standard procedures to be used by NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensees and Users for the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary Safety Precautions when work is to be carried out on or near the GB Transmission System in Scotland or the System of a User in Scotland and when there is a need for Safety Precautions on HV Apparatus on the other's System for this work to be carried out safely. OC8B applies to Relevant Transmission Licensees and Users only in Scotland. Where work is to be carried out on or near equipment in England and Wales, but such work requires Safety Precautions to be established in Scotland, OC8B should be followed by the Relevant Transmission Licensee and Users to establish the required Safety Precautions in Scotland.

OC8A specifies the procedures to be used by **NGC** and **Users** in England and Wales.

NGC shall procure that **Relevant Transmission Licensees** shall comply with **OC8B** where and to the extent that such section applies to them.

In this **OC8B** the term "work" includes testing, other than **System Tests** which are covered by **OC12**.

- OC8B.1.2 OC8B also covers the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of necessary safety precautions on the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System when work is to be carried out at a User's Site or a Transmission Site (as the case may be) on equipment of the User or the Relevant Transmission Licensee as the case may be where the work or equipment is near to HV Apparatus on the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator's System.
- OC8B.1.3 OC8B does not apply to the situation where Safety Precautions need to be agreed solely between Users. OC8B does not apply to the situation where Safety Precautions need to be agreed solely between Transmission Licensees.
- OC8B.1.4 OC8B does not seek to impose a particular set of Safety Rules on Relevant Transmission Licensees and Users. The Safety Rules to be adopted and used by the Relevant Transmission Licensee and each User shall be those chosen by each.
- OC8B.1.5 **Site Responsibility Schedules** document the control responsibility for each item of **Plant** and **Apparatus** for each site.
- OC8B.1.6 The **Relevant Transmission Licensee** may agree detailed site-specific operational procedures with **Users** for the co-ordination, establishment and maintenance of **Safety Precautions** instead of the **Record of Inter-System Safety Precautions** ("**RISSP**") procedure detailed in this **OC8B.** Such operational procedures shall

satisfy the requirements of paragraphs OC8B.1.7, OC8B.2.1, OC8B.4.1, OC8B.4.2, OC8B.9, OC8B.10

- OC8B.1.7 <u>Defined terms</u>
- OC8B.1.7.1 **Users** should bear in mind that in **OC8** only, in order that **OC8** reads more easily with the terminology used in certain **Safety Rules**, the term "**HV Apparatus**" is defined more restrictively and is used accordingly in **OC8B. Users** should, therefore, exercise caution in relation to this term when reading and using **OC8B.**
- OC8B.1.7.2 In **OC8** only the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (1) "HV Apparatus" means High Voltage electrical circuits forming part of a System, on which Safety From The System may be required or on which Safety Precautions may be applied to allow work to be carried out on a System.
 - (2) **"Isolation**" means the disconnection of **Apparatus** from the remainder of the **System** in which that **Apparatus** is situated by either of the following:
 - (a) an **Isolating Device** maintained in an isolating position. The isolating position must either be:
 - (i) maintained by immobilising and Locking the Isolating Device in the isolating position and affixing a Caution Notice to it. Where the Isolating Device is Locked with a Safety Key, the Safety Key must be secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key must be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured by such other method which must be in accordance with the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be; or
 - (b) an adequate physical separation which must be in accordance with, and maintained by, the method set out in the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be, and, if it is a part of that method, a Caution Notice must be placed at the point of separation.
 - (3) **"Earthing**" means a way of providing a connection between conductors and earth by an **Earthing Device** which is either:
 - (i) immobilised and Locked in the Earthing position. Where the Earthing Device is Locked with a Safety Key, the Safety Key must be secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key must be retained in safe custody; or
 - (iii) maintained and/or secured in position by such other method which must be in accordance with the **Safety Rules** of the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** or that **User** as the case may be.
- OC8B.1.7.3 For the purpose of the co-ordination of safety relating to **HV Apparatus** the term **"Safety Precautions"** means **Isolation** and/or **Earthing.**

OC8B.2 OBJECTIVE

- OC8B.2.1 The objective of OC8B is to achieve:-
 - Safety From The System when work on or near a System necessitates the provision of Safety Precautions on another System on HV Apparatus up to a Connection Point; and
 - (ii) Safety From The System when work is to be carried out at a User's Site or a Transmission Site (as the case may be) on equipment of the User or the Relevant Transmission Licensee (as the case may be) where the work or equipment is near to HV Apparatus on the Implementing Safety Coordinator's System.
- OC8B.2.2 A flow chart, set out in **OC8B** Appendix C, illustrates the process utilised in **OC8B** to achieve the objective set out in OC8B.2.1. In the case of a conflict between the flow chart and the provisions of the written text of **OC8B**, the written text will prevail.
- OC8B.3 <u>SCOPE</u>
- OC8B.3.1 **OC8B** applies to **NGC**, **Relevant Transmission Licensees** and to **Users**, which in OC8 means:-
 - (a) Generators;
 - (b) Network Operators; and
 - (c) Non-Embedded Customers.

The procedures for the establishment of safety co-ordination by **NGC** in relation to **External Interconnections** are set out in **Interconnection Agreements** with relevant persons for the **External Interconnections**.

OC8B.4 PROCEDURE

OC8B.4.1 Approval of Safety Rules

- OC8B.4.1.1 (a) In accordance with the timing requirements of its **Bilateral Agreement**, each **User** will supply to the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** a copy of its **Safety Rules** relating to its side of the **Connection Point** at each **Connection Site**.
 - (b) In accordance with the timing requirements of each **Bilateral Agreement** the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** will supply to each **User** a copy of its **Safety Rules** relating to the **Transmission** side of the **Connection Point** at each **Connection Site**.
 - (c) Prior to connection the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and the **User** must have approved each other's relevant **Safety Rules** in relation to **Isolation** and **Earthing**.

- OC8B.4.1.2 Either party may require that the **Isolation** and/or **Earthing** provisions in the other party's **Safety Rules** affecting the **Connection Site** should be made more stringent in order that approval of the other party's **Safety Rules** can be given. Provided these requirements are not unreasonable, the other party will make such changes as soon as reasonably practicable. These changes may need to cover the application of **Isolation** and/or **Earthing** at a place remote from the **Connection Site**, depending upon the **System** layout. Approval may not be withheld because the party required to approve reasonably believes the provisions relating to **Isolation** and/or **Earthing** are too stringent.
- OC8B.4.1.3 If, following approval, a party wishes to change the provisions in its **Safety Rules** relating to **Isolation** and/or **Earthing**, it must inform the other party. If the change is to make the provisions more stringent, then the other party merely has to note the changes. If the change is to make the provisions less stringent, then the other party needs to approve the new provisions and the procedures referred to in OC8B.4.1.2 apply.

OC8B.4.2 Safety Co-ordinators

- OC8B.4.2.1 For each **Connection Point**, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and each **User** will have nominated to be available, to a timescale agreed in the **Bilateral Agreement**, a person or persons ("**Safety Co-ordinator(s**)") to be responsible for the co-ordination of **Safety Precautions** when work is to be carried out on a **System** which necessitates the provision of **Safety Precautions** on **HV Apparatus** pursuant to **OC8B.** A **Safety Co-ordinator** may be responsible for the co-ordination of safety on **HV Apparatus** at more than one **Connection Point**.
- OC8B.4.2.2 Each Safety Co-ordinator shall be authorised by the Relevant Transmission Licensee or a User, as the case may be, as competent to carry out the functions set out in OC8B to achieve Safety From The System. Confirmation from the Relevant Transmission Licensee or a User, as the case may be, that its Safety Coordinator(s) as a group are so authorised is dealt with, for Users, in CC.5.2 and for Relevant Transmission Licensees in the STC. Only persons with such authorisation will carry out the provisions of OC8B. Each User shall, prior to being connected to the GB Transmission System, give notice in writing to the Relevant Transmission Licensee of its Safety Co-ordinator(s) and will update the written notice yearly and whenever there is a change to the identity of its Safety Coordinators or to the Connection Points. The Relevant Transmission Licensee will, at the time of a User being connected to the GB Transmission System give notice in writing to that User of the identity of its Safety Co-ordinator(s) and will update the written notice whenever there is a change to the **Connection Points** or Safety Co-ordinators.
- OC8B.4.2.3 Contact between **Safety Co-ordinators** will be made via normal operational channels, and accordingly separate telephone numbers for **Safety Co-ordinators** need not be provided.

- OC8B.4.2.4 If work is to be carried out on a **System**, or on equipment of the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** or a **User** near to a **System**, as provided in this **OC8B**, which necessitates the provision of **Safety Precautions** on **HV Apparatus** in accordance with the provisions of **OC8B**, the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** who requires the **Safety Precautions** to be provided shall contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** to co-ordinate the establishment of the **Safety Precautions**.
- OC8B.4.3 **<u>RISSP</u>**
- OC8B.4.3.1 **OC8B** sets out the procedures for utilising the **RISSP**, which will be used except where dealing with equipment in proximity to the other's **System** as provided in **OC8B.8**. Sections **OC8B.4** to **OC8B.7** inclusive should be read accordingly.
- OC8B.4.3.2 The **Revant Transmission Licensee** will use the format of the **RISSP** forms set out in Appendix A and Appendix B to **OC8B**, or any other format which may be agreed between the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and each **User**. That set out in **OC8B** Appendix A and designated as "RISSP-R", shall be used when the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** is the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator**, and that in **OC8B** Appendix B and designated as "RISSP-I", shall be used when the **Relevant Tranmission Licensee** is the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator**. Proformas of RISSP-R and RISSP-I will be provided for use by **Relevant Transmission Licensees** staff.
- OC8B.4.3.3 **Users** may either adopt the format referred to in OC8B.4.3.2 or any other format which may be agreed between the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and the **User** from time to time.
- OC8B.4.3.4 All references to RISSP-R and RISSP-I shall be taken as referring to the corresponding parts of the alternative forms or other tangible written or electronic records used by each **User** or **Relevant Transmission Licensee**.
- OC8B.4.3.5 RISSP-R will have an identifying number written or printed on it, comprising a prefix which identifies the location at which it is issued, and a unique (for each **User** or **Relevant Transmission Licensee**, as the case may be) serial number consisting of four digits and the suffix "R".
- OC8B.4.3.6 (a) In accordance with the timing requirements set out in the **Bilateral Agreement** each **User** shall apply in writing to **Relevant Transmission Licensee** for **Relevant Transmission Licensee's** approval of its proposed prefix.
 - (b) Relevant Transmission Licensee shall consider the proposed prefix to see if it is the same as (or confusingly similar to) a prefix used by Relevant Transmission Licensee or another User and shall, as soon as possible (and in any event within ten days), respond in writing to the User with its approval or disapproval.
 - (c) If **Relevant Transmission Licensee** disapproves, it shall explain in its response why it has disapproved and will suggest an alternative prefix.
 - (d) If **Relevant Transmission Licensee** has disapproved, then the **User** shall either notify **Relevant Transmission Licensee** in writing of its acceptance of the suggested alternative prefix or it shall apply in writing to **Relevant**

Transmission Licensee with revised proposals and the above procedure shall apply to that application.

OC8B.5 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON HV APPARATUS

OC8B.5.1 Agreement of Safety Precautions

- OC8B.5.1.1 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** who requires **Safety Precautions** on another **System(s)** will contact the relevant **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator(s)** to agree the **Location** of the **Safety Precautions** to be established. This agreement will be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.
- OC8B.5.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator to ensure that adequate Safety Precautions are established and maintained, on his and/or another System connected to his System, to enable Safety From The System to be achieved on the HV Apparatus, specified by the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator which is to be identified in Part 1.1 of the RISSP. Reference to another System in this OC8B.5.1.2 shall not include the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System which is dealt with in OC8B.5.1.3.
- OC8B.5.1.3 When the Implementing Safety Co-ordinator is of the reasonable opinion that it is necessary for Safety Precautions on the System of the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator, other than on the HV Apparatus specified by the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator, which is to be identified in Part 1.1 of the RISSP, he shall contact the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator and the details shall be recorded in part 1.1 of the RISSP forms. In these circumstances it is the responsibility of the Requesting Safety Co-ordinator to establish and maintain such Safety Precautions.
- OC8B.5.1.4 The location of the **Safety Precautions** should be indicated on each **User's** operational diagram and labelled as per the local instructions of each **User**.
- OC8B.5.1.5 In the event of disagreement

In any case where the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** are unable to agree the **Location** of the **Isolation** and (if requested) **Earthing**, both shall be at the closest available points on the infeeds to the **HV Apparatus** on which **Safety From The System** is to be achieved as indicated on the **Operation Diagram**.

- OC8B.5.2 Implementation of Isolation
- OC8B.5.2.1 Following the agreement of the **Safety Precautions** in accordance with OC8B.5.1 the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall then establish the agreed **Isolation**.
- OC8B.5.2.2 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall confirm to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** that the agreed **Isolation** has been established, and identify the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's HV Apparatus** up to the **Connection Point**, for which the **Isolation** has been provided. The confirmation shall specify:
 - (a) for each Location, the identity (by means of HV Apparatus name, nomenclature and numbering or position, as applicable) of each point of Isolation;

- (b) whether **Isolation** has been achieved by an **Isolating Device** in the isolating position or by an adequate physical separation;
- (c) where an **Isolating Device** has been used whether the isolating position is either :
 - (i) maintained by immobilising and Locking the Isolating Device in the isolating position and affixing a Caution Notice to it. Where the Isolating Device has been Locked with a Safety Key that the Safety Key has been secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key will be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured by such other method which must be in accordance with the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be; and
- (d) where an adequate physical separation has been used that it will be in accordance with, and maintained by, the method set out in the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be, and, if it is a part of that method, that a Caution Notice has been placed at the point of separation.

The confirmation of **Isolation** shall be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.

- OC8B.5.2.3 Following the confirmation of **Isolation** being established by the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** and the necessary establishment of relevant **Isolation** on the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinators System**, the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** may then request the implementation of **Earthing** by the **Implementing Safety Coordinator**, if agreed in section OC8B.5.1.
- OC8B.5.3 Implementation of Earthing
- OC8B.5.3.1 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall then establish the agreed **Earthing**.
- OC8B.5.3.2 The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall confirm to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** that the agreed **Earthing** has been established, and identify the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's HV Apparatus** up to the **Connection Point**, for which the **Earthing** has been provided. The confirmation shall specify:
 - (a) for each Location, the identity (by means of HV Apparatus name, nomenclature and numbering or position, as is applicable) of each point of Earthing; and
 - (b) in respect of the **Earthing Device** used, whether it is:
 - (i) immobilised and Locked in the Earthing position. Where the Earthing Device has been Locked with a Safety Key, that the Safety Key has been secured in a Key Safe and the Key Safe Key will be retained in safe custody; or
 - (ii) maintained and/or secured in position by such other method which is in accordance with the Safety Rules of the Relevant Transmission Licensee or that User, as the case may be.

The confirmation of **Earthing** shall be recorded in the respective **Safety Logs**.

- OC8B.5.3.3. The **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall ensure that the established **Safety Precautions** are maintained until requested to be removed by the relevant **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator**.
- OC8B.5.4 **RISSP** Issue Procedure
- OC8B.5.4.1 Where **Safety Precautions** on another **System(s)** are being provided to enable work on the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System**, before any work commences they must be recorded by a **RISSP** being issued. The **RISSP** is applicable to **HV Apparatus** up to the **Connection Point** identified in section 1.1 of the RISSP-R and RISSP-I forms.
- OC8B.5.4.2 Where **Safety Precautions** are being provided to enable work to be carried out on both sides of the **Connection Point** a **RISSP** will need to be issued for each side of the **Connection Point** with **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and the respective **User** each enacting the role of **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator**. This will result in a RISSP-R and a RISSP-I form being completed by each of the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and the **User**, with each **Safety Co-ordinator** issuing one **RISSP** number.
- OC8B.5.4.3 Once the **Safety Precautions** have been established (in accordance with OC8B.5.2 and OC8B.5.3), the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall complete parts 1.1 and 1.2 of a RISSP-I form recording the details specified in OC8B.5.1.3, OC8B.5.2.2 and OC8B.5.3.2. Where **Earthing** has not been requested, Part 1.2(b) will be completed with the words "not applicable" or "N/A". He shall then contact the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** to pass on these details.
- OC8B.5.4.4 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** shall complete Parts 1.1 and 1.2 of the RISSP-R, making a precise copy of the details received. On completion, the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** shall read the entries made back to the sender and check that an accurate copy has been made.
- OC8B.5.4.5 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** shall then issue the number of the **RISSP**, taken from the RISSP-R, to the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** who will ensure that the number, including the prefix and suffix (where applicable), is accurately recorded in the designated space on the RISSP-I form.
- OC8B.5.4.6 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** and the **Implementing Safety Co-ordinator** shall complete and sign Part 1.3 of the RISSP-R and RISSP-I respectively and then enter the time and date. When signed no alteration to the **RISSP** is permitted; the **RISSP** may only be cancelled.
- OC8B.5.4.7 The **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator** is then free to authorise work, but not testing, in accordance with the requirements of the relevant internal safety procedures which apply to the **Requesting Safety Co-ordinator's System**. This is likely to involve the issue of safety documents or other relevant internal authorisations. Where testing is to be carried out, the procedure set out below in OC8B.6 shall be implemented.

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OPERATING CODE NO.9

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

OC9.1 INTRODUCTION

Operating Code No.9 ("**OC9**") covers the following:

OC9.1.1 Black Starts

The implementation of recovery procedures following a **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown**.

OC9.1.2 **Re-Synchronisation** of Islands

The **Re-Synchronisation** of parts of the **Total System** which have become **Out** of **Synchronism** with each other but where there is no **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown**.

OC9.1.3 Joint System Incident Procedure

The establishment of a communication route and arrangements between senior management representatives of **NGC** and **Users** involved in, or who may be involved in, an actual or potential serious or widespread disruption to the **Total System** or a part of the **Total System**, which requires, or may require, urgent managerial response, day or night, but which does not fall within the provisions of OC9.1.4.

- OC9.1.4 It should be noted that under section 96 of the Act the Secretary of State may give directions to NGC and/or any Generator and/or any Supplier, for the purpose of "mitigating the effects of any civil emergency which may occur" (ie. for the purposes of planning for a civil emergency); a civil emergency is defined in the Act as "any natural disaster or other emergency which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is or may be likely to disrupt electricity supplies". Under the Energy Act 1976, the Secretary of State has powers to make orders and give directions controlling the production, supply, acquisition or use of electricity, where an Order in Council under section 3 is in force declaring that there is an actual or imminent emergency affecting electricity supplies. In the event that any such directions are given, or orders made under the Energy Act 1976, the provisions of the Grid Code will be suspended in so far as they are inconsistent with them.
- OC9.1.5 **NGC** shall procure that **Relevant Transmission Licensees** shall comply with OC9.4 and OC9.5 and any relevant **Local Joint Restoration Plan** or **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** where and to the extent that such matters apply to them.
- OC9.2 <u>OBJECTIVE</u>

The overall objectives of **OC9** are:

OC9.2.1 To achieve, as far as possible, restoration of the **Total System** and associated **Demand** in the shortest possible time, taking into account **Power Station** capabilities, including **Embedded Generating Units**, **External Interconnections** and the operational constraints of the **Total System**.

- OC9.2.2 To achieve the **Re-Synchronisation** of parts of the **Total System** which have become **Out of Synchronism** with each other.
- OC9.2.3 To ensure that communication routes and arrangements are available to enable senior management representatives of **NGC** and **Users**, who are authorised to make binding decisions on behalf of **NGC** or the relevant **User**, as the case may be, to communicate with each other in the situation described in OC9.1.3.
- OC9.2.4 To describe the role that in Scotland a **Relevant Transmission Licensee** may have in the restoration processes as detailed in the relevant **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedures** and **Local Joint Restoration Plans**.
- OC9.3 <u>SCOPE</u>
- OC9.3.1 OC9 applies to NGC and to Users, which in OC9 means:-
 - (a) **Generators**;
 - (b) **Network Operators**; and
 - (c) Non-Embedded Customers.
- OC9.3.2 The procedure for the establishment of emergency support/contingency planning between NGC and Externally Interconnected System Operators is set out in the Interconnection Agreement with each Externally Interconnected System Operator.
- OC9.3.3 In Scotland, OC9.4 and OC9.5 also apply to **Relevant Transmission Licensees**.

OC9.4 BLACK START

OC9.4.1 <u>Total Shutdown</u>

A "Total Shutdown" is the situation existing when all generation has ceased and there is no electricity supply from External Interconnections. Therefore, the Total System has shutdown with the result that it is not possible for the Total System to begin to function again without NGC's directions relating to a Black Start.

OC9.4.2 Partial Shutdown

A "Partial Shutdown" is the same as a Total Shutdown except that all generation has ceased in a separate part of the Total System and there is no electricity supply from External Interconnections or other parts of the Total System to that part of the Total System. Therefore, that part of the Total System is shutdown with the result that it is not possible for that part of the Total System to begin to function again without NGC's directions relating to a Black Start.

OC9.4.3 During a **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown** and during the subsequent recovery, the **Licence Standards** may not apply and the **Total System** may be operated outside normal voltage and **Frequency** standards.

OC9.4.4 In a **Total Shutdown** and in a **Partial Shutdown**, it may be necessary for **NGC** to issue **Emergency Instructions** in accordance with BC2.9 and it may be necessary to depart from normal **Balancing Mechanism** operation in accordance with **BC2** in issuing **Bid-Offer Acceptances**.

OC9.4.5 Black Start Stations

- OC9.4.5.1 Certain **Power Stations** ("**Black Start Stations**") are registered, pursuant to the **Bilateral Agreement** with a **User**, as having an ability for at least one of its **Gensets** to **Start-Up** from **Shutdown** and to energise a part of the **Total System**, or be **Synchronised** to the **System**, upon instruction from **NGC** within two hours, without an external electrical power supply ("**Black Start Capability**").
- OC9.4.5.2 For each **Black Start Station**, a **Local Joint Restoration Plan** will be produced jointly by **NGC**, the relevant **Generator** and **Network Operator** in accordance with the provisions of OC9.4.7.11. The **Local Joint Restoration Plan** will detail the agreed method and procedure by which a **Genset** at a **Black Start Station** (possibly with other **Gensets** at that **Black Start Station**) will energise part of the **Total System** and meet complementary local **Demand** so as to form a **Power Island**.
- OC9.4.5.3 In Scotland, a Local Joint Restoration Plan may cover more than one Black Start Station and may be produced with and include obligations on Relevant Transmission Licensees, Generators responsible for Gensets not at a Black Start Station and other Users.

OC9.4.6 Black Start Situation

In the event of a **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown**, **NGC** will, as soon as reasonably practical, inform **Users** (or, in the case of a **Partial Shutdown**, **Users** which in **NGC's** opinion need to be informed) that a **Total Shutdown**, or, as the case may be, a **Partial Shutdown**, exists and that **NGC** intends to implement a **Black Start**.

In Scotland, in exceptional circumstances, as specified in the Local Joint Restoration Plan, the Relevant Transmission Licensee, may invoke such Local Joint Restoration Plan for its own Transmission System and operate within its provisions.

OC9.4.7 Black Start

- OC9.4.7.1 The procedure necessary for a recovery from a **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown** is known as a "**Black Start**". The procedure for a **Partial Shutdown** is the same as that for a **Total Shutdown** except that it applies only to a part of the **Total System**. It should be remembered that a **Partial Shutdown** may affect parts of the **Total System** which are not themselves shutdown.
- OC9.4.7.2 The complexities and uncertainties of recovery from a **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown** require that **OC9** is sufficiently flexible in order to accommodate the full range of **Genset** and **Total System** characteristics and operational possibilities, and this precludes the setting out in the **Grid Code** itself of concise chronological sequences. The overall strategy will, in general, include the overlapping phases of establishment of **Genset(s)** at an isolated **Power Station**, together with complementary local **Demand**, termed "**Power Islands**", step by

step integration of these **Power Islands** into larger sub-systems and eventually re-establishment of the complete **Total System**.

NGC Instructions

OC9.4.7.3 The procedures for a **Black Start** will, therefore, be those specified by **NGC** at the time. These will normally recognise any applicable **Local Joint Restoration Plan**. **Users** shall abide by **NGC's** instructions during a **Black Start** situation, even if these conflict with the general overall strategy outlined in OC9.4.7.2 or any applicable **Local Joint Restoration Plan**. **NGC's** instructions may (although this list should not be regarded as exhaustive) be to a **Black Start Station** relating to the commencement of generation, to a **Network Operator** or **Non-Embedded Customer** relating to the restoration of **Demand**, and to a **Power Station** relating to preparation for commencement of generation when an external power supply is made available to it, and in each case may include the requirement to undertake switching.

In Scotland the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** will act on **NGC's** behalf in accordance with its duties under the relevant **Local Joint Restoration Plan**. **Users** shall abide by the **Relevant Transmission Licensee's** instructions given in accordance with the **Local Joint Restoration Plan** during a **Black Start** situation.

OC9.4.7.4 (a) During a **Black Start** situation, instructions in relation to **Black Start Stations** will be in the format required for **Emergency Instructions** in **BC2**, and will recognise any differing **Black Start** operational capabilities (however termed) set out in the relevant **Ancillary Services Agreement** in preference to the declared operational capability as registered pursuant to **BC1** (or as amended from time to time in accordance with the **BCs**). For the purposes of these instructions the **Black Start** will be an emergency circumstance under BC2.9.

In Scotland, **Gensets** that are not at **Black Start Stations**, but which are part of a **Local Joint Restoration Plan**, may be instructed in accordance with the provisions of that **Local Joint Restoration Plan**.

For Power Stations which are not part of a Local Joint Restoration Plan, Bid-Offer Acceptances will recognise each BM Unit's Export and Import Limits and Dynamic Parameters as submitted pursuant to BC1 or BC2 (or as amended from time to time in accordance with the BCs).

(b) If during the **Demand** restoration process any **Genset** cannot, because of the **Demand** being experienced, keep within its safe operating parameters, the **Generator** shall, unless a **Local Joint Restoration Plan** is in operation, inform **NGC. NGC** will, where possible, either instruct **Demand** to be altered or will re-configure the **GB Transmission System** or will instruct a **User** to re-configure its **System** in order to alleviate the problem being experienced by the **Generator**. If a **Local Joint Restoration Plan** is in operation, then the arrangements set out therein shall apply. However, **NGC** accepts that any decision to keep a **Genset** operating, if outside its safe operating parameters, is one for the **Generator** concerned alone and accepts that the **Generator** may change generation on that **Genset** if it believes it is necessary for safety reasons (whether relating to personnel or **Plant** and/or **Apparatus**). If such a change is made without prior notice, then the **Generator** shall inform **NGC** as soon as reasonably practical

(unless a **Local Joint Restoration Plan** is in operation in which case the arrangements set out therein shall apply).

Embedded Power Stations

OC9.4.7.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of OC9.4.7.8, **Network Operators** with **Embedded Power Stations** will comply with any directions of **NGC** to restore **Demand** to be met by the **Embedded Power Stations**.

Local Joint Restoration Plan operation

- OC9.4.7.6 The following provisions apply in relation to a Local Joint Restoration (a) Plan. As set out in OC9.4.7.3, NGC may issue instructions which conflict with a Local Joint Restoration Plan. In such cases, these instructions will take precedence over the requirements of the Local Joint Restoration Plan. When issuing such instructions, NGC shall state whether or not it wishes the remainder of the Local Joint Restoration **Plan** to apply. If, not withstanding that **NGC** has stated that it wishes the remainder of the Local Joint Restoration Plan to apply, the Generator or the relevant **Network Operator** consider that **NGC's** instructions mean that it is not possible to operate the Local Joint Restoration Plan as modified by those instructions, any of them may give notice to NGC and the other parties to the Local Joint Restoration Plan to this effect and NGC shall immediately consult with all parties to the Local Joint Restoration Plan. Unless all parties to the Local Joint Restoration Plan reach an agreement forthwith as to how the Local Joint Restoration Plan shall operate in those circumstances, operation in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan will terminate.
 - (b) Where NGC, as part of a Black Start, has given an instruction to a Black Start Station to initiate Start-Up, the relevant Genset(s) at the Black Start Station will Start-Up in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
 - (c) NGC will advise the relevant Network Operator of the requirement to switch its User System so as to segregate its Demand and to carry out such other actions as set out in the Local Joint Restoration Plan. The relevant Network Operator will then operate in accordance with the provisions of the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
 - (d) NGC will ensure that switching carried out on the GB Transmission System and other actions are as set out in the Local Joint Restoration Plan.
 - (e) Following notification from the Generator that the Black Start Station is ready to accept load, NGC will instruct the Black Start Station to energise part of the Total System. The Black Start Station and the relevant Network Operator will then, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Joint Restoration Plan, establish communication and agree the output of the relevant Genset(s) and the connection of Demand so as to establish a Power Island. During this period, the Generator will be required to regulate the output of the relevant Genset(s) at its Black Start Station to the Demand prevailing in the Power Island in which it is situated, on the basis that it will (where practicable) seek to maintain the Target Frequency. The Genset(s) at the Black Start Station will (where

practical) also seek to follow the requirements relating to **Reactive Power** (which may include the requirement to maintain a target voltage) set out in the **Local Joint Restoration Plan**.

- (f) Operation in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan will be terminated by NGC (by notifying the relevant Users) prior to connecting the Power Island to other Power Islands (other than, in Scotland, as allowed for in the Local Joint Restoration Plan), or to the User System of another Network Operator, or to the synchronising of Gensets at other Power Stations (other than, in Scotland, those forming part of the Local Joint Restoration Plan). Operation in accordance with the Local Joint Restoration Plan will also terminate in the circumstances provided for in OC9.4.7.6(a) if an agreement is not reached or if NGC states that it does not wish the remainder of the Local Joint Restoration Plan to apply. Users will then comply with the Bid-Offer Acceptances or Emergency Instructions of NGC.
- (g) In Scotland, **Gensets** included in a **Local Joint Restoration Plan**, but not at a **Black Start Station**, will operate in accordance with the requirements of the **Local Joint Restoration Plan**.

Interconnection of Power Islands

- OC9.4.7.7 **NGC** will instruct the relevant **Users** so as to interconnect **Power Islands** to achieve larger sub-systems, and subsequently the interconnection of these sub-systems to form an integrated system. This should eventually achieve the re-establishment of the **Total System** or that part of the **Total System** subject to the **Partial Shutdown**, as the case may be.
- OC9.4.7.8 As part of the **Black Start** strategy each **Network Operator** with either an **Embedded Black Start Station** which has established a **Power Island** within its **User System** or with any **Embedded Power Stations** within its **User System** which have become islanded, may in liaison with **NGC** sustain and expand these islands in accordance with the relevant provisions of OC9.5 which shall apply to this OC9.4 as if set out here. They will inform **NGC** of their actions and will not **Re-Synchronise** to the **GB Transmission System** or any **User's System** which is already **Synchronised** to the **GB Transmission System** without **NGC's** agreement.

Conclusion of Black Start

OC9.4.7.9 The conclusion of the **Black Start**, and the time of the return to normal operation of the **Total System**, will be determined by **NGC** who shall inform **Users** (or where there has been a **Partial Shutdown**, **Users** which in **NGC's** opinion need to be informed) that the **Black Start** situation no longer exists and that normal operation of the **Total System** has begun.

Externally Interconnected System Operators

OC9.4.7.10 During a Black Start, NGC will, pursuant to the Interconnection Agreement with Externally Interconnected System Operators, agree with Externally Interconnected System Operators when their transmission systems can be Re-Synchronised to the Total System, if they have become separated.

OC9.4.7.11 Local Joint Restoration Plan establishment

(a) In England and Wales, in relation to each Black Start Station, NGC, the Network Operator and the relevant Generator will discuss and agree a Local Joint Restoration Plan. Where at the date of the first inclusion of this OC9.4.7.11 into the Grid Code a local plan covering the procedures to be covered in a Local Joint Restoration Plan is in existence and agreed, NGC will discuss this with the Network Operator and the relevant Generator to agree whether it is consistent with the principles set out in this OC9.4. If it is agreed to be so consistent, then it shall become a Local Joint Restoration Plan under this OC9 and the relevant provisions of OC9.4.7.11(b) shall apply. If it is not agreed to be so consistent, then the provisions of OC9.4.7.11(b) shall apply as if there is no Local Joint Restoration Plan in place.

In Scotland where a requirement for a Local Joint Restoration Plan is identified, NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensee, the Network Operator and Black Start Station(s) will discuss and agree a Local Joint Restoration Plan. In addition other Users, including other Generators, may be reasonably required by NGC to discuss and agree a Local Joint Restoration Plan.

- (b) In England and Wales, where the need for a Local Joint Restoration Plan arises when there is none in place, the following provisions shall apply:-
 - (i) NGC, the Network Operator and the relevant Generator will discuss and agree the detail of the Local Joint Restoration Plan as soon as the requirement for a Local Joint Restoration Plan is identified by NGC. NGC will notify all affected Users, and will initiate these discussions.
 - (ii) Each Local Joint Restoration Plan will be in relation to a specific Black Start Station.
 - (iii) The Local Joint Restoration Plan will record which Users and which User Sites are covered by the Local Joint Restoration Plan and set out what is required from NGC and each User should a Black Start situation arise.
 - (iv) Each Local Joint Restoration Plan shall be prepared by NGC to reflect the above discussions and agreement.
 - (v) Each page of the **Local Joint Restoration Plan** shall bear a date of issue and the issue number.
 - (vi) When a Local Joint Restoration Plan has been prepared, it shall be sent by NGC to the Users involved for confirmation of its accuracy.
 - (vii) The Local Joint Restoration Plan shall then (if its accuracy has been confirmed) be signed on behalf of NGC and on behalf of each relevant User by way of written confirmation of its accuracy.

- (viii) Once agreed under this OC9.4.7.11, the procedure will become a Local Joint Restoration Plan under the Grid Code and (subject to any change pursuant to this OC9) will apply between NGC and the relevant Users as if it were part of the Grid Code.
- (ix) Once signed, a copy of the **Local Joint Restoration Plan** will be distributed by **NGC** to each **User** which is a party to it accompanied by a note indicating the date of implementation.
- (x) **NGC** and **Users** must make the **Local Joint Restoration Plan** readily available to the relevant operational staff.
- (xi) If NGC, or any User which is a party to a Local Joint Restoration Plan, becomes aware that a change is needed to that Local Joint Restoration Plan, it shall (in the case of NGC) initiate a discussion between NGC and the relevant Users to seek to agree the relevant change. If a User becomes so aware, it shall contact NGC who will then initiate such discussions. The principles applying to establishing a new Local Joint Restoration Plan under this OC9.4.7.11 shall apply to such discussions and to any consequent changes.
- (c) In Scotland, where the need for a **Local Joint Restoration Plan** arises, the following provisions shall apply:-
 - (i) NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensee, the Network Operator and the relevant Generator will discuss and agree the detail of the Local Joint Restoration Plan as soon as the requirement for a Local Joint Restoration Plan is identified by NGC. In addition other Users, including other Generators, may be reasonably required by NGC to discuss and agree details of the Local Joint Restoration Plan as soon as the requirement for a Local Joint Restoration Plan is identified by NGC. NGC will notify the Relevant Transmission Licensee and all affected Users, and will initiate these discussions.
 - (ii) Each Local Joint Restoration Plan may be in relation to either a specific Black Start Station or a number of Black Start Stations, and may include Gensets at Power Stations other than a Black Start Station.
 - (iii) The Local Joint Restoration Plan will record which Users and which User Sites are covered by the Local Joint Restoration Plan and set out what is required from NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensee and each User should a Black Start situation arise.
 - (iv) Each Local Joint Restoration Plan shall be prepared by NGC to reflect the above discussions and agreement.
 - (v) Each page of the **Local Joint Restoration Plan** shall bear a date of issue and the issue number.
 - (vi) When a Local Joint Restoration Plan has been prepared, it shall be sent by NGC to the Relevant Transmission Licensee and Users involved for confirmation of its accuracy.

- (vii) The Local Joint Restoration Plan shall then (if its accuracy has been confirmed) be signed on behalf of NGC and on behalf of each relevant User and Relevant Transmission Licensee by way of written confirmation of its accuracy.
- (viii) Once agreed under this OC9.4.7.11, the procedure will become a Local Joint Restoration Plan under the Grid Code and (subject to any change pursuant to this OC9) will apply between NGC, Relevant Transmission Licensee and the relevant Users as if it were part of the Grid Code.
- (ix) Once signed, a copy of the Local Joint Restoration Plan will be distributed by NGC to the Relevant Transmission Licensee and each User which is a party to it accompanied by a note indicating the date of implementation.
- (x) NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensee and Users must make the Local Joint Restoration Plan readily available to the relevant operational staff.
- (xi) If NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensee or any User which is a party to a Local Joint Restoration Plan, becomes aware that a change is needed to that Local Joint Restoration Plan, it shall (in the case of NGC) initiate a discussion between NGC, the Relevant Transmission Licensee and the relevant Users to seek to agree the relevant change. If a User or the Relevant Transmission Licensee becomes so aware, it shall contact NGC who will then initiate such discussions. The principles applying to establishing a new Local Joint Restoration Plan under this OC9.4.7.11 shall apply to such discussions and to any consequent changes.

OC9.5 **RE-SYNCHRONISATION** OF **DE-SYNCHRONISED ISLANDS**

The provisions in this OC9.5 do not apply to the parts of the **Total System** that normally operate **Out of Synchronism** with the rest of the **GB Transmission System**.

- OC9.5.1 (a) Where parts of the **Total System** are **Out of Synchronism** with each other (each such part being termed a "**De-Synchronised Island**"), but there is no **Total Shutdown** or **Partial Shutdown**, **NGC** will instruct **Users** to regulate generation or **Demand**, as the case may be, to enable the **De-Synchronised Islands** to be **Re-Synchronised** and **NGC** will inform those **Users** when **Re-Synchronisation** has taken place.
 - (b) As part of that process, there may be a need to deal specifically with **Embedded** generation in those **De-Synchronised Islands**. This OC9.5 provides for how such **Embedded** generation should be dealt with. In Scotland, this OC9.5 also provides for how **Transmission** connected generation in **De-Synchronised Islands** should be dealt with.
 - (c) In accordance with the provisions of the BCs, NGC may decide that, to enable Re-Synchronisation, it will issue Emergency Instructions in accordance with BC2.9 and it may be necessary to depart from normal Balancing Mechanism operation in accordance with BC2 in issuing Bid-Offer Acceptances.

(d) The provisions of this OC9.5 shall also apply to the **Re-Synchronising** of parts of the **System** following a **Total** or **Partial Shutdown**, as indicated in OC9.4.

OC9.5.2 Options

Generation in those **De-Synchronised Islands** may be dealt with in three different ways, more than one of which may be utilised in relation to any particular incident:-

OC9.5.2.1 Indirect Data

- (a) NGC, each Generator with Synchronised (or connected and available to generate although not Synchronised) Genset(s) in the De-Synchronised Island and the Network Operator whose User System forms all or part of the De-Synchronised Island shall exchange information as set out in this OC9.5.2.1 to enable NGC to issue a Bid-Offer Acceptance or an Emergency Instruction to that Generator in relation to its Genset(s) in the De-Synchronised Island until Re-Synchronisation takes place, on the basis that it will (where practicable) seek to maintain the Target Frequency.
- (b) The information to NGC from the Generator will cover its relevant operational parameters as outlined in the BCs and from NGC to the Generator will cover data on Demand and changes in Demand in the De-Synchronised Island.
- (c) The information from the **Network Operator** to **NGC** will comprise data on **Demand** in the **De-Synchronised Island**, including data on any constraints within the **De-Synchronised Island**.
- (d) NGC will keep the Network Operator informed of the Bid-Offer Acceptances or Emergency Instructions it is issuing to Embedded Genset(s) within the Network Operator's User System forming part of the De-Synchronised Island.

OC9.5.2.2 Direct Data

- (a) NGC will issue an Emergency Instruction and/or a Bid-Offer Acceptance, to the Generator to "float" local Demand and maintain Frequency at Target Frequency. Under this the Generator will be required to regulate the output of its Genset(s) at the Power Station in question to the Demand prevailing in the De-Synchronised Island in which it is situated, until Re-Synchronisation takes place, on the basis that it will (where practicable) seek to maintain the Target Frequency.
- (b) The **Network Operator** is required to be in contact with the **Generator** at the **Power Station** to supply data on **Demand** changes within the **De-Synchronised Island**.
- (c) If more than one **Genset** is **Synchronised** on the **De-Synchronised Island**, or is connected to the **De-Synchronised Island** and available to generate although not **Synchronised**, the **Network Operator** will need to liaise with **NGC** to agree which **Genset(s)** will be utilised to accommodate

changes in **Demand** in the **De-Synchronised Island**. The **Network Operator** will then maintain contact with the relevant **Generator** (or **Generators**) in relation to that **Genset(s)**.

(d) The Generator at the Power Station must contact the Network Operator if the level of Demand which it has been asked to meet as a result of the Emergency Instruction and/or Bid-Offer Acceptance to "float" and the detail on Demand passed on by the Network Operator, is likely to cause problems for safety reasons (whether relating to personnel or Plant and/or Apparatus) in the operation of its Genset(s), in order that the Network Operator can alter the level of Demand which that Generator needs to meet. Any decision to operate outside any relevant parameters is one entirely for the Generator.

OC9.5.2.3 Control Features

- (a) A system may be established in relation to a part of the GB Transmission System and a Network Operator's User System, if agreed between NGC and the Network Operator and any relevant Generator(s), whereby upon a defined fault(s) occurring, manual or automatic control features will operate to protect the GB Transmission System and relevant Network Operator's User System and Genset(s) and simplify the restoration of Demand in the De-Synchronised Island.
- (b) In agreeing the establishment of such a system of control features NGC will need to consider its impact on the operation of the GB Transmission System.

OC9.5.2.4 Absence of Control Features System

If a system of control features under OC9.5.2.3 has not been agreed as part of an **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** under OC9.5.4 below, **NGC** may choose to utilise the procedures set out in OC9.5.2.1 or OC9.5.2.2, or may instruct the **Genset(s)** (or some of them) in the **De-Synchronised Island** to **De-Synchronise**.

OC9.5.3 Choice of Option

In relation to each of the methods set out in OC9.5.2, where a **De-Synchronised Island** has come into existence and where an **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** under OC9.5.4 has been agreed, **NGC**, the **Network Operator** and relevant **Generator(s)** will operate in accordance with that **OC9 De-Synchronised Islands Procedure** unless **NGC** considers that the nature of the **De-Synchronised Island** situation is such that either:-

- (i) the **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** does not cover the situation; or
- (ii) the provisions of the **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** are not appropriate,

in which case **NGC** will instruct the relevant **Users** and the **Users** will comply with **NGC's** instructions (which in the case of **Generators** will relate to generation and in the case of **Network Operators** will relate to **Demand**).

OC9.5.4 <u>Agreeing Procedures</u>

In relation to each relevant part of the **Total System**, **NGC**, the **Network Operator** and the relevant **Generator** will discuss and may agree a local procedure (an "**OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure**").

- OC9.5.4.1 Where there is no relevant local procedure in place at 12th May 1997, or in the case where the need for an **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** arises for the first time, the following provisions shall apply:-
 - (a) NGC, the Network Operator(s) and the relevant Generator(s) will discuss the need for, and the detail of, the OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure. As soon as the need for an OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure is identified by NGC or a User, and the party which identifies such a need will notify all affected Users (and NGC, if that party is a User), and NGC will initiate these discussions.
 - (b) Each OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure will be in relation to a specific Grid Supply Point, but if there is more than one Grid Supply Point between NGC and the Network Operator then the OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure may cover all relevant Grid Supply Points. In Scotland, the OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure may also cover parts of the GB Transmission System connected to the User's System(s) and Power Stations directly connected to the GB Transmission System which are also likely to form part of the Power Island.
 - (c) The OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure will:-
 - (i) record which **Users** and which **User Sites** are covered by the **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure**;
 - (ii) record which of the three methods set out in OC9.5 (or combination of the three) shall apply, with any conditions as to applicability being set out as well;
 - (iii) set out what is required from NGC and each User should a De-Synchronised Island arise;
 - (iv) set out what action should be taken if the OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure does not cover a particular set of circumstances and will reflect that in the absence of any specified action, the provisions of OC9.5.3 will apply;
 - (v) in Scotland, the OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure may be produced with and include obligations on the Relevant Transmission Licensee; and
 - (vi) in Scotland, where the **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** includes the establishment of a **De-synchronised Island**, describe the route for establishment of the **De-Synchronised Island**.
 - (d) Each **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** shall be prepared by **NGC** to reflect the above discussions.
- (e) Each page of the **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** shall bear a date of issue and the issue number.
- (f) When an **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** is prepared, it shall be sent by **NGC** to the **Users** involved for confirmation of its accuracy.
- (g) The **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** shall then be signed on behalf of **NGC** and on behalf of each relevant **User** by way of written confirmation of its accuracy.
- (h) Once agreed under this OC9.5.4.1, the procedure will become an OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure under the Grid Code and (subject to any change pursuant to this OC9) will apply between NGC, Relevant Transmission Licensee and the relevant Users as if it were part of the Grid Code.
- (i) Once signed, a copy will be distributed by **NGC** to each **User** which is a party accompanied by a note indicating the issue number and the date of implementation.
- (j) NGC and Users must make the OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure readily available to the relevant operational staff.
- (k) If a new User connects to the Total System and needs to be included with an existing OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure, NGC will initiate a discussion with that User and the Users which are parties to the relevant OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure. The principles applying to a new OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure under this OC9.5.4.1 shall apply to such discussions and to any consequent changes.
- (I) If NGC, or any User which is a party to an OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure, becomes aware that a change is needed to that OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure, it shall (in the case of NGC) initiate a discussion between NGC and the relevant Users to seek to agree the relevant change. The principles applying to establishing a new OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure under this OC9.5.4.1 shall apply to such discussions and to any consequent changes. If a User becomes so aware, it shall contact NGC who will then initiate such discussions.
- (m) If in relation to any discussions, agreement cannot be reached between NGC and the relevant Users, NGC will operate the System on the basis that it will discuss which of the three methods set out in OC9.5.2.1 to OC9.5.2.3 would be most appropriate at the time, if practicable. The complexities and uncertainties of recovery from a De-Synchronised Island means that NGC will decide, having discussed the situation with the relevant Users and taking into account the fact that the three methods may not cover the situation or be appropriate, the approach which is to be followed. NGC will instruct the relevant Users and the Users will comply with NGC's instructions as provided in OC9.5.3.
- OC9.5.4.2 Where there is a relevant local procedure in place at 12th May 1997, the following provisions shall apply:-

- (a) **NGC** and the **Network Operator** and the relevant **Generator(s)** will discuss the existing procedure to see whether it is consistent with the principles set out in this OC9.5.
- (b) If it is, then it shall become an **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** under this OC9, and the relevant provisions of OC9.5.4.1 shall apply.
- (c) If it is not, then the parties will discuss what changes are needed to ensure that it is consistent, and once agreed the procedure will become an **OC9 De-Synchronised Island Procedure** under this OC9, and the relevant provisions of OC9.5.4.1 shall apply.
- (d) If agreement cannot be reached between NGC and the relevant Users after a reasonable period of time, the existing procedure will cease to apply and NGC will operate the System on the basis that it will discuss which of the three methods set out in OC9.5.2.1 to OC9.5.2.3 would be most appropriate at the time, if practicable. The complexities and uncertainties of recovery from a De-Synchronised Island means that NGC will decide, having discussed the situation with the relevant Users and taking into account the fact that the three methods may not cover the situation or be appropriate, the approach which is to be followed. NGC will instruct the relevant Users and the Users will comply with NGC's instructions as provided in OC9.5.3.
- OC9.5.5 Where the **GB Transmission System** is **Out of Synchronism** with the transmission system of an **Externally Interconnected System Operator**, **NGC** will, pursuant to the **Interconnection Agreement** with that **Externally Interconnected System Operator**, agree with that **Externally Interconnected System Operator** when its transmission system can be **Re-Synchronised** to the **GB Transmission System**.

OC9.6 JOINT SYSTEM INCIDENT PROCEDURE

- OC9.6.1 A "Joint System Incident" is
 - (a) an **Event**, wherever occurring (other than on an **Embedded Small Power Station** or **Embedded Medium Power Station**), which, in the opinion of **NGC** or a **User**, has or may have a serious and/or widespread effect.
 - (b) In the case of an Event on a User(s) System(s) (other than on an Embedded Small Power Station or Embedded Medium Power Station), the effect must be on the GB Transmission System, and in the case of an Event on the GB Transmission System, the effect must be on a User(s) System(s) (other than on an Embedded Small Power Station or Embedded Medium Power Station).

Where an **Event** on a **User(s) System(s)** has or may have no effect on the **GB Transmission System**, then such an **Event** does not fall within **OC9** and accordingly **OC9** shall not apply to it.

OC9.6.2 (a) (i) Each User (other than Generators which only have Embedded Small Power Stations and/or Embedded Medium Power Stations) will provide in writing to NGC, and

- (ii) NGC will provide in writing to each User (other than Generators which only have Embedded Small Power Stations and/or Embedded Medium Power Stations), a telephone number or numbers at which, or through which, senior management representatives nominated for this purpose and who are fully authorised to make binding decisions on behalf of NGC or the relevant User, as the case may be, can be contacted day or night when there is a Joint System Incident.
- (b) The lists of telephone numbers will be provided in accordance with the timing requirements of the **Bilateral Agreement** and/or **Construction Agreement** with that **User**, prior to the time that a **User** connects to the **GB Transmission System** and must be up-dated (in writing) as often as the information contained in them changes.
- OC9.6.3 Following notification of an **Event** under **OC7**, **NGC** or a **User**, as the case may be, will, if it considers necessary, telephone the **User** or **NGC**, as the case may be, on the telephone number referred to in OC9.6.2, to obtain such additional information as it requires.
- OC9.6.4 Following notification of an **Event** under **OC7**, and/or the receipt of any additional information requested pursuant to OC9.6.3, **NGC** or a **User**, as the case may be, will determine whether or not the **Event** is a **Joint System Incident**, and, if so, **NGC** and/or the **User** may set up an **Incident Centre** in order to avoid overloading the existing **NGC** or that **User's**, as the case may be, operational/control arrangements.
- OC9.6.5 Where NGC has determined that an Event is a Joint System Incident, NGC shall, as soon as possible, notify all relevant Users that a Joint System Incident has occurred and, if appropriate, that it has established an Incident Centre and the telephone number(s) of its Incident Centre if different from those already supplied pursuant to OC9.6.2.
- OC9.6.6 If a **User** establishes an **Incident Centre** it shall, as soon as possible, notify **NGC** that it has been established and the telephone number(s) of the **Incident Centre** if different from those already supplied pursuant to OC9.6.2.
- OC9.6.7 NGC's Incident Centre and/or the User's Incident Centre will not assume any responsibility for the operation of the GB Transmission System or User's System, as the case may be, but will be the focal point in NGC or the User, as the case may be, for:-
 - the communication and dissemination of information between NGC and the senior management representatives of User(s); or
 - (b) between the **User** and the senior management representatives of **NGC**, as the case may be,

relating to the **Joint System Incident**. The term "**Incident Centre**" does not imply a specially built centre for dealing with **Joint System Incidents**, but is a communications focal point. During a **Joint System Incident**, the normal communication channels, for operational/control communication between **NGC** and **Users** will continue to be used.

- OC9.6.8 All communications between the senior management representatives of the relevant parties with regard to NGC's role in the Joint System Incident shall be made via NGC's Incident Centre if it has been established.
- OC9.6.9 All communications between the senior management representatives of NGC and a User with regard to that User's role in the Joint System Incident shall be made via that User's Incident Centre if it has been established.
- OC9.6.10 **NGC** will decide when conditions no longer justify the need to use its **Incident Centre** and will inform all relevant **Users** of this decision.
- OC9.6.11 Each **User** which has established an **Incident Centre** will decide when conditions no longer justify the need to use that **Incident Centre** and will inform **NGC** of this decision.

<End of OC9>

GENERAL CONDITIONS

GC.1 INTRODUCTION

- GC.1.1 The **General Conditions** contain provisions which are of general application to all provisions of the **Grid Code**. Their objective is to ensure, to the extent possible, that the various sections of the **Grid Code** work together and work in practice for the benefit of all **Users**.
- GC.2 <u>SCOPE</u>
- GC.2.1 The **General Conditions** apply to all **Users** (including, for the avoidance of doubt, **NGC**).
- GC.3 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES
- GC.3.1 If circumstances arise which the provisions of the **Grid Code** have not foreseen, **NGC** shall, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, consult promptly and in good faith all affected **Users** in an effort to reach agreement as to what should be done. If agreement between **NGC** and those **Users** as to what should be done cannot be reached in the time available, **NGC** shall determine what is to be done. Wherever **NGC** makes a determination, it shall do so having regard, wherever possible, to the views expressed by **Users** and, in any event, to what is reasonable in all the circumstances. Each **User** shall comply with all instructions given to it by **NGC** following such a determination provided that the instructions are consistent with the then current technical parameters of the particular **User's System** registered under the **Grid Code**. **NGC** shall promptly refer all such unforeseen circumstances and any such determination to the Panel for consideration in accordance with GC.4.2(e).

GC.4 THE GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL

- GC.4.1 **NGC** shall establish and maintain the **Panel**, which shall be a standing body to carry out the functions referred to in paragraph GC.4.2.
- GC.4.2 The **Panel** shall:
 - (a) keep the **Grid Code** and its working under review;
 - (b) review all suggestions for amendments to the Grid Code which the Authority or any User or any Relevant Transmission Licensee (in respect of PC.6.2, PC Appendix C, CC.6.1, CC.6.2, CC.6.3, OC8 and GC.11, OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5) may wish to submit to NGC for consideration by the Panel from time to time;
 - publish recommendations as to amendments to the Grid Code that NGC or the Panel feels are necessary or desirable and the reasons for the recommendations;
 - (d) issue guidance in relation to the **Grid Code** and its implementation, performance and interpretation when asked to do so by any **User**;

- (e) consider what changes are necessary to the **Grid Code** arising out of any unforeseen circumstances referred to it by **NGC** under GC.3; and
- (f) consider and identify changes to the **Grid Code** to remove any unnecessary differences in the treatment of issues in Scotland from their treatment in England and Wales.
- GC.4.3 The **Panel** shall consist of:
 - (a) a Chairman and up to 4 members appointed by **NGC**;
 - (b) a person appointed by the Authority; and
 - (c) the following members:
 - (i) 3 persons representing those **Generators** each having **Large Power Stations** with a total **Registered Capacity** in excess of 3 GW;
 - (ii) a person representing those **Generators** each having **Large Power Stations** with a total **Registered Capacity** of 3 GW or less;
 - (iii) 2 persons representing the **Network Operators** in England and Wales;
 - (iv) a person representing the **Network Operators** in Scotland;
 - (v) a person representing the **Suppliers**;
 - (vi) a person representing the **Non Embedded Customers**;
 - (vii) a person representing the Generators with Small Power Stations and/or Medium Power Stations (other than Generators who also have Large Power Stations);
 - (viii) a person representing the **BSC Panel**;
 - (ix) a person representing the **Externally Interconnected System Operators**;
 - (x) a person representing Generators with Novel Units; and
 - (xi) a person representing each **Relevant Transmission Licensee** (in respect of PC.6.2, PC Appendix C, CC.6.1, CC.6.2, CC.6.3, OC8 and GC.11, OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5).

each of whom shall be appointed pursuant to the rules issued pursuant to GC.4.4.

- GC.4.4 The **Panel** shall establish and comply at all times with its own rules and procedures relating to the conduct of its business, which shall be approved by the **Authority.**
- GC.4.5 **NGC** shall consult in writing all **Authorised Electricity Operators** which are liable to be materially affected in relation to all proposed amendments to the **Grid Code**

and shall submit all proposed amendments to the **Grid Code** to the **Panel** for discussion prior to such consultation.

GC.4.6 **NGC** shall establish (and, where appropriate, revise from time to time) joint working arrangements with the **STC Committee** to facilitate the identification, coordination, making and implementation of change to the **STC** consequent on an amendment to the **Grid Code** in a full and timely manner. These working arrangements shall be such as enable the consideration development and evaluation of proposed amendments to the **Grid Code** to proceed in a full and timely manner and enable changes to the **STC** consequent on an amendment to the **Grid Code** to be made and given effect wherever possible (subject to any necessary consent of the **Authority**) at the same time as such approved amendment is made and given effect.

GC.5 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NGC AND USERS

- GC.5.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **Grid Code**, all instructions given by **NGC** and communications (other than relating to the submission of data and notices) between **NGC** and **Users** (other than **Generators** or **Suppliers**) shall take place between the **NGC Control Engineer** based at the **Transmission Control Centre** notified by **NGC** to each **User** prior to connection, and the relevant **User Responsible Engineer/Operator**, who, in the case of a **Network Operator**, will be based at the **Control Centre** notified by the **Network Operator** to **NGC** prior to connection.
- GC.5.2 Unless otherwise specified in the **Grid Code** all instructions given by **NGC** and communications (other than relating to the submission of data and notices) between **NGC** and **Generators** and/or **Suppliers** shall take place between the **NGC Control Engineer** based at the **Transmission Control Centre** notified by **NGC** to each **Generator** prior to connection, or to each **Supplier** prior to submission of **BM Unit Data**, and either the relevant **Generator's** or **Supplier's Trading Point** (if it has established one) notified to **NGC** or the **Control Point** of the **Supplier** or the **Generator's Power Station**, as specified in each relevant section of the **Grid Code**. In the absence of notification to the contrary, the **Control Point** of a **Generator's Power Station** will be deemed to be the **Power Station** at which the **Generating Units** are situated.
- GC.5.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **Grid Code**, all instructions given by **NGC** and communications (other than relating to the submission of data and notices) between **NGC** and **Users** will be given by means of the **Control Telephony** referred to in CC.6.5.2.
- GC.5.4 If the **Transmission Control Centre** notified by **NGC** to each **User** prior to connection, or the **User Control Centre**, notified in the case of a **Network Operator** to **NGC** prior to connection, is moved to another location, whether due to an emergency or for any other reason, **NGC** shall notify the relevant **User** or the **User** shall notify **NGC**, as the case may be, of the new location and any changes to the **Control Telephony** necessitated by such move, as soon as practicable following the move.
- GC.5.5 If any **Trading Point** notified to **NGC** by a **Generator** prior to connection, or by a **Supplier** prior to submission of **BM Unit Data**, is moved to another location or is shut down, the **Generator** or **Supplier** shall immediately notify **NGC**.

- GC.5.6 The recording (by whatever means) of instructions or communications given by means of **Control Telephony** will be accepted by **NGC** and **Users** as evidence of those instructions or communications.
- GC.6 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

GC.6.1 Data and Notices

- GC.6.1.1 Data and notices to be submitted either to **NGC** or to **Users** under the **Grid Code** (other than data which is the subject of a specific requirement of the **Grid Code** as to the manner of its delivery) shall be delivered in writing either by hand or sent by first-class pre-paid post, or by facsimile transfer or by electronic mail to a specified address or addresses previously supplied by **NGC** or the **User** (as the case may be) for the purposes of submitting that data or those notices.
- GC.6.1.2 References in the **Grid Code** to "in writing" or "written" include typewriting, printing, lithography, and other modes of reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form and in relation to submission of data and notices includes electronic communications.
- GC.6.1.3 Data delivered pursuant to paragraph GC.6.1.1, in the case of data being submitted to NGC, shall be addressed to the Transmission Control Centre at the address notified by NGC to each User prior to connection, or to such other Department within NGC or address, as NGC may notify each User from time to time, and in the case of notices to be submitted to Users, shall be addressed to the chief executive of the addressee (or such other person as may be notified by the User in writing to NGC from time to time) at its address(es) notified by each User to NGC in writing from time to time for the submission of data and service of notices under the Grid Code (or failing which to the registered or principal office of the addressee).
- GC.6.1.4 All data items, where applicable, will be referenced to nominal voltage and **Frequency** unless otherwise stated.

GC.7 OWNERSHIP OF PLANT AND/OR APPARATUS

References in the **Grid Code** to **Plant** and/or **Apparatus** of a **User** include **Plant** and/or **Apparatus** used by a **User** under any agreement with a third party.

GC.8 <u>SYSTEM CONTROL</u>

Where a **User's System** (or part thereof) is, by agreement, under the control of **NGC**, then for the purposes of communication and co-ordination in operational timescales **NGC** can (for those purposes only) treat that **User's System** (or part thereof) as part of the **GB Transmission System**, but, as between **NGC** and **Users**, it shall remain to be treated as the **User's System** (or part thereof).

GC.9 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Users should note that the provisions of the **Grid Code** may be suspended, in whole or in part, during a Security Period, as more particularly provided in the **Fuel Security Code**, or pursuant to any directions given and/or orders made by the **Secretary of State** under section 96 of the **Act** or under the Energy Act 1976.

GC.10 MATTERS TO BE AGREED

Save where expressly stated in the **Grid Code** to the contrary where any matter is left to **NGC** and **Users** to agree and there is a failure so to agree the matter shall not without the consent of both **NGC** and **Users** be referred to arbitration pursuant to the rules of the **Electricity Supply Industry Arbitration Association**.

GC.11 GOVERNANCE OF ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

- GC.11.1 In relation to the **Electrical Standards** the following provisions shall apply.
- GC.11.2 (a) If a **User**, or in respect of (a) or (b) to the annex, **NGC**, or in respect of (c) or (d) to the annex, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee**, wishes to:-
 - (i) raise a change to an **Electrical Standard**;
 - (ii) add a new standard to the list of Electrical Standards;
 - (iii) delete a standard from being an Electrical Standard,

it shall activate the Electrical Standards procedure.

(b) The Electrical Standards procedure is the notification to the secretary to the Panel of the wish to so change, add or delete an Electrical Standard. That notification must contain details of the proposal, including an explanation of why the proposal is being made.

GC.11.3 Ordinary **Electrical Standards** Procedure

- (a) Unless it is identified as an urgent Electrical Standards proposal (in which case GC.11.4 applies) or unless the notifier requests that it be tabled at the next Panel meeting, as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the notification, the Panel secretary shall forward the proposal, with a covering paper, to Panel members.
- (b) If no objections are raised within 20 Business Days of the date of the proposal, then it shall be deemed approved pursuant to the Electrical Standards procedure, and NGC shall make the change to the relevant Electrical Standard or the list of Electrical Standards contained in the Annex to this GC.11.
- (c) If there is an objection (or if the notifier had requested that it be tabled at the next **Panel** meeting rather than being dealt with in writing), then the proposal will be included in the agenda for the next following **Panel** meeting.
- (d) If there is broad consensus at the **Panel** meeting in favour of the proposal, **NGC** will make the change to the **Electrical Standard** or the list of **Electrical Standards** contained in the Annex to this GC.11.
- (e) If there is no such broad consensus, including where the Panel believes that further consultation is needed, **NGC** will establish a **Panel** working

group if this was thought appropriate and in any event **NGC** shall undertake a consultation of **Authorised Electricity Operators** liable to be materially affected by the proposal.

- (f) Following such consultation, **NGC** will report back to **Panel** members, either in writing or at a **Panel** meeting. If there was broad consensus in the consultation, then **NGC** will make the change to the **Electrical Standard** or the list of **Electrical Standards** contained in the Annex to this GC.11.
- (g) Where following such consultation there is no broad consensus, the matter will be referred to the Authority who will decide whether the proposal should be implemented and will notify NGC of its decision. If the decision is to so implement the change, NGC will make the change to the Electrical Standard or the list of Electrical Standards contained in the Annex to this GC.11.
- (h) In all cases where a change is made to the list of Electrical Standards, NGC will publish and circulate a replacement page for the Annex to this GC covering that list and reflecting the change.

GC.11.4 Urgent Electrical Standards Procedure

- (a) If the notification is marked as an urgent Electrical Standards proposal, the Panel secretary will contact Panel members in writing to see whether a majority who are contactable agree that it is urgent and in that notification the secretary shall propose a timetable and procedure which shall be followed.
- (b) If such members do so agree, then the secretary will initiate the procedure accordingly, having first obtained the approval of the **Authority**.
- (c) If such members do not so agree, or if the **Authority** declines to approve the proposal being treated as an urgent one, the proposal will follow the ordinary **Electrical Standards** procedure as set out in GC.11.3 above.
- (d) If a proposal is implemented using the urgent Electrical Standards procedure, NGC will contact all Panel members after it is so implemented to check whether they wish to discuss further the implemented proposal to see whether an additional proposal should be considered to alter the implementation, such proposal following the ordinary Electrical Standards procedure.

GC.12 CONFIDENTIALITY

GC.12.1 **Users** should note that although the **Grid Code** contains in certain sections specific provisions which relate to confidentiality, the confidentiality provisions set out in the **CUSC** apply generally to information and other data supplied as a requirement of or otherwise under the **Grid Code**.

GC.13 RELEVANT TRANSMISSION LICENSEES

GC.13.1 It is recognised that the **Relevant Transmission Licensees** are not parties to the **Grid Code**. Accordingly, notwithstanding that Operating Code No. 8 Appendix 2 ("OC8B"), OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5 refer to obligations which will in practice be

performed by the **Relevant Transmission Licensees** in accordance with relevant obligations under the **STC**, for the avoidance of doubt all contractual rights and obligations arising under OC8B, OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5 shall exist between **NGC** and the relevant **User** and in relation to any enforcement of those rights and obligations OC8B, OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5 shall be so read and construed. The **Relevant Transmission Licensees** shall enjoy no enforceable rights under OC8B, OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5 nor shall they be liable (other than pursuant to the **STC**) for failing to discharge any obligations under OC8B, OC7.6, OC9.4 and OC9.5.

- GC.13.2 For the avoidance of doubt nothing in this **Grid Code** confers on any **Relevant Transmission Licensee** any rights, powers or benefits for the purpose of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- GC.14 BETTA TRANSITION ISSUES
- GC.14.1 The provisions of the Appendix to the **General Conditions** apply in relation to issues arising out of the transition associated with the designation of amendments to the **Grid Code** by the **Secretary of State** in accordance with the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 for the purposes of Condition C14 of **NGC's Transmission** Licence.

Annex to the General Conditions

The Electrical Standards are as follows:-

(a)	NGTS 1	Ratings and General Requirements for Plant, Equipment, Apparatus and Services for the National Grid System and Direct Connections to it	Issue 5 Dec-03
	NGTS 2.1	Substations	Issue 4 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.1.1	Substation Interlocking Schemes	Issue 3 Dec-03
	NGTS 2.2	Switchgear for the National Grid System	Issue 4 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.1	Circuit-breakers and Switches	Issue 3 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.2	Disconnectors and Earthing Switches	Issue 4 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.3	Metal-Oxide Surge Arresters for use on 132, 275 & 400 kV Systems	Issue 4 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.4	Current Transformers for Protection and General Use on the 132 kV, 275 kV and 400 kV Systems	Issue 5 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.5	Voltage Transformers for use on the 132 kV, 275 kV and 400 kV Systems	Issue 4 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.6	Current and Voltage Measurement Transformers for Settlement Metering of the 33 * 66 kV, 132 kV, 275 kV and 400 kV Systems	Issue 2 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.7	Bushings for the National Grid System	Issue 3 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.2.9	Post Insulators for Substations	Issue 3 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.3.2	Dry-Type Reactors	Issue 3 Dec-03
	NGTS 3.3.3	Co-ordinating Gaps	Issue 1 Sep-92
	NGTS 2.6	Protection	Issue 3 Nov-98
	NGTS 3.6.3	Busbar Protection for 400 kV and 275 kV Double Busbar Switching Stations	Issue 3 Dec-96
	NGTS 3.6.8	Circuit-Breaker Fail Protection	Issue 3 Mar-99
	NGTS 3.11.1	Capacitors and Capacitor Banks	Issue 3 Dec-03

(b) The following specifications for electronic data communications facilities with reference to EDT and EDL facilities.

EDT Interface Specification	Issue 4
EDT Submitter Guidance Note	Dec-01
EDL Message Interface Specifications	Issue 4
EDL Interface Specification Guidance Note	Oct-01
EDL Instruction Interface Valid Reason Codes	Issue 2

(c) Scottish Electrical Standards for SPT's Transmission System.

SPTTS 1	Requirements for the SP Transmission System and Connection Points to it.	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.1	Substations	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.2	Switchgear	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.3	Transformers and Reactors	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.5	Cables	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.6	Protection	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.7	Substation Control Systems	Issue 1
SPTTS 2.12	Substation Auxiliary Supplies	Issue 1

(d) Scottish Electrical Standards for SHETL's Transmission System.

1.	NGTS 1:	Rating and General Requirements for Plant, Equipment , Apparatus and Services for the National Grid System and Direct Connection to it. Issue 3 March 1999.
2.	NGTS 2.1:	Substations Issue 2 May 1995.

- 3. NGTS 3.1.1: Substation Interlocking Schemes. Issue 1 October 1993.
- 4. NGTS 3.2.1: Circuit Breakers and Switches.

Issue 1 September 1992.

5. NGTS 3.2.2: Disconnectors and Earthing Switches.

Issue 1 March 1994.

- 6. NGTS 3.2.3: Metal-Oxide surge arresters for use on 132, 275 and 400kV systems. Issue 2 May 1994.
- NGTS 3.2.4: Current Transformers for protection and General use on the 132, 275 and 400kV systems. Issue 1 September 1992.
- NGTS 3.2.5: Voltage Transformers for use on the 132, 275 and 400 kV systems. Issue 2 March 1994.
- 9. NGTS 3.2.6: Current and Voltage Measurement Transformers for Settlement Metering of 33, 66, 132, 275 and 400kV systems. Issue 1 September 1992.
- 10. NGTS 3.2.7: Bushings for the Grid Systems. Issue 1 September 1992.
- 11. NGTS 3.2.9: Post Insulators for Substations. Issue 1 May 1996.
- 12. NGTS 2.6: Protection Issue 2 June 1994.
- 13. NGTS 3.11.1: Capacitors and Capacitor Banks. Issued 1 March 1993.

Appendix to the General Conditions

- GC.A1 Introduction
- GC.A1.1 This Appendix to the **General Conditions** deals with issues arising out of the transition associated with the designation of amendments to the **Grid Code** by the **Secretary of State** in accordance with the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 for the purposes of Condition C14 of **NGC's Transmission Licence**. For the purposes of this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, the version of the **Grid Code** as amended by the changes designated by the **Secretary of State** and as further amended from time to time shall be referred to as the "**GB Grid Code**".
- GC.A1.2 The provisions of this Appendix to the **General Conditions** shall only apply to **Users** (as defined in GC.A1.4) and **NGC** after **Go-Live** for so long as is necessary for the transition requirements referred to in GC.A1.1 and cut-over requirements (as further detailed in GC.A3.1) to be undertaken.
- GC.A1.3 In this Appendix to the **General Conditions**:
 - (a) Existing E&W Users and E&W Applicants are referred to as "E&W Users";
 - (b) Users who as at 1 January 2005 have entered into an agreement or have accepted an offer for connection to and/or use of the Transmission System of NGC are referred to as "Existing E&W Users";
 - (c) Users (or prospective Users) other than Existing E&W Users who apply during the Transition Period for connection to and/or use of the Transmission System of NGC are referred to as "E&W Applicants";
 - (d) **Existing Scottish Users** and **Scottish Applicants** are referred to as "Scottish Users";
 - (e) Users who as at 1 January 2005 have entered into an agreement or have accepted an offer for connection to and/or use of the Transmission System of either Relevant Transmission Licensee are referred to as "Existing Scottish Users";
 - (f) Users (or prospective Users) other than Existing Scottish Users who apply during the Transition Period for connection to and/or use of the Transmission System of either Relevant Transmission Licensee are referred to as "Scottish Applicants";
 - (g) the term **"Transition Period**" means the period from **Go-Active** to **Go-Live** (unless it is provided to be different in relation to a particular provision), and is the period with which this Appendix to the **General Conditions** deals;
 - (h) the term "Interim GB SYS" means the document of that name referred to in Condition C11 of NGC's Transmission Licence;
 - (i) the term "**Go-Active**" means the date on which the amendments designated by the **Secretary of State** to the **Grid Code** in accordance with the Energy Act 2004 come into effect; and

- (j) the term "**Go-Live**" means the date which the **Secretary of State** indicates in a direction shall be the BETTA go-live date.
- GC.A1.4 The provisions of GC.2.1 shall not apply in respect of this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, and in this Appendix to the **General Conditions** the term "**Users**" means:
 - (a) **Generators**;
 - (b) **Network Operators**;
 - (c) Non-Embedded Customers;
 - (d) **Suppliers**;
 - (e) **BM Participants**; and
 - (f) Externally Interconnected System Operators,

to the extent that the provisions of this Appendix to the **General Conditions** affect the rights and obligations of such **Users** under the other provisions of the **GB Grid Code**.

- GC.A1.5 The **GB Grid Code** has been introduced with effect from **Go-Active** pursuant to the relevant licence changes introduced into **NGC's Transmission Licence**. **NGC** is required to implement and comply, and **Users** to comply, with the **GB Grid Code** subject as provided in this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, which provides for the extent to which the **GB Grid Code** is to apply to **NGC** and **Users** during the **Transition Period**.
- GC.A1.6 This Appendix to the **General Conditions** comprises:
 - (a) this Introduction;
 - (b) **GB Grid Code** transition issues; and
 - (c) Cut-over issues.
- GC.A1.7 Without prejudice to GC.A1.8, the failure of any **User** or **NGC** to comply with this Appendix to the **General Conditions** shall not invalidate or render ineffective any part of this Appendix to the **General Conditions** or actions undertaken pursuant to this Appendix to the **General Conditions**.
- GC.A1.8 A **User** or **NGC** shall not be in breach of any part of this Appendix to the **General Conditions** to the extent that compliance with that part is beyond its power by reason of the fact that any other **User** or **NGC** is in default of its obligations under this Appendix to the **General Conditions**.
- GC.A1.9 Without prejudice to any specific provision under this Appendix to the **General Conditions** as to the time within which or the manner in which a **User** or **NGC** should perform its obligations under this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, where a **User** or **NGC** is required to take any step or measure under this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, such requirement shall be construed as including any obligation to:

- (a) take such step or measure as quickly as reasonably practicable; and
- (b) do such associated or ancillary things as may be necessary to complete such step or measure as quickly as reasonably practicable.
- GC.A1.10 **NGC** shall use reasonable endeavours to identify any amendments it believes are needed to the **GB Grid Code** in respect of the matters referred to for the purposes of Condition C14 of **NGC's Transmission Licence** and in respect of the matters identified in GC.A1.11, and, having notified the **Authority** of its consultation plans in relation to such amendments, **NGC** shall consult in accordance with the instructions of the **Authority** concerning such proposed amendments.
- GC.A1.11 The following matters potentially require amendments to the **GB Grid Code**:
 - (a) The specific detail of the obligations needed to manage implementation in the period up to and following (for a temporary period) Go-Live to achieve the change to operation under the GB Grid Code (to be included in GC.A3).
 - (b) Information (including data) and other requirements under the GB Grid Code applicable to Scottish Users during the Transition Period (to be included in GC.A2).
 - (c) The conclusions of Ofgem/DTI in relation to small and/or embedded generator issues under BETTA and allocation of access rights on a GB basis.
 - (d) Any arrangements required to make provision for operational liaison, including **Black Start** and islanding arrangements in Scotland.
 - (e) Any arrangements required to make provision for cascade hydro BM Units.
 - (f) Any consequential changes to the safety co-ordination arrangements resulting from **STC** and **STC** procedure development.
 - (g) Any arrangements required to reflect the **Electrical Standards** for the **Transmission Systems** of **SPT** and **SHETL**.
 - (h) The conclusions of Ofgem/DTI in relation to planning and operating standards.
- GC.A1.12 **NGC** shall notify the **Authority** of any amendments that **NGC** identifies as needed pursuant to GC.A1.10 and shall make such amendments as the **Authority** approves.
- GC.A2 <u>GB Grid Code Transition</u>

General Provisions

GC.A2.1 The provisions of the **GB Grid Code** shall be varied or suspended (and the requirements of the **GB Grid Code** shall be deemed to be satisfied) by or in accordance with, and for the period and to the extent set out in this GC.A2, and

in accordance with the other applicable provisions in this Appendix to the **General Conditions**.

GC.A2.2 **E&W Users**:

In furtherance of the licence provisions referred to in GC.A1.5, **E&W Users** shall comply with the **GB Grid Code** during the **Transition Period**, but shall comply with and be subject to it subject to this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, including on the basis that:

- during the Transition Period the Scottish Users are only complying with the GB Grid Code in accordance with this Appendix to the General Conditions; and
- (b) during the Transition Period the GB Transmission System shall be limited to the Transmission System of NGC, and all rights and obligations of E&W Users in respect of the GB Transmission System under the GB Grid Code shall only apply in respect of the Transmission System of NGC, and all the provisions of the GB Grid Code shall be construed accordingly.

GC.A2.3 Scottish Users:

In furtherance of the licence provisions referred to in GC.A1.5, **Scottish Users** shall comply with the **GB Grid Code** and the **GB Grid Code** shall apply to or in relation to them during the **Transition Period** only as provided in this Appendix to the **General Conditions**.

GC.A2.4 **NGC:**

In furtherance of the licence provisions referred to in GC.A1.5, **NGC** shall implement and comply with the **GB Grid Code** during the **Transition Period**, but shall implement and comply with and be subject to it subject to, and taking into account, all the provisions of this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, including on the basis that:

- (a) during the Transition Period NGC's rights and obligations in relation to E&W Users in respect of the GB Transmission System under the GB Grid Code shall only apply in respect of the Transmission System of NGC, and all the provisions of the GB Grid Code shall be construed accordingly; and
- (b) during the Transition Period NGC's rights and obligations in relation to Scottish Users in respect of the GB Transmission System under the GB Grid Code shall only be as provided in this Appendix to the General Conditions.

Specific Provisions

GC.A2.5 Definitions:

The provisions of the **GB Grid Code Glossary and Definitions** shall apply to and for the purposes of this Appendix to the **General Conditions** except where provided to the contrary in this Appendix to the **General Conditions**.

GC.A2.6 Identification of Documents:

In the period beginning at **Go-Active**, **Scottish Users** will work with **NGC** to identify and agree with **NGC** any documents needed to be in place in accordance with the **GB Grid Code**, to apply from **Go-Live** or as earlier provided for under this Appendix to the **General Conditions**, including (without limitation) **Site Responsibility Schedules**, **Gas Zone Diagrams** and **OC9 Desynchronised Island Procedures**.

GC.A2.7 Data:

Each Scottish User must provide, or enable a Relevant Transmission Licensee to provide, NGC, as soon as reasonably practicable upon request, with all data which NGC needs in order to implement, with effect from Go-Live, the GB Grid Code in relation to Scotland. This data will include, without limitation, the data that a new User is required to submit to NGC under CC.5.2. NGC is also entitled to receive data on Scottish Users over the Relevant Transmission Licensees' SCADA links to the extent that NGC needs it for use in testing and in order to implement, with effect from Go-Live, the GB Grid Code in relation to Scotland. After Go-Live such data shall, notwithstanding GC.A1.2, be treated as though it had been provided to NGC under the enduring provisions of the GB Grid Code.

GC.A2.8 Verification of Data etc:

NGC shall be entitled to request from a **Scottish User** (which shall comply as soon as reasonably practicable with such a request) confirmation and verification of any information (including data) that has been received by a **Relevant Transmission Licensee** under an existing grid code and passed on to **NGC** in respect of that **Scottish User**. After **Go-Live** such information (including data) shall, notwithstanding GC.A1.2, be treated as though provided to **NGC** under the enduring provisions of the **GB Grid Code**.

GC.A2.9 Grid Code Review Panel:

- (a) The individuals whose names are notified to NGC by the Authority prior to Go-Active as Panel members (and alternate members, if applicable) are agreed by Users (including Scottish Users) and NGC to constitute the Panel members and alternate members of the Grid Code Review Panel as at the first meeting of the Grid Code Review Panel after Go-Active as if they had been appointed as Panel members (and alternate members) pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Constitution and Rules of the Grid Code Review Panel incorporating amendments equivalent to the amendments to GC.4.2 and GC.4.3 designated by the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 for the purposes of Condition C14 of NGC's Transmission Licence.
- (b) The provisions of GC.4 of the **GB Grid Code** shall apply to, and in respect of, **Scottish Users** from **Go-Active**.

GC.A2.10 Interim GB SYS:

Where requirements are stated in, or in relation to, the **GB Grid Code** with reference to the **Seven Year Statement**, they shall be read and construed as necessary as being with reference to the **Interim GB SYS**.

GC.A2.11 General Conditions:

The provisions of GC.4, GC.12 and GC.13.2 of the **GB Grid Code** shall apply to and be complied with by **Scottish Users** in respect of this Appendix to the **General Conditions**.

GC.A2.12 OC2 Data

- (a) The following provisions of the **GB Grid Code** shall apply to and be complied with by **Scottish Users** with effect from the relevant date indicated below:
 - (i) OC2.4.1.2.3 (a) from 19 January 2005 in respect of 2 to 52 week submissions,
 - (ii) OC2.4.1.2.4 (c) from 25 February 2005 in respect of 2 to 49 day submissions,
 - (iii) OC2.4.1.2.4 (b) from 22 March 2005 in respect of 2 to 14 day submissions,

The data to be submitted in respect of OC2.4.1.2.3 (a) and OC2.4.1.2.4 (b) and (c) need only be in respect of dates on or after 1 April 2005.

- GC.A3 <u>Cut-over</u>
- GC.A3.1 It is anticipated that it will be appropriate for arrangements to be put in place for final transition to BETTA in the period up to and following (for a temporary period) **Go-Live**, for the purposes of:
 - (a) managing the transition from operations under the Grid Code as in force immediately prior to Go-Active to operations under the GB Grid Code and the BSC as in force on and after Go-Active;
 - (b) managing the transition from operations under the existing grid code applicable to Scottish Users as in force immediately prior to Go-Active to operations under the GB Grid Code as in force on and after Go-Active;
 - (c) managing the transition of certain data from operations under the existing grid code applicable to **Scottish Users** before and after **Go-Active**; and
 - (d) managing **GB Grid Code** systems, processes and procedures so that they operate effectively at and from **Go-Live**.

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REVISIONS

(This section does not form part of the Grid Code)

NGC's Transmission Licence sets out the way in which changes to the Grid Code are to be made and reference is also made to NGC's obligations under the General Conditions.

In order to ensure that Users have access to a current version of the Grid Code, Users who have purchased a serviced copy of the Grid Code receive a set of replacement pages containing the revisions made to the Grid Code pursuant to the Transmission Licence. Unserviced copies are not so updated but each unserviced copy issued is accompanied by all revisions since the date the unserviced version of the Grid Code was last reprinted.

All pages re-issued have the revision number and date of the revision on the lower right hand corner of the page. The changes to the text since the previous page issue are indicated by a vertical line to the right hand side of the text. Where repagination or repositioning of the text on other pages has been found necessary but the text itself has remained unchanged the re-issued pages have only the revision number and date of the revision included.

The Grid Code was introduced in March 1990 and this first issue was revised 31 times. In March 2001 the New Electricity Trading Arrangements were introduced and Issue 2 of the Grid Code was introduced which was revised 16 times. At British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements (BETTA) Go-Active Issue 3 of the Grid Code was introduced.

The following 'index to revisions' provides a checklist to the pages and sections of the Grid Code changed by each revision to Issue 3 of the Grid Code.

All inquiries in relation to revisions to the Grid Code, including revisions to Issues 1 and 2, should be addressed to the Grid Code development team at the address given at the front of the Grid Code.

CODE	PAGE	CLAUSE
GD	20	Maximum Generation Service definition revised
OC7	12	OC7.4.8.5 (iii) amended to include MGS notification
BC2	12	BC2.9.2.4 amended to include reference to CUSC
BC2	13	BC2.9.3.2 (e) amended to include reference to CUSC and remove reference to MGS
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Revision 2

Effective Date: 11th October 2004

CODE	PAGE	CLAUSE
GD	8	Version number and date of Data Validation, Consistency and Defaulting Rules updated to Issue 7, 11 th October 2004.
GD	23	Output Usable definition revised
OC1	5	Item (k) added to OC1.6.1
OC2	1	OC2.1.4 amended
OC2	4	OC2.4.1.2.1 (a) (ii) amended
OC2	5	OC2.4.1.2.1 (e) and (f) amended
OC2	7	OC2.4.1.2.2 (a) amended
OC2	8	OC2.4.1.2.2 (e) amended
OC2	9	OC2.4.1.2.3 (a) amended
OC2	20	Oc2.4.3.1 first paragraph amended
OC2 - Page 10 page break revised		

CODE	PAGE	CLAUSE
GD	5	Definitions of Cascade Hydro Scheme and Cascade Hydro Scheme Matrix added.
GD	7	Control Point definition updated for Cascade Hydro Schemes.
	GD – Pages	4, 6 and 8 to 41 page breaks revised
PC	3	PC3.2 (a) revised
PC	21	PC.A.3.1.3(a) revised
PC	23	PC.A.3.2.1(d) added. PC.A.3.2.2 revised
PC	24	PC.A.3.2.3(i) added.
	PC – Paç	ges 25 to 53 page breaks revised.
CC	17	CC.6.5.6 (c) added
	CC – Pa	ges 18 to 25 page breaks revised
OC2	1	OC2.1.3 Revised
OC2	3	OC2.4.1.2.1 Revised
OC2	4	OC2.4.1.2.1(b)(i) Revised
OC2	5	OC2.4.1.2.1(c)(ii) Revised
OC2	6	OC2.4.1.2.1(g)(ii) and (i) (2) Revised
OC2	7	OC2.4.1.2.2 and (i)(ii) Revised
OC2	8	OC2.4.1.2.2 (e), (g)(i) and (ii) Revised
OC2	9	OC2.4.1.2.3 and (a), (b), (c)(i) and (ii) Revised
OC2	10	OC2.4.1.2.3 (c)(ii) Revised, OC2.4.1.2.4 (b), (c),(d) (e)(i) revised
OC2	11	OC2.4.1.2.4 (e)(ii) Revised. OC2.4.1.3.1, OC2.4.1.3.2 (a), (b) Revised
OC2	12	OC2.4.1.3.2 (c), (e), OC2.4.1.3.3 (a), (b) Revised
OC2	13	OC2.4.1.3.3(c), (d), (e), (f) (g), (h)(i) Revised
OC2	14	OC2.4.1.3.3(h)(iii), (i) Revised
OC2	15	OC2.4.1.3.3(i)(z)(1) and (4) Revised and OC2.4.1.3.4 (a), (b) Revised

OC2	16	OC2.4.1.3.4(b) Revised	
OC2	17	OC2.4.1.3.5(a) Revised	
OC2	18	OC2.4.1.3.5(d) Revised. OC2.4.2.1(a) revised	
OC2	20	OC2.4.2.1 (k) added	
0	C2 – Page 2 a	and Pages 21 to 24 Page breaks revised	
OC5	1	OC5.1 (y) and (z) added	
OC5	3	OC5.5.1.1 Subsection (a) text revised and subsequent subsections renumbered	
	OC5 – Paç	ges 2, 4 and 5 Page breaks revised	
BC1	3	BC1.4.2(a) (c) revised	
BC1	4	BC1.4.2 (d), (e), (f) revised	
BC1	5	BC1.4.2 (f)(vi) added. BC1.4.3 and BC1.4.5 revised	
BC1	6	BC1.4.5 (b) and BC1.4.5 last paragraph revised.	
BC1	12	Appendix 1, first paragraph revised	
BC1	17	BC1.A.1.7 added	
BC1 –	Pages 7 to 11	, 13 to 16 and 18 to 19 page breaks revised.	
BC2	2	BC2.5.1 and (b) revised	
BC2	3	BC2.5.1(c), BC2.5.2.2 and (b), BC2.5.2.3 revised	
BC2	4	BC2.5.2.4 revised	
BC2	5	BC2.5.3.2, BC2.5.3.3 Revised	
BC2	10	BC2.8 revised	
BC2	13	BC2.9.3.2(f) added	
BC2	19	BC2.A.1.3 revised	
BC2 – Pages 6 to 9, 11 and 12, 14 to 18 and 20 page breaks revised.			
DRC	19	Schedule 3 – page 2 revised	
DRC	31	Schedule 6 revised	

CODE	PAGE	CLAUSE
GC	15	New paragraph added – GC.A2.12

Revision 5

Effective Date: 4th February 2005

CODE	PAGE	CLAUSE	
GD	7	New Definition – Control Engineer	
GD	16	New Definition – GB Transmission System Warning	
GD	21	Definition of Local Joint Restoration Plan amended	
GD	21	New Definition – Local Switching Procedure	
GD	24	Definition of Operation Switching amended	
GD	26	Definition of Power Island amended	
GD – F	Pages 17 to 20), 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28 page breaks revised.	
PC	51	Appendix C – C1.1, C1.2 and C1.3 added. Part 1 amended	
PC	53	Appendix C – Part 2 amended	
СС	26	CC.A.1.1.1 and CC.A.1.1.4(b) amended	
СС	27	Footnote 1 amended	
СС	32	SPT SRS added	
СС	33	Scottish Hydro-Electric SRS added	
CC- Pages 28, 34 to 46 page breaks amended			
OC7	1	OC7.1.5 and OC7.1.6 added	
OC7	2	OC7.2.4 and OC7.3.1 amended	
OC7	16 to 19	OC7.6 and associated sections added	
OC7 – Pages 3 15 , 20 page breaks amended			
OC8	2	OC8.4.1.1 and OC8.4.2.1 amended	

OC8A	OC8A-1	OC8A.1.1, OC8A.1.3 amended		
OC8A – Pages OC8A – 2 to OC8A – 12 page breaks amended				
OC8B	OC8B - 1	OC8B.1.1, OC8B.1.3 amended		
	OC8B – Pag	ges OC8B – 2 to OC8B – 8 amended		
OC9	1	OC9.1.5 added		
OC9	2	OC9.2.4 and OC9.3.3 added		
OC9	3	OC9.4.5.3 added. OC9.4.6 amended		
OC9	4	OC9.4.7.3, OC9.4.7.4(a) amended		
OC9	5	OC9.4.7.6 (d) and (e) amended		
OC9	6	OC9.4.7.6 (f) and (g) amended		
OC9	7	OC9.4.7.11 (a) and (b) amended		
OC9	8/9	OC9.4.7.11 (c) added		
OC9	9	OC9.5 paragraph added. OC9.5.1 (b) amended		
OC9	10	OC9.5.2, OC9.5.2.1(a) and (d), OC9.5.2.2(b) amended		
OC9	11	OC9.5.2.3(a) amended		
OC9	12	OC9.5.4.1 (b) and (c)(iii), (iv), amended. OC9.5.4.1(c)(v) and (vi) added		
OC9	13	OC9.5.4.1 (h) amended		
	OC9 – Pages 14 to 16 page breaks amended			
GC	1	GC.4.2(b) amended		
GC	2	GC.4.3(c)(xi) amended		
GC	6/7	GC.13.1 amended		
GC	9/10	Annex (c) and (d) added		
GC	16	GC.A2.12 Amended		
GC – Pages 11 to 15 page breaks amended				