

P421 Podcast Transcript

Hi I'm Chris Arnold the lead analyst for Modification P421 'Align the BSC with Grid Code Modification GC0144 for TERRE Market Suspension' which was raised by National Grid on 1 July 2021 and sent to the Report Phase by the Panel at its meeting on the 12 August 2021. In this Podcast I am going to talk you through:

- The issue the modification seeks to address;
- The solution; and
- The expected impacts of P421.

The issue identified in this Modification is that the BSC does not currently cover the TERRE suspension scenario detailed in paragraph BC4.10(c) of the Grid Code. This paragraph relates to TERRE Market suspension as a result of the operators of the TERRE Central Platform [LIBRA] notifying the National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) that the TERRE market has been or is to be suspended. Additionally, provisions in the BSC outlining notification processes in the event of a TERRE Market suspension are not currently aligned with the Grid Code. Grid Code paragraph BC4.10 was implemented by NGEN on 26 May 2021 as part of their programme to implement the Network Code on Electricity Emergency and Restoration (NCER).

The P421 solution will align BSC Section Q5A with Grid Code provisions introduced by GC0144. The solution changes the TERRE Market Suspension provisions (BSC Section Q5A) to expressly provide for the circumstances in Grid Code BC4.10 b) and c). The solution also updates the notification processes and obligations of the NETSO and BSCCo so that they are aligned in the BSC and the Grid Code in respect of the suspension scenarios detailed in BC4.10 (b) and (c).

P421 is a code only change and the costs to implement this Modification are expected to be less than £1000, these are the costs associated with the development of the legal text for this Modification. We currently do not expect there to be any significant on-going costs associated with this Modification, if TERRE market suspension provisions are used it is expected that the activities required of Elexon as a result of this Modification will be subsumed into existing processes and therefore cost neutral. We do expect there to be a small impact to Suppliers, Generators and Virtual Lead parties who may be required to update processes relating to TERRE market suspension in light of this proposal.

P421 is expected to impact the EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions as the solution Modifies Section Q5A which is identified in the Annex F2 as constituting EBGL Article 18 terms and conditions. This means that the Modification must be issued for at least 1 calendar month. P421 is also not expected to be a Self-Governance modification due to these EBGL impacts.

If you'd like to discuss this Modification in more detail you can contact me Chris Arnold on 020 7380 4221 or by e-mailing BSC.Change@Elexon.co.uk

