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Dear Michael,

Request to change the GC0130 implementation date

Firstly, please accept our apologies for the late notice of this letter.

I write to you today to request that the implementation date for GC0130 is moved from 02 February 2021 to 18 March 2021.

Grid Code modification GC0130 was proposed by National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO), on 13 August 2019 and seeks to simplify the process for generators to submit outage information to NGESO and to reduce duplication in the data submission process. This data is used by NGESO to calculate National Output Usable, as well as Margin and Surplus data which is published on the Balancing Mechanism Reporting Service (BMRS) as required by Section Q of the Balancing and Settlements Code (BSC). As part of GC0130, some additional data will be published, and other data that is not widely used by industry will no longer be published.

NGESO raised BSC Modification P408 on 05 May 2020 to modify Section Q of the BSC to reflect the GC0130 Grid Code changes: removing the obligations on NGESO in the BSC to publish data that is no longer mandated to be published by the Grid Code; adding obligations to publish the new data; and simplifying the obligations around the existing data.

It was agreed by the Grid Code Review Panel and the BSC Panel respectively, that GC0130 and P408 should be treated as self-governance modifications. GC0130 was approved with an implementation date of 27 November 2020 at the Grid Code Review Panel meeting on 28 May 2020 and P408 was approved with an implementation date of 03 December 2020 at the BSC Panel meeting on 09 July 2020. To change the implementation date of a self-governance modification requires the approval of both the Panel and the Authority.

As both modifications aim to achieve the same goal and the changes to the two codes are interdependent, it is essential that both are implemented at the same time to ensure that compliance with both codes can be achieved by all parties.

On 14 October 2020, I wrote to you to advise that delays to the delivery of NGESO's IT solution meant that we were no longer confident of hitting the original target of late November / early December. We asked the BSC Panel and the Grid Code Review Panel to approve a new implementation date of 02 February 2021. This was approved by both panels, and subsequently by Ofgem in their letter of 09 November 2020.

We regret to inform you that further delays to NGESO's IT solution mean that the 02 February 2021 implementation date is now at risk. Despite the final stages of solution development delivering to the planned timescales, we have been unable to progress as intended with testing. It took longer than anticipated to enable connectivity of our systems with Elexon's for full end to end testing, as a result

of technical complexities not understood until the point of implementing the change, and when testing more complex scenarios, we found too many data related issues.

We have engaged with ELEXON and agreed a new implementation date of 18 March 2021 for both modifications, which would enable the delivery of both to be achieved. The revised timeline will allow us to complete more comprehensive testing and give us more contingency time to resolve any problems that we find, ensuring that the solution is delivered on time and to the required standard. We would therefore request that the BSC Panel give their approval to change the implementation date for P408 to 18 March 2021. We will ask the same of the Grid Code Panel regarding GC0130.

We fully accept that missing the agreed implementation dates is not acceptable and would offer to attend upcoming BSC and Grid Code Panel meetings to provide a more in-depth explanation and to answer any questions on the matter. As these modifications aim to improve the efficiency of existing processes for customers, there is no risk to compliance with the current processes if the implementation of these modifications is delayed. In fact, moving to the new date will ensure that customers are clear on their obligations and will prevent either the ESO or ELEXON from being in breach of the respective codes from 02 February 2021.

Please can I take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the delays and to thank you in advance for your understanding.

We would also like to thank ELEXON for their continued flexibility in accommodating this change at short notice, to enable the successful delivery of both modifications.

If you have any queries on this matter, please contact me as detailed above.

Yours sincerely,

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