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Our Ref: NET/E/JF/966

Dear Conleth,

**RE: Proposed Revisions to Grid Code Housekeeping Modification
Application for Approval**

SONI has made an application (**the Application**) for approval of certain proposed revisions (**the Proposed Revisions**) to the SONI Grid Code.

The Proposed Revisions are in two parts. One part concerns proposed revisions to the definitions of the “Transmission Interface Arrangements” and the “System Operator Agreement” in the Glossary and Definitions section of the Grid Code. The other part concerns proposed changes to make corrections to parts of the OC2.9.1 section of the Grid Code.

Together, these Proposed Revisions are referred to as the “Housekeeping Modification”.

The Application includes a Consultation Report (**the Consultation Report**) on the Proposed Revisions dated 13 December 2023. The Consultation Report references a SONI Consultation (**the Consultation Document**)¹ on the Proposed Revisions dated 4 October 2023. The Consultation Document includes a tracked changed version of the Proposed Revisions. Also included in/with the Consultation Report were the Modification Proposal Forms for the Proposed Revisions.

¹ [SONI Consultation Paper: Housekeeping Modifications | SONI Consultation Portal](#).

Condition 16 of the SONI (TSO) Licence²

Condition 16(3) of the SONI Licence sets out as follows:

Revision of the Code

3 Revisions to the Grid Code proposed by the Licensee and sent to the Authority pursuant to paragraph 2 shall require the Authority's approval before they may be made.

Paragraph 2 of Condition 16 includes the following:

Reviews of the Code

2 The Grid Code in force at the date on which this Condition becomes effective shall be the document approved as such by the Authority. Subsequently, the Licensee shall (in consultation with electricity undertakings and the Republic of Ireland System Operator, to the extent such persons are liable to be materially affected thereby) periodically review (including upon the request of the Authority) the Grid Code and its implementation. Following any such review, the Licensee, shall send to the Authority:

- (a) a report on the outcome of such review;*
- (b) any proposed revisions to the Grid Code from time to time as the Licensee (having regard to the outcome of such review) reasonably thinks fit for the achievement of the objectives referred to in paragraphs 1(b) and (c); and*
- (c) any written representations or objections from any electricity undertakings or the Republic of Ireland System Operator (including any proposals by such persons for revisions to the Grid Code not accepted by the Licensee in the course of the review) arising during the consultation process and subsequently maintained.*

Response to the Consultation Document

The Consultation Report confirms that there were no responses to the Consultation Document. It further confirms that the Proposed Revisions were endorsed by the Grid Code Review Panel and are considered to further the achievement of the objectives of the Grid Code.

² [2022-11-18 SONI TSO Consolidated.pdf \(uregni.gov.uk\)](#).

The OC2.9.1 Part of the Modification Proposal

The Application confirms that a February 2020 change to the Grid Code resulted in the references to other Grid Code clauses in OC2.9.1 becoming incorrect.

In the Modification Proposal Form, SONI states that *“The SONI Grid Code has undergone transformation over recent years to incorporate the EU Networks Codes. Updates to the Grid Code can impact the placement and numbering of existing clauses. Despite best efforts, housekeeping modifications are sometimes required to ensure the accuracy of the Grid Code following such updates.”*

SONI proposes to correct these references by way of applicable revision with the use of ‘CC.S1.3.2’ being changed to ‘CC.S1.1.3.2 or CC.S1.1.3.3’ and the use of ‘CC.S2.3.2’ being changed to ‘CC.S2.1.3.2 or CC.S2.1.3.3’.

Again, the tracked version of the Proposed Revisions is set out in the Consultation Document.

The “TIA” and “SOA” definitions part of the Proposed Revisions

Here it is proposed that the definition for the “Transmission Interface Arrangements” is revised so that the reference to *“the agreement of the same name entered into by the TO and the TSO”* is changed to *“the arrangements between the TSO and the TO as per Condition 18 of the Licence.”*

It is further proposed that the wording of the definition of ‘System Operator Agreement’ is changed from *“the agreement of the same name entered into by the TSO and the Other TSO”* to *“the agreement between the TSO and the Other TSO as per Condition 24 of the TSO Licence.”*

Justification for the Proposed Revisions/Housekeeping Modification

SONI comments that the Proposed Revisions/Housekeeping Modification will assist by ensuring the *“accuracy and completeness”* of these areas of the Grid Code, thereby meaning SONI can fulfil their licence requirement to always have in force, implement and comply with a Grid Code, effectively. SONI also states that by ensuring the accuracy of OC2.9.1, *“will benefit Generator customers, removing any confusion that the existing version of Grid Code introduces.”*

To repeat, the tracked version of the Proposed Revisions is set out in the Consultation Document.

Decision

We consider that the Application meets the procedural requirements set out in Condition 16(2). It is hereby approved being considered well-founded.

The Proposed Revisions are relatively minor but will further the overall objectives of the Grid Code by improving clarity and reducing the possibility of confusion. Approval of the Proposed Revisions is, for the same reason, in the interests of consumers and so aligns with our responsibilities under Article 12 of the Energy (NI) Order 2003.

The Proposed Revisions are (hereby) approved for the purposes of Condition 16(2) of the SONI (TSO) Licence and that approval is effective as of the date of this letter. SONI should now proceed to publish the Grid Code as revised.

This decision will be published and placed on the Register in accordance with the usual arrangements.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Should you have any further queries please contact Jody O'Boyle.

Yours sincerely,



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