

Competition in Connections Code of Practice Modification Proposal Form

This form is issued in accordance with Clause 8.1 of the Competition in Connections (CiC) Code of Practice.

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Proposer Details	
Category (delete as appropriate)	DNO / DG / IDNO / ICP / Customer / Other
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Modification Proposal Details	
Mod Proposal Title	G39 Authorisations
Impacted Parties	DNOs / IDNOs / ICPs / Customers
Related Mod Proposals	N/A
Modification Proposal Intent	
<i>Please indicate the intention behind the modification to the CiC Code of Practice.</i>	
The intent of the proposal is to clarify the position with respect to G39 authorisations to more correctly reflect the aims of the Competition in Connections Code of Practice	
CiC Code of Practice Objectives	
<i>Modification proposals must be assessed against the relevant objectives, which have been set out by Ofgem and which are included in the CiC Code of Practice.</i>	

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Please tick the box(es) which you believe your proposal better facilitates.

- ☒ Facilitate competition in the market for new electricity distribution connections through:
- ☒ Minimising, to the fullest extent reasonably practicable, the number and scope of Input Services which are only available to the DNO;
 - ☒ providing Input Services on an equivalent basis to all Connection Parties that operate in the Local Connections Markets; and
 - ☒ harmonising, to the fullest extent reasonably practicable, the Input Services provided by Distribution Service Providers.
- ☒ Not to distort, prevent or restrict competition in the market for new electricity distribution connections.
- ☐ Facilitate compliance with the regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.

Rationale for modification proposal against CiC Code of Practice objectives

If appropriate, please indicate the reason the modification may go against the objectives set out in the CiC Code of Practice, and why you have selected the particular relevant objectives and not others.

The purpose of the modification is to clarify the position with respect to G39 authorisations, which is worded currently to apply only where employers / employees work across one or more DNO / IDNO areas. This will align G39 authorisation within the Competition in Connections Code of Practice with the key principles (self-authorisation or DNO / IDNO authorisation) applying to ICPs (which was the original intent when discussed with Ofgem); and to extend competition and harmonisation to those employers / employees who work in only one DNO / IDNO area.

In simple terms – if an employer can authorise an employee to carry out jointing onto the live DNO/IDNO Network then that same employer MUST be empowered to authorise the removal of a DNO/IDNO fuse carrier within street furniture and for that employee to work within the vicinity of DNO/IDNO equipment.

Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text

Please indicate the proposed change to the text as is current in the CiC Code of Practice. This is to provide an indication of the proposed changes to the text and can be refined as part of the working group process.

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Replace “5.2.2 Training and / or authorisations relating to G39 authorisations accepted by a given DNO shall be accepted by other DNOs” with:

“5.2.2 G39 authorisation shall be either:

5.2.2.1 By the employer after ensuring that the relevant employee has been appropriately trained, assessed as competent & authorised (in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Electrical Registration Scheme – HERS) or

5.2.2.2 By the DNO, or the IDNO, at the request of the employer

Where employers work across more than one DNO / IDNO area, then training and/or authorisations relating to G39 authorisations accepted by one DNO / IDNO shall be accepted by other DNOs / IDNOs”

Business Justification and Market Benefits

Please indicate how you believe the modification will be beneficial for competition in the electricity distribution connections market.

The current wording restricts harmonisation and may restrict competition where employers and employees work in only one DNO / IDNO area. The modification will provide clarity and encourage harmonisation and competition in those areas which are currently restricted.

Impact on Reporting Requirements

Please indicate as to whether the modification proposal will affect the Reporting Requirements form. If so, please describe what changes are likely to be required.

If accepted, this will affect the reporting requirement under 5.2.2. This may require DNOs to report where employers have G39 authorisation and the option chosen in addition to the existing reporting requirement

Proposed Implementation Date

The date on which you would like the modification to take effect.

ASAP

Without further delay

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Relation to other industry modifications

Please indicate if this modification has any interaction with any other modifications that have been submitted to the CiC Panel.

None

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

Please indicate whether the modification proposal would affect any other industry codes (DCUSA, etc.)

None

Confidentiality

Please indicate any aspect of the modification proposal should remain confidential. Justify your reasons why in terms of the commercial detriment publication would cause.

None

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