

## 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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Date of Submission	10 May 2016
Proposer Details	
Category (delete as appropriate)	DNO
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Modification Proposal Details	
Mod Proposal Title	COP Administration Corrections May 2016
Impacted Parties	ICPs/IDNOs/DNOs/DG and other parties
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 correct indexing and naming conventions within the COP to aid clarity and avoid confusion.	
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>	
Please tick the box(es) which you believe your proposal better facilitates.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate competition in the market for new electricity distribution connections through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Minimising, to the fullest extent reasonably practicable, the number and scope of Input Services which are only available to the DNO;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> providing Input Services on an equivalent basis to all Connection Parties that operate in the Local Connections Markets; and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> harmonising, to the fullest extent reasonably practicable, the Input Services provided by Distribution Service Providers.</li> </ul>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not to distort, prevent or restrict competition in the market for new electricity distribution connections.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	

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**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 this modification is correct a number of indexing and naming conventions within the COP to aide clarity and avoid confusion. This will avoid future confusion that may restrict competition in the new connections market but will not, in itself, facilitate change.

**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.*

**Changes to legal text:**

1. Review and correct the Contents page (please see changes made to attached copy of CiC Code of Practice document)
2. Consider replacing “will” with “shall” throughout the COP where appropriate

**Draft legal text:**

**PART A**

**3. Definitions**  
 Independent Connections Provider (ICP)  
 Means ~~a person~~ an organisation other than the DNO ~~who is~~ appropriately Accredited to undertake Contestable works in relation to the provision of a Connection to the DNO’s Distribution System.

**PART B**

**4.3.8**  
 Where the Customer engages an ICP before the Customer has made any application to a DNO for a Connection, the ICP shall be entitled to either specify the Point of Connection (subject to section 4.4 below) or to apply directly to the DNO for a Point of ~~Generation~~ Connection.

**4.8.2**  
 Each DNO will, at least annually, assess the areas where accreditation is not available and ensure that the NERS ~~service provider~~ Accreditation Body is aware of the these omissions from the overall NERS scheme. Once these have been identified the DNOs will work with NERS to put in place the appropriate scope changes or additions to increase areas of accreditation where practicable.

**4.12 Self Determination Information**

**4.16.8**

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If the DNO has any concerns as to the competency of the Accredited ICP this must be highlights to the NERS ~~service provider~~ Accredited Body and the ICP.

**4.18 4.17 Construction Works**

Renumbering of Section 4.18 to reflect the change from 4.18 to 4.17

**4.17.3**

All works will be subject to an audit regime by the NERS ~~service provider~~ Accreditation Body and inspection regimes by the DNO. Where works are audited or inspected and any non-conformance is identified, the non-conformance will be highlighted to the ICP to be resolved. Part D of this document explains audits and inspections in more details.

**PART C**

**5. Accreditation and Inspection Authorisation of ICPs/DNOs**

**PART E**

**7.4.3**

The information may be provided electronically in a timescale similar to that of the DNO’s own activities. Failure to provide the correct information in the timescale required will result in a referral to the NERS ~~service provider~~ Accreditation Body for investigation.

**Business Justification and Market Benefits**

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

These corrections add further clarification and transparency in the reading and referencing of the COP.

**Proposed Implementation Date**

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

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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

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**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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