

**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	20 November 2015
Proposer Details	
Category (delete as appropriate)	DNO
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Modification Proposal Details	
Mod Proposal Title	Self-Design Approval Processes
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 to meet the Code of Practice paragraph 4.17.1, as published in July 2015.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facilitate competition in the market for new electricity distribution connections through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimising, to the fullest extent reasonably practicable, the number and scope of Input Services which are only available to the DNO; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> providing Input Services on an equivalent basis to all Connection Parties that operate in the Local Connections Markets; and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> harmonising, to the fullest extent reasonably practicable, the Input Services provided by Distribution Service Providers. 	
<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

Please indicate the reasons why the modification better achieves 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 to introduce to the Code a clear, common process for design approval by ICPs. It contains criteria that establishes when an ICP can approve its own designs, the criteria that dictates when the ICP can approve its own designs and a list of information which the DNO will provide to ICPs.

This modification will deliver on the requirements of paragraph 4.17 which places an obligation on the DNOs to take all reasonable steps to progress such a modification through the governance process for implementation in the Code by 30 April 2016, better achieving Code objectives:

- 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.

and in so doing will enable ICPs to better understand the options available to them and therefore will help not to restrict, prevent or distort competition in the electricity distribution connections market.

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.

Paragraph 4.16.3 currently states:

DNOs will set out the criteria by which ICPs can carry out their own design approval.

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It is proposed to delete this and replace it with the following:

4.16.3 The DNOs shall complete and publish the following standard tables:

- Table 1 - the market segments where the ICP is able to self-approve its designs.

<u>Market Segment</u>	<u>Self-approval of design available</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>LV demand</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>HV demand</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>HVEHV demand</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>EHV132 demand</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>DG LV</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>DG HVEHV</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>UMS LA</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>UMS Other</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-
<u>UMS PFI</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	-

- Table 2 - the criteria that will apply to allow an ICP to move between different levels of design approval

<u>Level</u>	<u>Criteria to move between levels</u>
<u>[1]</u>	
<u>[2]</u>	
<u>[3]</u>	
<u>[4]</u>	<u>[ICP fully able to self-approve contestable designs]</u>

- Table 3 - the list of information the DNO will make available to ICPs to facilitate the design approval by the ICPs.

	<u>[unclear if any additional information is needed for design approval over and above that provided for design under 4.13.2]</u>

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Paragraph 4.17 shall be deleted.

4.17 Review of self-design approval processes

~~4.17.1 By 15 January 2016, the DNO shall, in co-operation with the other DNOs, review the processes and procedures for design approval by ICPs, taking into account lessons learned from practical application of the processes and consultation with stakeholders. The conclusions of this review must propose a modification or series of modifications to this Code. The modification(s) must be progressed to decision through the change governance process. The modification(s) must ensure that the Code contains a clear, common process for design approval by ICPs. The modification(s) must contain the criteria that establish when an ICP can approve its own designs, the criteria that dictate when the ICP can approve its own designs and a definitive list of what information the DNO will provide to ICPs.~~

~~4.17.2 The DNO must take all reasonable steps to progress the modification(s) through the governance process and have implemented in the Code by 30 April 2016.~~

Business Justification and Market Benefits

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

This modification provides clear criteria by which ICPs can approve their own contestable designs, implementing the requirements of Code paragraph 4.17.1.

Proposed Implementation Date

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

By 30 April 2016

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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