

**Grid Code
Modification Proposal Form**

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Title of Modification Proposal:

MPID 291 - Incorporation of the HVDC Operational Notification Process for Interconnectors into the Grid Code

MPID (EirGrid Use Only): 291

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Grid Code Version:	9		
Grid Code Section(s) Impacted by Modification Proposal:	CC.15 Commissioning and Notification		

Modification Proposal Justification:

Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1447 of 26 August 2016 establishing a network code on requirements for grid connection of high voltage direct current systems and direct current-connected power park modules (hereafter referred to as **HVDC**). It aims to ensure fair conditions of competition in the internal electricity market, to ensure system security and the integration of renewable electricity source.

On the 21 December 2018, EirGrid submitted to the CRU a [proposal](#) for the General Application of technical requirements in accordance with Articles 11 – 50 of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2016 /1447 of 26 August 2016 establishing a Network Code on requirements for grid connection of high voltage direct current systems and direct current-connected power park modules. On the 12 October 2020, the CRU issued their [decision paper](#) in relation to EirGrid's proposal.

This Grid Code modification proposal paper details the incorporation of the Operational Notification Process, as described in Articles 55 to 59 of the HVDC.

This proposal provides for a certification process for the connection of **Interconnector** as described in the **HVDC**. Separate to the Grid Code, EirGrid will develop an EirGrid business processes to support **Interconnector Owners** during their Operation Notification Process.

The Grid Code modification papers relating to the incorporation of the other exhaustive and non-exhaustive requirements of the HVDC are listed below for reference:

- MPID289 –Incorporation of HVDC requirements into GridCode
- MPID290 – Incorporation of the HVDC Derogation Process into the Grid Code
- MPID292 - Incorporation of the HVDC Operational Notification Process for DC-connected PPMs into the Grid Code

In addition, the full text of the HVDC is available on the [ENSTO-E website](#).

Formatting

EirGrid have continued the use of the “incorporative method” for the HVDC requirements, which was previously used to harmonise the RfG and DCC requirements with the Grid Code. This method uses a combination of symbols as well as the enclosing of text in boxes to identify requirements that are:

1. Applicable to all users
2. Applicable to Non-HVDC Units only

3. Applicable to HVDC Units only

A more detailed description of the Incorporative methodology, as well as how it can be used for future versions of the Network Codes, is available in the document “**DemarcationAndFutureHarmonisationMethodology**”, as attached to the GCRP invitation email.

Finally, in order to maintain the usability of the Grid Code throughout the incorporative process for HVDC, where needed, EirGrid has updated the formatting and numbering of the relevant sections.

Red-line Version of Impacted Grid Code Section(s) - show proposed changes to text:

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CC.15.16 The **Interconnector Owner** shall demonstrate to the **TSO** that it has complied with **Interconnector** requirements by successfully completing the Operational Notification Procedure for connection of each **Interconnector**.

CC.15.17 Operational Notification Procedure

The Operational Notification Procedure for connection of each **Interconnector** requires the completion of three sequential processes, consisting of:

- Energisation Operational Notification (EON);
- Interim Operational Notification (ION); and
- Final Operational Notification (FON).

CC.15.17.1 Energisation Operational Notification

The **TSO** will issue an EON to the **Interconnector Owner** for an **Interconnector**, subject to completion of the EON checklist. This checklist will require agreement on the protection and control settings relevant to the **Connection Point**.

Upon receipt of the EON, an **Interconnector Owner** may energise its internal network and auxiliaries for the associated **Interconnector** by using the grid connection that is specified for the **Connection Point**.



CC.15.17.2 Interim Operational Notification

The **TSO** will issue an ION to the **Interconnector Owner** for an **Interconnector**, subject to completion of the ION checklist.

Upon receipt of the ION, an **Interconnector Owner** may operate the associated **Interconnector** and generate power for a limited period of time, by using the grid connection that is specified for the **Connection Point**. The limited period of time shall be agreed with the **TSO** and shall not be longer than 24 months. An extension to this period of time may be granted via a derogation undertaken according to GC.9.5, if the **Interconnector Owner** can demonstrate sufficient progress towards full compliance and outstanding issues are clearly identified.

CC.15.17.3 Final Operational Notification

CC.15.17.3.1 The **TSO** will issue a FON to the **Interconnector Owner** for an **Interconnector**, subject to completion of the FON checklist.

Upon receipt of the FON, an **Interconnector Owner** may operate the associated **Interconnector** and generate power by using the grid connection that is specified for the **Connection Point**.

CC.15.17.3.2 If the **TSO** identifies a reason not to issue a FON, the **Interconnector Owner** may seek a derogation via the process described in GC.9.5.

Where a request for a derogation is rejected, the **TSO** shall have the right to refuse to allow the operation of the **Interconnector** until the **Interconnector Owner** and the **TSO** resolve the incompatibility and the **TSO** considers that the **Interconnector** is compliant with **Grid Code**.

If the **TSO** and the **Interconnector Owner** do not resolve the incompatibility within a reasonable time frame, but in any case not later than 6 months after the notification of the rejection of the request for a derogation, each party may refer the issue for decision to the **CRU**.

- CC.15.18 A **Interconnector Owner** issued with a FON shall inform the **TSO** immediately in the following circumstances:
- (a) the facility is temporarily subject to either significant modification or loss of capability affecting its performance; or
 - (b) equipment failure leading to non-compliance with some relevant requirements.
- CC.15.19 Limited Operational Notification
- CC.15.19.1 An **Interconnector Owner** shall apply to the relevant system operator for a Limited Operational Notification (LON), if the **Interconnector Owner** reasonably expects the circumstances described in CC.15.18 to persist for more than three months.
- CC.15.19.2 The **TSO** will then issue a LON containing the following information:
- (a) the unresolved issues justifying the granting of the LON;
 - (b) the responsibilities and timescales for the expected solution; and
 - (c) a maximum period of validity which shall not exceed 12 months. The initial period granted may be shorter with the possibility of an extension if evidence is submitted to the satisfaction of the **TSO** demonstrating that substantial progress has been made towards achieving full compliance.
- CC.15.19.3 The FON shall be suspended during the period of validity of the LON with regard to the items for which the LON has been issued.
- CC.15.19.4 A further extension of the period of validity of the LON may be granted upon a request for a derogation, via the process described in GC.9.5, made to the **TSO** before the expiry of that period.
- CC.15.19.5 The **TSO** shall have the right to refuse to allow the operation of the **Interconnector**, once the LON is no longer valid. In such cases, the FON shall automatically become invalid.
- CC.15.19.6 If the **TSO** does not grant an extension of the period of validity of the LON in accordance with CC.15.19.4 or if it refuses to allow the operation of the **Interconnector** once the LON is no longer valid in accordance with CC.15.19.5, the **Interconnector Owner** may refer the issue for decision to the **CRU** within six months after the notification of the decision of the **TSO**.

Green-line Version of Impacted Grid Code Section(s) - show proposed final text:



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