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MODIFICATION RECOMMENDATION FORM



RECOMMENDATION TO CER BY EIRGRID OF MODIFICATION TO GRID CODE.

ABSTRACT / TITLE OF MODIFICATION	Material Effect
MODIFICATION NUMBER	MPID 224
RECOMMENDED AT GCRP MEETING NUMBER	GCRP #30
LIST OF GRID CODE SECTION(S) AFFECTED BY PROPOSED MODIFICATION:	Definitions Section
CURRENT GRID CODE VERSION:	Version 4

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MODIFICATION DESCRIPTION Overview

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THE REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION

The Grid Code definition for **Modification** in the Definitions section of the Grid Code references another definition **Material Effect**; however **Material Effect** is not defined in Grid Code.

At the GCRP meeting held in Belfast, 23 February 2012, EirGrid proposed a definition for **Material Effect**. For guidance with the definition the TSO looked at other Grid Codes and to the ENTSO-E. The proposed definition was in line with what is recommended by ENTSO-E.

The term Modification is used in the Planning Code and OC11.5.4.

HISTORY OF PROGRESSION THROUGH GCRPS, WORKING GROUP AND/OR CONSULTATION

At the GCRP meeting held in Belfast, 23 February 2012, the panel members agreed to un-bold the term Material Effect and to make it lowercase.

SUMMARY NOTE OF ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE FROM GCRP MEMBERS OR CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Panel members agreed that the proposed definition was too vague and tried to cover too much. During the meeting Alan Rogers (EirGrid) pointed out that the definition for Modification refers to the replacement, renovation, modification, alteration or construction and the second part of the definition refers to the 'manner of operation' and Material Effect only applies to the 'manner of operation'.

For the above reasons the panel members agreed that it is best to unbold the term Material Effect as the system has been working quite well without a definition.

John O'Sullivan (EirGrid) noted that in the absence of a definition and if a clarification is required from a User, the TSO will interpret the undefined term.

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OUTCOME OF ANY GCRP MEETING ACTIONS RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION

The members of the panel recommend not proposing a definition for Material Effect and to make lower case and to un-bold the term Material Effect.

Proposal- red line version:

Any actual or proposed replacement, renovation, modification, alteration or construction by or on behalf of a **User** or the **TSO** to either that **User's Plant** or **Apparatus** or the **TSO's Plant** or **Apparatus** or the **TAO's Plant** or **Apparatus**, as the case may be, or the manner of its operation which has or may have a **Material Effect** material effect on a **User** or the **TSO**, as the case may be, at a particular **Connection Site**.

Proposal – clean version:

Any actual or proposed replacement, renovation, modification, alteration or construction by or on behalf of a **User** or the **TSO** to either that **User's Plant** or **Apparatus** or the **TSO's Plant** or **Apparatus**, as the case may be, or the manner of its operation which has or may have a material effect on a **User** or the **TSO**, as the case may be, at a particular **Connection Site**.

IMPLICATION OF NOT IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFICATION

If Material Effect remains a bolded term and subject to no definition in the Definitions section of the Grid Code, there is a lack of clarity to Users and to the TSO in the application of the term **Modification** as defined in the Grid Code.