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## **MODIFICATION PROPOSAL FORM**



FORM GC1, PROPOSAL OF MODIFICATION TO GRID CODE.

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GRID CODE SECTION(S) AFFECTED BY PROPOSAL:		Definitions		
GRID CODE VERSION:		4.0		

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#### **MODIFICATION PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION**

(MUST CLEARLY STATE THE DESIRED AMENDMENT, ALL TEXT/FORMULA CHANGES TO THE GRID CODE. THE REQUIRED REASON FOR THE MODIFICATION MUST STATED. ATTACH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IF NECESSARY.)

EirGrid are proposing to change the Grid Code definition of **Minimum Down Time**.

#### The Original Definition of **Minimum Down Time**:

**Generation Units,** the minimum time that must elapse from the time a **Generation Unit De-Synchronises** until the next **Start-Up.** 

In the case of **Demand Side Units**, the minimum time that must elapse while the **Demand Side Unit MW Response** is at zero until the next delivery of **Demand Side Unit MW Response**.

Proposed Modification to the Definition of Minimum Down Time, deleted text is highlighted in red strike through and new text is highlighted in blue:

Generation Units, the minimum time that must elapse from the time a Generation Unit De-Synchronises until the next Start-Up.

In the case of **Demand Side Units**, the minimum period of time that must elapse while the during which **Demand Side Unit MW**Response is at zero until the next delivery of at a **Demand Side Unit MW Response** can be greater than zero.

### Proposed New Definition of Minimum Down Time:

**Generation Units,** the minimum time that must elapse from the time a **Generation Unit De-Synchronises** until the next **Start-Up.** 

In the case of **Demand Side Units**, the minimum period of time during which **Demand Side Unit MW Response** at a **Demand Side Unit** can be greater than zero.

# IMPLICATION OF NOT IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFICATION

The definition of **Minimum Down Time** is not consistent with the SONI Grid Code or the Trading and Settlement Code. The DSU will undergo different Grid Code Test Procedures in SONI and EirGrid for **Minimum Down Time**. The **Minimum Down Time** will have one definition in Ireland and a different definition in Northern Ireland. The TOD parameter in the SEM for **Minimum Down Time** will be approved by the TSO on the basis of their relative definitions.

Please submit the Modification Proposal by fax, post or electronically, using the information supplied above

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