

**Grid Code
Modification Proposal Form**

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Title of Modification Proposal: Definitions for Black Start Unit Test and Black Start Station Test
MPID (EirGrid Use Only): **MPID350**

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Grid Code Version:	16
Grid Code Section(s) Impacted by Modification Proposal:	OC.10.5.7 and Table of Definitions

Modification Proposal Justification:

This modification will improve clarity, consistency and ease of interpretation of the Grid Code by formally defining the terms “Black Start Unit Test” and “Black Start Station Test”. Both terms are referenced in OC.10 but have been omitted from the table of defined terms.

The proposal does not introduce any new technical or operational requirements; rather, it will codify terminology that is already embedded in the operative text of the Grid Code. Including these terms in the definitions section will help align the structure of the Grid Code, reduce the risk of inconsistent interpretation, and make the relevant provisions easier for users to navigate and apply. This is particularly helpful given that the Grid Code distinguishes between tests carried out while connected to an external alternating current electrical supply and tests carried out while disconnected from all such external supplies. By defining each test type explicitly, the proposal will provide greater transparency on that distinction and improve the overall readability and maintainability of the Grid Code.

A Table Outlining the Proposed Changes:

Clause/Section	Red Line Version Text <i>Deleted text in strike-through red font and new text highlighted in blue font</i>	Green Line Version Text

OC.10.5.7.1	The TSO may require a Generator with a Black Start Station to carry out a Test (a " Black Start Test ") on a CDGU in a Black Start Station either while the Black Start Station remains connected to an external alternating current electrical supply (a " Black Start unit Unit Test ") or while the Black Start Station is disconnected from all external alternating current electrical supplies (a " Black Start Station Test "), in order to demonstrate that a Black Start Station has a Black Start Capability .	The TSO may require a Generator with a Black Start Station to carry out a Test (a " Black Start Test ") on a CDGU in a Black Start Station either while the Black Start Station remains connected to an external alternating current electrical supply (a " Black Start Unit Test ") or while the Black Start Station is disconnected from all external alternating current electrical supplies (a " Black Start Station Test "), in order to demonstrate that a Black Start Station has a Black Start Capability .
OC.10.5.7.2	Where the TSO requires a Generator with a Black Start Station to carry out a Black Start unit Unit Test , the TSO shall not require the Black Start Test to be carried out on more than one CDGU at that Black Start Station at the same time, and would not, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, expect any other CDGU at the Black Start Station to be directly affected by the Black Start unit Unit Test	Where the TSO requires a Generator with a Black Start Station to carry out a Black Start Unit Test , the TSO shall not require the Black Start Test to be carried out on more than one CDGU at that Black Start Station at the same time, and would not, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, expect any other CDGU at the Black Start Station to be directly affected by the Black Start Unit Test .
OC.10.5.7.3.1	Black Start unit Unit Test The TSO may require a Black Start unit Unit Test to be carried out at any time but no more than once in each calendar year in respect of any particular CDGU or Interconnector unless it can justify on reasonable grounds the necessity for further Tests or unless the further Test is a re-test.	Black Start Unit Test The TSO may require a Black Start Unit Test to be carried out at any time but no more than once in each calendar year in respect of any particular CDGU or Interconnector unless it can justify on reasonable grounds the necessity for further Tests or unless the further Test is a re-test.
Definitions	"Black Start Unit Test" A Test on a CDGU in a Black Start Station , carried out at the requirement of the TSO while the Black Start Station remains connected to an external alternating current electrical supply, in order to demonstrate that a Black Start Station has a Black Start Capability .	"Black Start Unit Test" A Test on a CDGU in a Black Start Station , carried out at the requirement of the TSO while the Black Start Station remains connected to an external alternating current electrical supply, in order to demonstrate that a Black Start Station has a Black Start Capability .
Definitions	"Black Start Station Test" A Test on a CDGU in a Black Start Station , carried out at the requirement of the TSO while the Black Start Station is disconnected from all external alternating current electrical supplies, in order to demonstrate that a Black Start Station has a Black Start Capability .	"Black Start Station Test" A Test on a CDGU in a Black Start Station , carried out at the requirement of the TSO while the Black Start Station is disconnected from all external alternating current electrical supplies, in order to demonstrate that a Black Start Station has a Black Start Capability .