# **Challenges and scope**

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- 1. Challenges ahead driving DCC philosophy
- 2. Principles used and impact on scope and content
- 3. Options for high RES and drivers for new requirements
- 4. New European requirements



Change is at the core of Transmission network planning and operation



However scale and speed of change in recent years is unprecedented



Within last 10 years:

- New generation has used most 'spare' capacity on the network
- Renewable grown to excess of minimum load in some countries
- Renewables built in remote (sparse) sections of network
- Centralised to dispersed generation (with reduced control and services)
- Greater energy efficiency in demand
- Networks highly leveraged
- Bi-directional power flow with distributions networks
- More automated users and networks
- Offshore generation
- Step change in interconnection
- Major network development programmes

10 years is within lead-time taken to build a major transmission line



Fundamental change to network planning and operation by TSOs to integrate RES and move from national to synchronous or European network view.

Network codes through EC 3<sup>rd</sup> legislative package will be instrumental in this

Key challenges identified within the context of this code:

- Replacing services previously held on large scale generation
- Dealing with the volatility of renewable energy sources
- Performance of distribution networks
- Ensuring Smartgrids deployment provides benefit to these needs



#### Demand response appears to be most effective option

| Option   | Pros  | Cons   |
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| synchronous conventional<br>generators are required to provide<br>the most significant system services | <ul> <li>No significant change from today</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Cost constraining off RES</li> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions - RES constrained off</li> <li>100 % CO<sub>2</sub> free production only with nuclear and CCS</li> <li>Risk of lack of system services</li> </ul> |
| RES generators to provide their share of the system services   | <ul> <li>No additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for voltage support services</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>RES has to be constrained (and therefore wasted)</li> <li>Embedded generation needs full control</li> </ul>   |
| extensive building of storage<br>systems   | <ul> <li>Only limited CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (from less than 100% cycle efficiency)</li> <li>Supports RES integration</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>New storage systems have to be built Europe wide</li> <li>Feasibility not in all areas</li> <li>High environmental impact</li> </ul>  |
| demand facilities provide their share<br>of system services  | <ul> <li>No additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</li> <li>Supports RES integration</li> <li>Services have the potential to be provided at low/no cost or minimum consumer impact</li> <li>Highly reliable - risk spread</li> <li>Consumers are able to participate in market to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and will pay less</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Public perception of possible inconvenience</li> <li>Public acceptance</li> <li>DSOs need to contribute more towards managing a system with high RES (e.g. voltage)</li> </ul>                                |

Location in network requires that adequate network performance ensured both from both transmission and distribution networks to realise the full potential of RES



### **Challenges Ahead – Key points**

- 1. Change is not new, but present rate and scale of change is
- 2. Moving to a decarbonise, high RES, provides major challenges
- 3. Problem in planning terms is already upon us; developing new tools/services to meet challenges needed immediately
- 4. Distribution networks increasingly important in balancing demand and generation
- 5. All users can and may play a role going forward
- 6. Increased volatility in future network development predictions increases need for a more flexible and wider source of network services



### **DCC Scope**

High level principles categorised in four areas:





European harmonisation in three EC objectives to avoid EC derived code

System Operation (TSOs/DSOs) responsibility of each system operator

#### Demand elements of a Power Generating Facility, is not classed as a demand user

Costs allocation/tariffs/etc (with exception of FWGL CBA process requirements) are not part of this code

Equitable treatment of all demand customers

Technology neutral approach

Rational for requirements will be in a separate high level document and FAQs



General



Meet requirements in Framework Guideline on Grid Connection July 2011

Functional requirements/capabilities only in Network Code not their use

#### Compliance is only for requirements in the NC and these requirements specifically

Retrospective application in line with FWGL and RfG will only be implemented at a National level following TSO demonstration in a CBA and agreement with National Regulatory Authority of need and appropriateness

Quality of connection (i.e. Number of circuits, etc) is not part of this code

Demand connected that singularly or grouped that causes a cross border issue is covered by code regardless if they are connected to TSO and DSO networks

DSOs are treated as significant demand users

Closed Distribution Networks are covered in NC as per 3rd legislative package



Framework

Guideline

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#### Framework Guidelines

| <br>Frequency and voltage parameters                       | Section 2.1                   |
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| <br>Requirements for reactive power                        | Section 2.1                   |
| <br>Load-frequency control related issues                  | Section 2.1                   |
| <br>Short-circuit current                                  | Section 2.1                   |
| <br>Requirements for protection devices                    | Section 2.1                   |
| Balancing capabilities and provision of ancillary services | Section 2.1, 2.1.1, and 2.1.2 |
| Equipment requirements at connection point                 | Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2       |
| Disconnection/Islanding/Reconnection                       | Section 2.1.3                 |
| Instructions provide by TSO/DSO to user                    | Section 2.1.2 and 3.2         |
| <br>Information/Data exchange                              | Section 3                     |
| Compliance   | Section 2.4                   |
| Derogation   | Section 2.2                   |
| Enforcement period   | Section 2.3                   |



Format and approach to be aligned with Draft Requirements for Generators Network Code

Precedence from Network Code Requirements for Generators

Requirements will be of a number of different format

RfG Approach followed for consistency and non-discrimination

European single threshold

European range Synchronous Value

European range TSO/Relevant network operator value

European capability TSO/Relevant network operator specified application

No mention in code, National Code applies

Retrospective application

**Operational Notification** 

Derogation



## **Retroactive application**

If CBA justifies retroactive application for a user or a class of users





## **Operational Notification Procedure**



## **Procedure for derogations**

Application to the Relevant Network Operator

Assessment of the request and submission to the NRA

Decision by the NRA

Assessment of the decision by ACER and recommendations to the NRA

Register of derogations maintained by the NRA



Political agenda for the development of a Smart Grid network will be realised over the next few years

DCC should provide requirements for DSR based on this concept assuming high take up from domestic level upwards

The DCC should be cognisance of EC Mandate 490 on 'Smartgrid' standards development

Demand Side Response ('Smartgrid') is in the code in the context of cross border issues:

Included: Wide spread phenomena frequency management/voltage collapse/etc

Not Included: Localised phenomena Self healing networks/ Localised automatic local voltage/Post fault sectionalising management



**Demand Side** 

Response

Development

### Level of Detail

Cross border impacts can arise from:

- 1. Localised events cascading into wide spread events
- 2. Aggregated impacts of large numbers of smaller sized system users

Therefore ENTSO-E's view is:

- Detail is adjusted to the purpose of each requirement Determined by the extent of the system-wide impact of each requirement.
- The NC DCC focuses on significant users which are either Demand Facility or Distribution Networks (DSO or Closed Distribution Network Operator) connected to the transmission system.
- Facilitate all players to participate in the market place, all users significant grid users in the context of DSR.



The new requirements identified by ENTSO-E cover the following:

- 1. Demand Side Response delivering Reserve Services
- 2. Demand Side Response delivering System Frequency Control
- 3. Reactive power exchange capabilities
- 4. Voltage withstand capabilities
- 5. Frequency withstand capabilities

These will be covered individually this afternoon in a series of discussions



#### **Network Code structure**







# Thanks for your attention!

