

# MODIFICATION PROPOSAL FORM

**SPID (SONI PROPOSAL ID) 221015 – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISCONNECT DUE TO RETIREMENT OF PLANT**



*(FORM SGC1, PROPOSAL OF MODIFICATION TO SONI GRID CODE)*

<b>MODIFICATION PROPOSAL:</b>	SONI Grid Code  Planning Code – Notice of Intention to Disconnect due to Retirement of Plant		
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<b>GRID CODE SECTION(S) AFFECTED BY PROPOSAL:</b>	Planning Code – PC new section addition PC6.1.6		
<b>GRID CODE VERSION :</b>	SONI Grid Code version – 07 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 <a href="http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Operations/Grid-Code/SONI%20Grid%20Code%20Version%20Aug%202015.pdf">http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Operations/Grid-Code/SONI%20Grid%20Code%20Version%20Aug%202015.pdf</a>		

<p><b>MODIFICATION PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><b>(MUST CLEARLY STATE THE DESIRED AMENDMENT, ALL TEXT/FORMULA CHANGES TO THE GRID CODE. THE REQUIRED REASON FOR THE MODIFICATION MUST BE STATED. ATTACH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IF NECESSARY.)</b></p>	<p>This proposal intends to provide clarity around the retirement of plant in Northern Ireland and align the requirements with the Ireland Grid Code. As we will increasingly operate on an all island basis and subsequently as one synchronous area with the forthcoming implementation of Network Codes it is imperative that we have defined notice of the long term outlook of energy capacity and security. Currently in Northern Ireland (NI), the retirement of plant is specified in individual connection agreements such as for example:</p> <p><i>“Without prejudice to sub-clause X.X the Generator shall give to SONI not less than 6 months' written notice of any intention of the Generator to Disconnect the Generator's Connection Plant and Apparatus. Upon receipt of such notice SONI may, without prejudice to its rights under the TSO Licence, and upon expiry of the period specified in such notice (and not before), Disconnect the Generator's Connection Plant and Apparatus and at the expiry of such period this Agreement shall terminate and the provisions of clauses YY.Y.Y and ZZ.Z.Z shall apply”</i></p> <p>The SONI Grid Code specifies the following on any significant changes to plant but does not specifically refer to retirement:</p> <p>PC6.1.3 Planning data submissions must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) provided by a <b>User</b> (and by proposed <b>Users</b> applying for a <b>Connection Agreement</b> and/or <b>Transmission Use of System Agreement</b> or who is subject to a <b>Grid Code Compliance Agreement</b>) in connection with applications for new or modified arrangements for connection or use of system;</li> <li>(b) provided by a <b>User</b> at the time that it notifies the <b>TSO</b> of any significant changes to its <b>System</b> or operating regime; and</li> <li>(c) provided by the categories of <b>Users</b> specified in PC6.3.3 and PC6.3.4 on a routine annual basis by the end of calendar week 9 of each year or such other annual date as the <b>TSO</b> may, upon not less than 6 months' notice, notify to such <b>Users</b> in writing.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of submissions under paragraphs (a) and (b), the submission must be in respect of the remainder of the current year as well as in respect of the seven succeeding calendar years.</p> <p>EirGrid Grid Code specifies the following:</p> <p><b>PC.4.5 Notice Required</b></p> <p>Any <b>User</b> proposing to de-rate, close, retire, withdraw from service or otherwise cease to maintain and keep available for <b>Dispatch</b> in accordance with <b>Good Industry Practice</b> any <b>Generation Unit</b> or <b>Generation Units</b> or <b>Controllable WFPSs</b> with <b>Registered Capacity</b> greater than 50 MW in aggregate shall give the <b>TSO</b> at least 36 calendar months' notice of such action and any <b>Generation Unit</b> or <b>Generation Units</b> or <b>Controllable WFPSs</b> with <b>Registered Capacity</b> less than or equal to 50 MW in aggregate shall give the <b>TSO</b> at least 24 calendar months' notice of such action.</p>
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	<p>This modification proposes a new section in the SONI Grid Code:</p> <p><u>PC6.1.6</u></p> <p><u>Any User proposing to de-rate, close, retire, withdraw from service or otherwise cease to maintain and keep available for Dispatch in accordance with good industry practice any Generating Unit(s) or Controllable WFPS(s) with Registered Capacity greater than 50 MW in aggregate shall give the Transmission System Operator (TSO) at least 36 calendar months' notice of such action and any Generating Unit(s) or Controllable WFPS(s) with Registered Capacity less than or equal to 50 MW in aggregate shall give the Transmission System Operator (TSO) at least 24 calendar months' notice of such action.</u></p>
<p><b>IMPLICATION OF NOT IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFICATION</b></p>	<p>There will not be an official defined notice period in the SONI Grid Code and therefore misalignment on an all island basis. The Regulatory Authorities have requested alignment of the SONI and EirGrid Grid Codes in this respect.</p>
<p><i>Please submit the Modification Proposal by fax, post or electronically, using the information supplied above</i></p>	
<p><b>SONI REVIEWER</b></p>	<p>This modification is being raised by SONI TSO and reviewed before submission for consultation with the industry.</p>
<p><b>SONI ASSESSMENT</b></p>	<p>The Regulatory Authorities have requested SONI TSO raise the attached modification therefore subsequent SONI assessment is not applicable in this case.</p>
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