

Consultation for Allocation of New Grid Supply Point (GSPs) to GSP Group – GSP SAFO_1

Target Audience **BSC Parties**

Purpose of paper **For consultation**

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Summary Western Power Distribution (South West) plc (WPD) is connecting two new circuits into the Sandford 132kV substation. This new Systems Connection Point will be registered in Settlement as a new GSP, to be known as Sandford GSP (SAFO_1). The National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO) proposes that GSP SAFO_1 is allocated to the South Western (_L) GSP Group.

BSC Parties are invited to respond to this consultation using the proforma available on the [Consultations page](#) of the Elexon website. Please return responses to bm.unit@elexon.co.uk by 17:00 on Monday 21 March 2022.

1. Introduction

1.1 Section K1.8 of the Code states that the Panel may consider revising the GSPs¹ comprised in a Group of GSPs (including the establishment of a Group of GSPs):

- Where a new GSP is commissioned or an existing GSP is decommissioned; or
- Where the Panel consider it appropriate to do so.

1.2 The NETSO proposes that:

GSP SAFO_1 is allocated to the South Western (_L) GSP Group.

2. Points that the Panel may consider when allocating new GSPs to new GSP Groups

2.1 Section K1.8.3 of the Code states that the GSPs to be comprised in a Group of GSPs must be determined by the Panel with regard to, among other things:

- a) The effect of geographic factors in establishing Daily Profile Coefficients in relation to a GSP Group for the purposes of Supplier Volume Allocation;
- b) The effect of the size of a GSP Group (that is the numbers of Half Hourly and Non Half Hourly Metering Systems at Boundary Points in the GSP Group) on GSP Group Correction Factors for the purposes of Supplier Volume Allocation; and
- c) The effect of the proximity (in terms of electrical connection) of Boundary Points on the value to the Transmission Company (in the operation of the Transmission Company) of Physical Notifications and Bid-Offer Pairs submitted in relation to Supplier BM Units.

¹ Section X, Annex X-1 of the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) defines a Grid Supply Point as 'a Systems Connection Point at which the Transmission System is connected to a Distribution System and includes an Offshore Transmission Connection Point'.

- 2.2 Please note that the Panel has delegated its authority in determining GSP allocations to the Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG).

Respondents' views are sought on these factors when assessing the GSP SAFO_1 (Sandford) registration.

- 2.3 Prior to the SVG making any revision of the Grid Supply Points to be comprised in a Group of GSPs, the Code requires the Panel to consult with the Authority, the NETSO, the Licensed Distribution System Operators comprised or to be comprised in relevant GSP Groups and all Suppliers (Section K1.8.4 of the Code).

3. Consultation

- 3.1 ELEXON has received notification of a new GSP registration application from the NETSO. The following GSP Registration details have been received:

Registration

GSP ID	GSP SAFO_1
GSP Name	Sandford 132kV
Address	Sandford Substation Towerhead Road, Sandford, BS29 6PQ
LDSO to which GSP connecting	Western Power Distribution (South West) plc (WPD)
Prospective Registrant of the Metering Systems associated with GSP	Western Power Distribution (South West) plc (WPD)
Proposed Effective From Date of Registration	02 June 2023

4. The NETSO's proposal

The GSP SAFO_1 should be allocated to the South Western (_L) GSP Group because the System Connection Points will be from the NETSO to the Western Power Distribution (South West) plc (WPD) _L Distribution System.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 You are invited to respond to this consultation using the consultation proforma. Please return responses, entitled "**Sandford GSP Consultation**" to bm.unit@elexon.co.uk by **17:00 on Monday 21 March 2022**.

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