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Dear Michael,

**Authority Notice to Approve amending the Implementation Date of Balancing and Settlements Code (BSC) modification P421**

The BSC modification P421, 'Align the BSC with Grid Code modification GC0144 for TERRE Market suspension', was proposed by National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) to align the BSC with the provisions introduced into the Grid Code under GC0144 'Alignment of Market Suspension Rights to the EU Emergency and Restoration Code Article 35.1(b).

Ofgem notified the BSC Panel, at the meeting on 9 December 2021, that there was a risk that the Authority's decision would not be made before, or by, the current implementation date of 3 February 2021, a deadline set to meet the standard February 2022 BSC Release. We understand from Elexon that should that risk materialise, P421 would 'time out' and effectively cease to exist.

To mitigate the risk of the modification timing out and in light of our comments at the December meeting, the Panel requested and consulted on a revised implementation date for the modification P421.

The revised implementation date consulted upon was for the 24 February 2022, if the Authority's decision is received after 28 October 2021 but before 3 February 2022; or Five Working Days (+5WDs) following the Authority's decision, but no earlier than 3 March 2022 if the decision is received after 3 February 2022. We note that the consultation received no responses.

Under BSC Section F, 2.11.20, we notify you of our approval of the revised implementation date to mitigate the risk of P421 timing out.

Yours sincerely,

**Adam Gilham**

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose