

ACER draft amendments to the Network Code on Demand Connection

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Introduction

This consultation aims at presenting ACER's draft amendments to the **Commission Regulation (EU) 2016 /1388 of 17 August 2016 establishing a Network Code on Demand Connection ('NC DC')**.

For draft amendments concerning Network Code on Requirements for Generators ('NC RfG'), please go to the respective form: [NC RfG](#).

Responses to this consultation should be submitted by 25 September 2023.

Background

Important developments in the policies of decarbonisation of the European Union (EU) energy and transport sectors have taken place since the inception of the development of the first European Grid Connection Network Codes (GC NCs) in 2012.

In the framework of the Grid Connection European Stakeholder Committee (GC ESC), the European Commission proposed for ACER to initiate the process towards the amendment of the existing GC NCs in September 2022. The amendment process, as presented to the GC ESC is outlined in the Figure below:



Following the scoping phase, ACER published the Policy Paper on the revision of the network code on requirements for grid connection of generators and the network code on demand connection in September 2022. The Policy Paper aimed to transparently indicate to stakeholders the key policy areas in which amendments were to be expected.

[Access the ACER Policy Paper on the revision of the NC RfG and NC DC.](#)

As a next step, ACER launched the Public Consultation to gather stakeholders' views and concrete amendment proposals regarding the GC NCs. The stakeholders could submit their inputs by 21 November 2022.

[Access the results of the Public Consultation on the amendments to the grid connection network codes.](#)

Additionally, in the preparation of the draft amendment proposals, ACER organised three dedicated public workshops, namely:

- [electromobility, power-to-gas demand units and heat-pumps](#) (held on 17 April 2023);
- [rate of change of frequency and grid forming capabilities](#) (held on 10 May 2023); and
- [electricity storage](#) (held on 11 May 2023).

After the evaluation of stakeholders' inputs, ACER has formulated its own proposal for the amendments of the GC NCs which is subject to this public consultation.

Stakeholder's details

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* Name of the stakeholder:

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* Contact person:

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* Contact person's email address:

[REDACTED]

* Country of the stakeholder's headquarters or main country of operation:

France

* Type of the stakeholder:

- ☒ Generator (including association)
- ☐ Consumer (including association)
- ☐ Transmission system operator (including association)
- ☐ Distribution system operator (including association)
- ☐ Manufacturers (including association)
- ☐ Academia/research institution
- ☐ Regulatory authority
- ☐ Other (please, elaborate)

Please, elaborate on your answer above, if necessary:

* Do you consent to the publication of the stakeholder's name?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

* Do you consent to the publication of provided answers?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No (please, note that your answer, without your name and organization, may be shared with the EU institutions and national authorities)

Instructions

Stakeholders are invited to submit their comments to the NC DC articles amended by ACER in three mandatory steps:

1. by downloading the ACER draft amendments in the Word file provided below. The file could also be accessed on the right panel of the consultation form under the Background Documents;
2. by commenting on the ACER's draft amendments through this online consultation form and adding their alternative text proposals to the table, if any; and
3. by uploading the alternative amendment proposals to the **entire NC DC** using the Track Changes mode in the ACER draft amendments file downloaded from Step 1.

Where the stakeholder does not have any comments regarding the amendments, the relevant cells in the consultation form can be left blank.

The mandatory steps for submitting the comments are listed below.

Step 1

Please see ACER's draft amendments in the Word file provided below. The file could also be accessed on the right panel of the consultation form under the Background Documents.

[Download ACER draft amendments to the NC DC here](#)

Step 2

Kindly note that this consultation form follows the structure of the NC DC amended legal text provided by ACER in Step 1.

The paragraph numbering in the form reflects paragraph numbers in the amended legal text. Nevertheless, stakeholders can comment on the deleted paragraphs/articles/titles, which are marked as [deleted]. New articles and titles are marked as [new].

Please use this form to comment on ACER draft amendments and/or to provide an alternative text proposal. The instructions are the following:

Please write your comments on the ACER draft amendments and your alternative text proposals, if any, in the table below.

 Includes new articles

	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 1	1	2
Article 3		
Article 4		
Article 4a [new]		
Article 5		
Article 6		
Article 7		
Article 8		
Article 9		
Article 10		
Article 11		
Article 12		

Please write your amendment proposals, if any, in the table below.

	Text amendment proposal (if applicable)
New article	

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1. Leave comments on the ACER draft amendment proposals.
 2. Propose (if any) alternative wording of the relevant provision, as you provided in the Word file.
 3. Provide (if any) your proposals for adding new provisions to the relevant section of the NC DC, as you provided in the Word file.
 4. Upload figures or tables if necessary; text inputs should be provided directly in the consultation form.
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Step 3

Where the stakeholder would like to propose an alternative amendment to the **entire NC DC**, please upload the Word file (**downloaded from Step 1**) containing all your alternative amendment proposals in the Track Changes mode to the next **FILE UPLOAD** section and rename it with your stakeholder's name ("ACER_draft_DC_stakeholder_name"). You can also upload your justification documents, where applicable.

To facilitate the process, please, make sure that the **alternative text proposals provided in this consultation form are consistent**, to the extent possible, **with those in the Word file** you are uploading, taking into account the character limitations of each cell (max 5000 characters).

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- you have the possibility to edit your answer after submission. When clicking on "Submit" button, you will be given a Contribution ID which you can then use to access your answers and edit them, if necessary.
- we kindly suggest that you download the entire survey as .pdf (link on the right), prepare your answers and then upload them at once in the EU Survey Tool, to avoid a session timeout on submission.

The maximum length of each cell is 5000 characters. This is the maximum technical limit set by the EUsurvey tool, which cannot be increased.

Whereas Section

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Numbers in the first column correspond to the recitals of the amended version of NC DC Whereas section, including new recitals

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New recital	

Definitions (Article 2)

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Article 2(1)		
Article 2(2)		
Article 2(3)		
Article 2(4)		
Article 2(5)		
Article 2(6)		
Article 2(7)		
Article 2(8)		
Article 2(9)		
Article 2(10)		
Article 2(11)		
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New definition	

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TITLE I - General provisions

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Article 1		
Article 3		
Article 4		
Article 4a [new]	<p>4a) 1. Minimum thresholds have to be given to avoid that a very small change leads to a significant modernization.</p> <p>We also have to clearly exclude a change in primary energy from the scope of significant modernization.</p>	<p>a) a percentage increase above the existing maximum import or export capability; this value cannot be lower than 10%</p> <p>b) a percentage increase in the short-circuit current contribution; this value cannot be lower than 10%</p> <p>c) an increase in the range of reactive power exchange; this value cannot be lower than 10% or</p> <p>a change of components/assets apart from maintenance and repair activities and spare parts. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall exclude any change in primary energy source (e. g. change from gas to biogas or Gas Oil to HVO)</p>
Article 5		
Article 6		
Article 7		
Article 8		
Article 9		
Article 10		
Article 11		

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New article	

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TITLE II - Connection of transmission-connected demand facilities, transmission-connected distribution facilities and distribution systems

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 12		
Article 13		
Article 14		
Article 15		
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Article 25		
Article 26		

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New article	

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TITLE III - Connection of demand units used by a demand facility or a closed distribution system to provide demand response services to system operators

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 27		
Article 28		
Article 29		
Article 30		
Article 31		
Article 32		
Article 33		

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[NEW] TITLE XXX - Connection of V1G electric vehicles and associated V1G electric vehicle supply equipment, power-to-gas demand units and heat-pumps

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
	<p>As for the V2G requirements, EDF considers that the frequency and voltage ranges should be harmonized for V1G on the European level and should not be dependent on the national regulations.</p> <p>Moreover, the V1G requirements should not be more constraining than the V2G ones.</p> <p>XX.3. it should be noted that LFSM-U requirements risk to apply additional costs to EV and will create undue barriers to the development to e-mobility. In addition, the droop setting of 5% of the whole European EV fleet for a frequency threshold of 49.8 Hz could lead to grid instability. Consequently, we believe that this new requirement needs to be duly justified through a cost/benefice analysis at system level. Moreover, we are not convinced about the net social welfare of these types of services. Therefore, we are in favor of eliminating this part and we remain open to any initiative on this field</p>	<p>Removal of 3) on LFSM-UC for V1G EV and supply equipment, as well as 4) for heat-pumps.</p>

<p>Article XX</p>	<p>in order to elaborate more detailed and more consensual measures.</p> <p>XX.4. for the same reasons as above, delete any reference to LFSM-UC mode for heat-pumps.</p> <p>Regarding the RocoF withstand capability requirements, no clear technical study has been made yet to see if electrolyzers are able to withstand the 4 given criteria. We propose to leave.</p> <p>The same considerations shall apply for frequency and voltage ranges, as some assets are quite new (e.g. electrolyzers) and their behaviour inside the grid is not well known and does not benefit a strong return on experience compared to classical generation assets or even batteries.</p>	<p>. With regard to the rate of change of frequency withstand capability,</p> <p>(a) a V1G electric vehicle and associated V1G electric vehicle supply equipment, power-to-gas demand unit and heat-pump shall be capable of staying connected to the network and operating at rates-of-change-of-frequency up to the following values, provided that clear technical analyses prove that this is physically realistic without any consequences on the process (e.g. for electrolyzers, no consequences on the H2 production process):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) $\pm 4,0$ Hz/s over a period of 0,25 s (ii) $\pm 2,0$ Hz/s over a period of 0,5 s (iii) $\pm 1,5$ Hz/s over a period of 1 s (iv) $\pm 1,25$ Hz/s over a period of 2 s <p>1. With regard to frequency and voltage ranges, V1G electric vehicles and associated V1G electric vehicle supply equipment, power-to-gas demand units and heat-pumps shall comply with the following requirements provided that clear technical analyses prove that this is physically realistic without any consequences on the process (e.g. for electrolyzers, no consequences on the H2 production process)::</p>
<p>Article XX+1</p>		

Article XX+2		
Article XX+3		

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TITLE IV - Compliance

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Article 34		
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TITLE V - Applications and derogations

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Article 48		
Article 49		
Article 50		
Article 51		
Article 52		
Article 53		
Article 54		
Article 55		

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TITLE VI - Non-binding guidance and monitoring of implementation

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Article 56		
Article 57		

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TITLE VII - Final provisions

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Article 59		

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ANNEX I

Please write your comments on the ACER draft amendments and your alternative text proposals, if any, in the table below

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Annex I	As for the RfG proposal, no clear cost/benefit analysis was performed regarding the 51,5Hz-52,5Hz during 10s frequency requirement. Therefore, we ask for the removal of this requirement for all zones.	Remove 51,5 Hz-52,5 Hz 10 seconds

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ANNEX II

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Other additional provisions

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