Annex C: Proposed legal drafting of new cooperation standard condition

Standard condition: Cooperation with code modifications related to SDS

Where reasonably requested by a code manager, in relation to a designated code that the licensee must become party to or comply with under this licence, the licensee must take reasonable steps to cooperate with the development of the designated code, by:

- providing the code manager with information relating to the licensee which the code manager would reasonably require to plan, assess or implement code modifications related to the strategic direction statement;
- disclosing to the code manager, if they reasonably expect that proposed code modifications related to the strategic direction statement, may have a significant implication on their processes or systems.

Interpretation¹

In this condition:

Code manager means the holder of a licence granted pursuant to section 6(g) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 7AC of the Gas Act 1986.

Designated code means a qualifying document designated by the Secretary of State under Schedule 12, paragraph (1)(b) of the Energy Act 2023.

Strategic Direction Statement means a statement prepared and published by GEMA that sets out a strategic direction for energy industry codes and contains a strategic assessment of government policies and developments relating to the energy sector, that the GEMA considers will or may require the making of modifications to energy industry codes. In this document, references to 'SDS' shall be taken to mean any Strategic Direction Statement prepared and published in accordance with section 190 of the Energy Act 2023, following a designation by the Secretary of State of a particular industry code pursuant to s.182 of the Energy Act 2023.

¹ The definitions included here do not form part of published draft Code Manager licence. We have designed these referring to relevant legislation.