

## UNC Variation Request

### **0735S - UNC Changes as a consequence of the absence of trade agreement/s between the United Kingdom and the the European Union ('no deal')**

**Date:** 12 January 2021

The Proposer, National Grid NTS, requests a variation to this modification, pursuant to UNC Modification Rules Section 6.5.1(c) of the UNC.

#### **Reason for Variation**

The existing Proposal seeks to make a number of administrative changes to the UNC in the event that there was no trade agreement in place between the UK and the EU at the end of the Brexit 'Implementation Period'. This principally addresses the consequences of the incorporation EU regulations in place as at the end of the Implementation Period into UK law, termed 'retained EU law' (as amended by Statutory Instruments to address any inoperability).

Whilst a trade agreement between the UK and the EU was concluded (operating from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021), the approach of the incorporation into UK law of EU regulations in place as at the end of the Implementation Period remains the same. All other aspects of the solution are also necessary from this point. Given this, there are no revisions proposed to the solution itself.

#### **Nature of Variation**

The amendments to the Proposal sought via this Variation Request remove the dependency (in the existing Proposal) of a 'no deal' (absence of UK/EU trade agreements) ensuring that the revised Proposal merely reflects the need to make the stated changes to the UNC as a consequence of the end of the Implementation Period and the incorporation of EU regulations into UK law from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

#### **Proposers Representative**

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