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# Capacity Market Code Modification Workshop 43

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Focus of this Modification Proposal is:

- Robust qualification criteria
  - Ensuring new projects that qualify have a reasonably good chance of being delivered by the Capacity Year
  - Ensuring that projects these projects are not being displaced by projects that are unlikely to deliver in the timeframe
- Transparent qualification criteria
  - Providing greater clarity and certainty to Participants regarding eligibility of new capacity for qualification for a Capacity Auction
- Objective qualification criteria
  - Reduce reliance on more subjective criteria such as feasibility and achievability.



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It is proposed that New Capacity has the following:

- (i) Grid - a connection offer or connection agreement.
  - Already in the CMC in respect of Qualification Data
  - Modification Proposal seeks to bring this in body of CMC to emphasise that the project must have a Connection Offer or Agreement to be eligible
  - Subject to any direction issued by a Competent Authority under B.4.1.1 (which is unchanged)
- (ii) Planning - planning permission or evidence that planning is not required
  - Planning permission is a persistent source of delay
  - Proposed drafting includes planning that subject to appeal
- (iii) Gas - a connection offer / letter of connection from gas operator
  - Consideration of feasibility in timeframe of gas connections has formed basis of assessments of projects for previous auctions
  - Inclusion here provides more clarity for Participants in CMC.

