



Single Electricity Market

FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

MOD_02_26 SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER SDP_06 CLARIFICATIONS

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1. MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL– UNANIMOUS VOTE

Recommended for Approval by Unanimous Vote

Andrew Burke (Chair)	Renewable Generator Member	Approve
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Nick Brown	Supplier Alternate	Approve
Eoin Murphy	Assetless Member	Approve
Stacy Feldmann	Generator Member	Approve
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Javaid Waqas	Generator Alternate	Approve
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Andrew McCorriston	Generator Member	Approve
Nick Heyward	Flexible Participant Alternate	Approve
Peter Brett	Supplier Member	Approve

2. BACKGROUND

This Modification Proposal was raised by EirGrid / SONI and received by the Secretariat on 4th June 2026 and raised and voted on at Modifications Committee Meeting 135 on 18th June 2026.

This Modification seeks to clarify and refine specific definitions and provisions within the Trading and Settlement Code (T&SC) as they apply to Synchronous Condenser Units (SCUs), in alignment with the design and implementation of SDP 06 initiative. The minor changes associated with this Modification were outlined in the updated I-SEM Technical Specification (ITS) v16.2 and SEMO Data Publication Guide (DPUG) Issue 3.5, published on 23rd April 2026, reflecting the changes to be deployed to the Central Market Systems as part of Release O/P, and are intended to align the T&SC with the corresponding system changes.

Mod_01_25 introduced provisions relating to the treatment of SCUs; however, certain Technical Offer Data definitions were not fully adapted in context of these units. In particular, the definitions of Minimum Off Time, Ramp Rates, and Registered Minimum Output require clarification and minor changes to ensure that they appropriately reflect the operational characteristics of SCUs.

SCUs differ from Generator Units in that they consume energy to provide inertia and reactive power, and their technical parameters must be defined accordingly. The current wording of certain Glossary definitions do not fully capture these characteristics, which may lead to ambiguity in their interpretation and application.

The proposed changes therefore:

- Align the T&SC definitions and provisions with the functionality implemented within systems under SDP 06.
- Introduce specific clarifications within the TSC Glossary to define how these parameters apply to SCUs e.g. treatment of Minimum Off Time following desynchronisation, and Registered Minimum Output reflecting consumption levels;

- Update Appendix O -Instruction Profiling Calculations, to ensure ramping trajectories for SCUs are appropriately referenced.
- Include minor clarification within Agreed Procedures (AP 1 and AP 4) to ensure consistency in registration and data submission requirements for SCUs.

Overall, this Modification is intended to ensure consistency between Code, system implementation, operational treatment of SCUs, and to remove ambiguity in the application of these provisions.

A parallel Modification has also been drafted for the Grid Code and will be presented at the upcoming Joint Grid Code Review Panel (JCRP).

3. PURPOSE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

3A.) JUSTIFICATION OF MODIFICATION

This Modification is proposed to ensure that the T&SC definitions relating to Synchronous Condenser Units (SCUs) are clearly specified and consistently applied.

Following Mod_01_25, certain Technical Offer Data parameters have not been fully adapted for SCUs, creating potential ambiguity in their interpretation. This Modification addresses these gaps by clarifying key definitions and aligning them with system implementation under SDP 06.

Overall, the changes support clearer, more consistent application of the Code for SCUs and better alignment between market rules and system operation.

3B.) IMPACT OF NOT IMPLEMENTING A SOLUTION

If this Modification is not implemented, certain definitions within the T&SC will remain misaligned with the operational characteristics of Synchronous Condenser Units and the associated system implementation.

This may lead to ambiguity in the interpretation and application of key parameters.

While this Modification is linked to Mod_01_25, it should not impact the implementation of the Market Management System (MMS) Release O/P scheduled for end June 2026.

3C.) IMPACT ON CODE OBJECTIVES

This Modification is considered to better facilitate the following Code Objectives:

- *Objective (b) – to facilitate the efficient, economic and coordinated operation, administration and development of the Single Electricity Market in a financially secure manner*, by clarifying definitions and ensuring consistent application of Technical Offer Data parameters for Synchronous Condenser Units;
- *Objective (e) – to provide transparency in the operation of the Single Electricity Market*, by removing ambiguity in the interpretation of key definitions and improving clarity for Participants and System Operators; and
- *Objective (f) – to ensure no undue discrimination between persons who are parties to the Code*, by providing clear and consistent treatment of SCUs within the Code framework

4. WORKING GROUP AND/OR CONSULTATION

N/A

5. IMPACT ON SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES

These changes have already been incorporated as part of the MMS Release O/P build. As such, no additional system development or resource effort is required for their implementation.

6. IMPACT ON OTHER CODES/DOCUMENTS

N/A

7. MODIFICATION COMMITTEE VIEWS

MODIFICATIONS MEETING 135 – 18TH JUNE 2026

The Proposer delivered a [presentation](#) on this Modification Proposal noting that this followed on from Mod_01_25 which sets out most of the requirements for the new unit type of Synchronous Condenser. It was advised that the aim of this phase of the Scheduling and Dispatch Programme (SDP_06) was to highlight the value of these units.

An overview of Mod_01_25 was given stating that it laid the framework, gave specific criteria, and provided the exclusion of Instruction Profiling. The current Modification Proposal clarifies and refines some the T&SC definitions.

The proposed changes were listed and their outcomes were given. An overview of the legal drafting was discussed with the Proposer noting changes to ramp rates definitions among others.

8. PROPOSED LEGAL DRAFTING

As per Appendix 1.

9. LEGAL REVIEW

N/A

10. IMPLEMENTATION TIMESCALE

It is recommended that this Modification is implemented on a Trading Day basis following the relevant Market System Release.

1 APPENDIX 1: MOD_02_26 SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER SDP_06 CLARIFICATIONS

Proposer <i>(Company)</i>	Date of receipt <i>(assigned by Secretariat)</i>	Type of Proposal <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	Modification Proposal ID <i>(assigned by Secretariat)</i>		
EirGrid/SONI	4 th June 2026	Standard	Mod_02_26		
Contact Details for Modification Proposal Originator					
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Akshay Bhat		akshay.bhat@eirgrid.com			
Modification Proposal Title					
Synchronous Condenser SDP_06 Clarifications					
Documents affected <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	Section(s) Affected	Version number of T&SC or AP used in Drafting			
TSC Glossary TSC Appendices TSC Agreed Procedures 1, 4	TSC Glossary Definitions TSC Appendices, Appendix O- 28, 29 TSC Agreed Procedure 1 – 2.3 TSC Agreed Procedure 4 – Table 9	V31.0			
Explanation of Proposed Change <i>(mandatory by originator)</i>					
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Legal Drafting Change

*(Clearly show proposed code change using **tracked** changes, if proposer fails to identify changes, please indicate best estimate of potential changes)*

TSC Glossary Changes

Minimum Off Time	means the minimum time that a Generator Unit must remain producing no Active Power commencing at the time when it first stops producing Active Power. <u>For Synchronous Condenser Units, means the minimum time that must elapse from the time the unit is Desynchronised before it can be instructed to Start Up</u>
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Ramp Down Rate	means the Ramp Rate associated with a decrease in Active Power production by a Generator Unit.	
Ramp Rate	means the rate of increase or the rate of decrease in Active Power produced by a Generator Unit (excluding Trading Units, Assetless Units, Interconnector Error Units and Interconnector Residual Capacity Units).	
Ramp Up Rate	means the Ramp Rate associated with an increase in Active Power production by a Generator Unit.	
Registered Minimum Output	means the minimum level of Output at which a Generator Unit may operate submitted for the Generator Unit in accordance with Appendix H: "Data Requirements for Registration". Registered Minimum Output is zero except for Pumped Storage Units, or Battery Storage Units <u>and Synchronous Condenser Units</u> , for which the Registered Minimum Output shall be equal to the pumping capability, or charging capability, <u>or consumption level</u> respectively.	

TSC Appendices Changes

INSTRUCTION PROFILING CALCULATIONS

The ramp up trajectory of a Generator Unit is a piecewise linear curve that describes the theoretical Output of a Generator Unit over time from Registered Minimum Stable Generation to the Maximum Generation; ~~or in the case of a Battery Storage Unit it is;~~ from the Registered Minimum Output to zero and from Registered Minimum Stable Generation to the Maximum Generation, or in the case of a Synchronous Condenser Unit, from the Registered Minimum Output to Maximum Generation, determined, as applicable, by:

The following Technical Offer Data:

- Maximum Generation;
- Registered Minimum Stable Generation;
- Ramp Up Rates 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5;
- Ramp Up Break Point 1, 2, 3 & 4;
- Dwell Time Up 1, 2 & 3;
- Dwell Time Up Trigger Point 1, 2 & 3; and
- Registered Minimum Output.

Each segment of the piecewise linear ramp up trajectory for the Generator Unit which is identified by start MW, end MW, rate in MW/min and the time from start MW to end MW.

The ramp down trajectory of a Generator Unit is a piecewise linear curve that describes the theoretical Output of a Generator Unit over time from the Maximum Generation for the Generator Unit to Registered Minimum Stable Generation; ~~or in the case of a Battery~~

Storage Unit it is, from the Maximum Generation to Registered Minimum Stable Generation and from zero to the Registered Minimum Output, or in the case of a Synchronous Condenser Unit, from Maximum Generation to the Registered Minimum Output, -determined, as applicable, by:

The following Technical Offer Data:

Maximum Generation;

Registered Minimum Stable Generation;

Ramp Down Rate 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5;

Ramp Down Break Point 1, 2, 3 & 4;

Dwell Time Down 1, 2 & 3;

Dwell Time Down Trigger Point 1, 2 & 3; and

Registered Minimum Output.

Each segment of the piecewise linear ramp down trajectory for the Generator Unit which is identified by start MW, end MW, rate in MW/min and the time from start MW to end MW.

TSC Agreed Procedure 1 - Registration Changes

2.3 Units as Part of Trading Sites

Each Generator Unit (excluding Pumped Storage Units, Interconnector Residual Capacity Units, Interconnector Error Units, Assetless Units), including Trading Units and Demand Side Units shall be registered as part of a Trading Site. The following rules apply to registering Units as part of Trading Sites:

- (a) Each Trading Site shall contain at least one Generator Unit (except where the Generator Unit is registered as a Trading Unit).
- (b) Where the Generator Unit registered on a Trading Site is a Demand Side Unit or a Synchronous Condenser Unit, no other Generator Unit can be registered on that site.
- (c) All Trading Sites must record to it an Associated Supplier Unit or a Trading Site Supplier Unit.
- (d) Any Party registering an Autoproducer Site must register a Trading Site Supplier Unit as part of the relevant Trading Site.
- (e) A Trading Unit can only be registered on a Trading Site that is an Autoproducer Site. Each Unit registered as part of a Trading Site shall be registered to the same Participant except where the Party does not intend to register a Trading Site Supplier Unit.
- (f) A Trading Site containing an Aggregated Generator Unit must record to it an Associated Supplier Unit.
- (g) This Associated Supplier Unit may be registered by a different Participant to the Participant registering the Generator Unit.
- (h) A Supplier Unit can be registered as an Associated Supplier Unit for multiple Trading Sites.
- (i) A Trading Site Supplier Unit can only contain Demand related to the Trading Site to which it is registered.

- (j) The Firm Access Quantity of a Trading Site shall be recorded within the Participation Notice, where a Generator Unit operates under a Connection Agreement which provides for a Firm Access Quantity which is less than the Maximum Export Capacity of the relevant site.

TSC Agreed Procedure 4: Transaction Submission and Validation Changes

Table 1: Business Data per Element

Class / Element	Screen Name	Comment	Data Category
MPR / Resource Balancing	Participant Name	The name of the Market Participant whose resource is being modified.	RD
	Resource Name	Short name for the Resource that is being modified.	RD
	Resource Type	The type under which a specific resource is registered. Valid values: Generator, Demand Side Unit, Assetless Trading Unit, Trading Unit, External Unit, Supplier Unit, Interconnector, Capacity Aggregation Unit, Interconnector Error Unit, Interconnector Residual Capacity Unit.	
	Start Date	Start Date from when the submitted data is to become effective.	RD
	End Date	End Date to when the submitted data is effective	RD
	Fuel Type	Valid values: BATTERY_STORAGE (BATTERY), BIOMASS, COAL, COMBINED_HEAT_AND_POWER (CHP), COMPRESSED_AIR_STORAGE (CAs), DISTILLATE, FLY_WHEEL, GAS, HYDRO, MULTI_FUEL, NUCLEAR, OIL, PEAT, PUMP_STORAGE (PUMP), Solar Power Units will be set equal to WIND, WIND, <u>SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER</u> , OTHER	RD
	Dispatchable	Indicate that the resource is dispatchable (True or False)	RD
	Priority Dispatch	Indicate that the resource is priority dispatch (True or False)	RD
	Energy Limited	Indicate that the resource is energy limited resource (True or False)	RD

Modification Proposal Justification

(Clearly state the reason for the Modification)

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Code Objectives Furthered

(State the Code Objectives the Proposal furthers, see Section 1.3 of T&SC for Code Objectives)

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Implication of not implementing the Modification Proposal

(State the possible outcomes should the Modification Proposal not be implemented)

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This may lead to ambiguity in the interpretation and application of key parameters.

While this Modification is linked to Mod_01_25, it should not impact the implementation of the Market Management System (MMS) Release O/P scheduled for end June 2026.

Working Group <i>(State if Working Group considered necessary to develop proposal)</i>	Impacts <i>(Indicate the impacts on systems, resources, processes and/or procedures)</i>
N/A	These changes have already been incorporated as part of the MMS Release O/P build. As such, no additional system development or resource effort is required for their implementation.
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