Harmonization of grid codes, operating procedures and standards to facilitate/promote cross border electricity trade in the south Asia region:

Framework Grid Code Guidelines

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South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration (SARI/EI)

SARI/E is a long standing program of USAID started in the year 2000

Program has consistently strived to address energy security in South Asia by focusing
1) Cross Border Energy Trade
2) Energy Market Formation and
3) Regional Clean Energy Development

SARI/EI–Phase IV (2012-2018): Key Outcomes
Three Key Development Outcomes:
1. Coordinate policy, legal and regulatory issues
2. Advance transmission interconnections
3. Establish South Asia Regional Electricity Markets

Demand Driven ‘Bottom Up’ Approach

Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) , a regional energy think tank-based in Delhi, India is the implementing partner

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SARI/EI Overall Framework for development of CBET in South Asia

SAARC Framework Agreement on Energy (Electricity) Cooperation

CBET facilitation through

Institutional Mechanism

Regional Regulatory Guidelines
Regional Investment Framework and Investment Policy Guidelines
Harmonization of Grid Codes
Assessment of Trading Potential
Model framework for Open Access and Trading License Regime
Transmission Pricing Rules & Methodology
Model Regulation for Power Market Development
Standard Contracts (Bankable PPAs/TSA s)
Mock Exercise for SARPEX

Undertaken as part of the TF-1 and has been Published

Suggested Changes/Amendments in Electricity Laws, Regulations and Policies (L&R&P) of South Asian Countries.
Grid Interconnection-Cross Border Electricity Trade (CBET) in South Asia

Current and Future Trading Scenarios

**Today**

- Current trade: India-Nepal approx. 310 MW at 400/220, 132, 33, 11 KV
- Current trade: India-Bhutan approx. 1400 MW at 400/220, 132, 33, 11 KV
- Total CBET in SA 2313 MW

**Future**

- Manipur (Moreh) - Tamu (Myanmar) 3 MW

**Arrows Direction shows Net Flows**

**Electricity Export (GW) from India to Neighbouring Countries**

**Electricity Import (GW) by India from Neighbouring Countries**
South Asia Regional Grid: Transmission Capacity by 2036/2040

**Additional 36.9 GW Cross Border Grid Interconnection by 2036**

Perspective Transmission Requirements for 2022-36

Bangladesh is in the process of planning to import around approximately 6000 MW by 2034 (PMSP 2015-JICA Presentation, 4th June, 2015)

**Source:** How Much Could South Asia Benefit from Regional Electricity Cooperation and Trade, World Bank

Source Data: [http://www.cea.nic.in/reports/others/ptp.pdf](http://www.cea.nic.in/reports/others/ptp.pdf)

Study on Harmonization of grid codes, operating procedures and standards to facilitate/promote cross border electricity trade in the south Asia region - Key Findings Framework Grid Code Guidelines/Rajiv Panda/Head-Technical/SARI/EI/IRADE
Why the Need for Harmonization of Grid Codes for Safe, Reliable and stable operation of the Interconnected Power system

With High Level of Cross Border Interconnection being envisaged, it is obvious that for safe, reliable and stable operation of the interconnected transmission system, the various technical aspects of grid codes, operating procedures and standards needs to be harmonized/coordinated.

Harmonization means to have procedures, schedules, specifications of systems to make them uniform or mutually compatible and manage the differences & inconsistencies among measurements, methods.

Compatibility has to be there depending on the type of interconnection.

In case of a synchronous interconnection, voltage, basic insulation strength, nominal frequency and protection scheme must match.

In case of asynchronous interconnection though may require less level of harmonization, the tripping of HVDC terminal would itself can constitute a disturbance in terms of loss of load or loss of supply at bigger level.
Challenges for Harmonization of grid codes – Questions explored during the Study

How much import/export is required for future? How CBET will help the reliability of the power in country or Impact the reliability, security?

What are the challenges of integrating a small power system with a large power system?

Is it required to modify the existing grid codes which focusing on domestic power system?

What are all the technical measures to be taken while connecting for cross border?

How the frame work guidelines will help for bilateral and multilateral interconnections?

Can be the present Grid Code/guidelines serve the purpose for CBET? What are the Gaps?

How much import/export is required for future? How CBET will help the reliability of the power in country or Impact the reliability, security?

How to secure the own power system while connecting with cross border regional power systems?

Who is responsible for what in CBET operation?

How to implement the Cross Border Grid Code?
Background and Approach of the Study: Framework Grid Code Guidelines

**Background** - Framework Grid Code Guidelines (Volume –III) is one of the outcomes of the TF-2 study on Harmonization of grid codes, operating procedures and standards to facilitate/promote cross border electricity trade in the south Asia region.

**Steps for the Study**

1. **Review of Existing Studies/Literature/Reports**
2. **Detailed Review & Analysis of Grid Codes of SAC and Gap Analysis**
3. **Review and Analysis of Grid Codes, Technical Standards & Regulations of relevant International Regional Power Systems/Pools. Identification of Best grid code practices wr.t CBET**
4. **Impact Analysis based on International Experience Review and Gap Analysis**
5. **Recommend Institutional Mechanism for Implementation of Framework Grid Codes Guidelines SAC to promote CBET**
6. **Current status in member countries wr.t to key aspects of Grid Codes i.e. Planning, Connection, Operation, Scheduling & Dispatch, Metering etc.**

**Framework Grid Code Guidelines**
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Extensive Analysis through a Consultative Process over a period of two Years

2014
Need for Grid Code Harmonization was deliberate in the 2nd meeting of Task Force 2 (TF-2) on 16th-17th April, 2014 at Kathmandu, Nepal

2015
Terms of Reference of the Study drafted and the same was deliberated and finalized by TF-2 members in the 3rd meeting of TF-2 on held on 25th-26th February 2015 at Colombo Sri Lanka.

2015
Study Awarded to PRDC on 17th 2015 through a competitive bidding process.

2015
Gap Analysis, Findings of the analysis of Grid codes of South Asian Countries, draft findings were presented and deliberated in the 4th Meeting TF-2 -5th-6th August,2015 at Delhi

2015

2016
Presentation of the key findings i.e. Draft Frame work Grid Code guidelines in 2nd Meeting of SAARC Energy Regulators on 8th-9th February 2016 - Colombo, Sri Lanka

2016
Stakeholder Consultation, SARI/EI Technical Delegation to SA countries to interact with planning agencies, system operators, Regulators etc. in April, May,2017

2016
Presented and deliberated the Key findings in the 6th Meeting of TF-2 , 20th April 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh-Deliberated on the Findings

2016
Presentation of the key findings i.e. Draft Frame work Grid Code guidelines in e 3rd Meeting of SAARC Energy Regulators on 21st -22nd,Sept. 2016, Pakistan

2016
Finalization and Publishing of the Report in September 2016
Grid Codes

A Set of rules, guidelines & standards

• To be followed by various persons and participants in the power system

• To plan, develop, maintain and operate the power system in the most secure, reliable, economic and efficient manner

• To facilitate healthy competition in the generation and supply of electricity.

• Grid codes are approved by a regulatory body or government in exercise of powers conferred to it under the relevant electricity act/legislation

GRID CODE
Rules, Guidelines Standards

Utilities Grid Users

Power System
### Legal and Regulatory Framework Reviewed: South Asia Grid codes

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>India</td>
<td>Electricity Act, 2003</td>
<td>Grid code 2010 (Amendment 2014)</td>
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Note: This study has considered Grid codes, Laws, regulations as exist as of July, 2016 has been reviewed and analysed only.

Act: 1910 (A: 2012)  
Grid code: 2012

Act: 2009  
Grid code: 2014

Act: 1992  
Grid code: 2005

Act: 2001  
Grid code: 2008

Act: 2003  

Act: Regulation of generation, transmission and distribution of electric power act, 1997  
Grid code: 2005

Act: NA  
Grid code: NA

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### South Asia Power System - Technical Info-Gap Analysis

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<td>Alert</td>
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<td><strong>India</strong></td>
<td>Normal: ±5% for 400 kV, 765 kV, ±10% for 220 kV &amp; below.</td>
<td>49.9 Hz to 50.05 Hz</td>
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<td><strong>Nepal</strong></td>
<td>Normal: ±5%</td>
<td>48.75 – 51.25 Hz</td>
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<td><strong>Pakistan</strong></td>
<td>Normal: 8% and -5% .</td>
<td>49.8 Hz to 50.2 Hz( Frequency sensitive mode)</td>
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<td>Emergency: ±10%</td>
<td>49.5-50.5 ( Tolerance Frequency band) 49.4-50.5(Load shedding threshold and contingency frequency band)</td>
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<td><strong>Sri Lanka</strong></td>
<td>Normal: ±5% for 132 kV, ±10% for 220 kV.</td>
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Acceptable Voltage Deviations are similar but the permitted frequency deviation is different - Need to harmonize for synchronous interconnection

Except India, grid codes of all other SA nations specify the same voltage variation limits for both planning and operation stages.(For India :refer CEA’s manual on transmission planning).
For (India) Planning studies +/-2% 765kV; +/-3% 400 kV; +/-5% to 7% for below 220 kV
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Context of the Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG)

- CBET in the region is set to change with several new transmission interconnections being proposed that will enable greater integration of power systems in South Asian member countries.

- With High Level of Cross Border Interconnection being envisaged, it is obvious that for safe, reliable and stable operation of the interconnected transmission system, the various technical aspects of grid codes (planning, connection, metering, Protection etc.), operating procedures and standards needs to be harmonized/coordinated.

- Harmonization means to have procedures, schedules, specifications of systems to make them uniform or mutually compatible and manage the differences & inconsistencies among measurements, methods.

- Compatibility has to be there depending on the type of interconnection. In case of a synchronous interconnection, voltage, basic insulation strength, nominal frequency and protection scheme must match.

- In case of asynchronous interconnection though may require less level of harmonization, the tripping of HVDC terminal would itself can constitute a disturbance in terms of loss of load or loss of supply at bigger level.

Existence of broader framework and consensus is evident from the IGFA

The SAARC Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement (IGFA) for Energy Cooperation, signed by Foreign Ministers of the eight member states provides a strong basis for ensuring consistency in certain identified areas of trade as follows:

- Article 7 (Planning of Cross-border interconnections)
- Article 11 (System Operation and Settlement Mechanism)
- Article 10 (Electricity Grid Protection System)
- Article 8 (Build, Operate and Maintain)
- Article 9 (Transmission Service Agreements)
- Article 12 (Transmission Access)

FGCG in the form draft Codes are in line with IGFA

It is important to provide actionability to the Articles by defining them into operating rules and common grid code guidelines w.r.t CBET transactions through Grid Code Harmonization.

The flexible nature of **Framework Grid Code Guidelines** and focus on specific aspects of CBET only, would permit both the **Framework Grid Code Guidelines** and the national regulatory framework and Grid codes to co-exist.
These Framework Grid Code Guidelines apply to CBET only among the South Asian Countries.

These Framework Grid Code Guidelines are non-binding in nature and are aimed to provide the national regulators of SAC with a consistent set of guidelines and grid codes applicable to CBET only.

The guidelines deal only with limited areas where a need for such common guidelines and grid codes has been felt by the SAC and are not meant to be comprehensively dealing with all matters related to CBET. For all other purposes, the respective Grid Code guidelines shall apply.

SAFER* shall be the institutional body working towards enabling the facilitation/ adoption Framework Grid Code Guidelines & Draft Codes by the National Regulatory Authorities and facilitating the required changes to be made in the Grid Code framework.

In countries where regulators do not exist, the responsibilities shall rest with the relevant ministry and/or empowered entity for specific issues.

Considering the technical complexity in farming grid code, harmonization and for integrated system planning and operation, this study has suggested to create a Regional Technical Institutions/Body such as South Asian Forum of Transmission Utility (SAFTU). SAFTU will provide technical support & inputs in farming grid code, harmonization to the SAFER.

*South Asia Forum of Electricity Regulators (SAFER) suggested by SARI/EI Task Force -1 or any other appropriate Regional Regulatory Institutional Mechanism.
The Planning Guidelines and Codes provides information and stipulates the various criteria to be adopted for planning and development studies. It covers codes on

- Planning Philosophy, Transmission Planning Criterion, Transmission Reliability Criteria, Planning Margins etc.
- Transmission system capability of withstanding loss of most severe single system infeed, Transient Stability Limit and Reactive Power planning.

The Planning Guidelines and Codes recommends:

- Master Plan with a planning horizon of 10 years as the basis for planning. Can be for bi-lateral or multilateral.
- Load-generation scenarios shall be worked out to reflect typical daily and seasonal variations in load demand/availability.
- Voltage and Equipment Loading Margins. Short circuit ratio (SCR) at the converter terminals of HVDC installations shall be greater than 3. The LOLP of 0.2% or lower shall be considered in planning exercise while assessing cross border line flows.

The Planning Guidelines and Codes recommends – Planning Criterion:

- Requirement of reactive power compensation (static and/or dynamic)
- Voltage limits for planning studies (N-0, N-1 contingencies) - ±3% voltage*. Thermal loading limits of lines & transformers- 15% margin.

The Planning Guidelines and Codes are in line with the overall objective of with article 7 of the SAARC framework agreement for energy cooperation (electricity) as regard to planning of cross border interconnections.

*±5 % voltage-Normal (Operational), ±10% voltage-Emergency

The nominal frequency shall be 50 Hz. The steady state frequency limits shall be +0.05 Hz to -0.1 Hz, i.e. from 49.9 Hz to 50.05 Hz. The instantaneous frequency limits shall be — 0.8 Hz. (The nominal frequency is that followed by all South Asian countries. The steady state frequency limits is that stated in Indian Grid Code. The instantaneous frequency limits is adopted from the European Grid Code.)
The Connection Guidelines and Codes specifies:

- A compliance of minimum of technical, design and operational plant criteria by the existing and prospective new users.
- It includes the meter placement, compliance of meters according to standards in terms of accuracy levels, accessibility of the meters, maintenance responsibility of meters, meter placement, compliance of meters according to standards.

The Connection Guidelines and Codes recommends Technical Requirement for Connectivity:

- Reactive power *, Frequency and voltage parameters, Short-circuit fault levels, Metering system.

The Connection Guidelines and Codes recommends:

- Equipment Standards: Frequency limits for Equipments: 47.5 – 48.5 Hz (90 min); 48.5– 49.0 Hz (not less than the period for 90 minutes); 49.0–51.0 Hz (Unlimited); 51.0 – 51.5 Hz (30 min).
- At interconnection point, operating voltage for 400 kV and above is: ±5% and connected equipment shall withstand the voltage variation of ±10%.
- Bi-directional meters shall be installed at the connection point by following IEC standards. Meter accuracy shall be 0.2% and the secondary burden shall be maintained between 25% and 100% of rated values.

Connection Guidelines & Codes In line with article 8, 9 & 10 of the SAARC framework agreement for energy cooperation (electricity)

*reactive power flow on the link shall be within lead/lag 0.97 power factor and operated within the grid code voltage level)
The Operation Guidelines and Codes specifies:

- All necessary aspects relevant to outage planning, operational security analysis, frequency control and handling of reserves.
- Operation code also covers operational security aspects pertaining to power system states; frequency control; voltage, reactive power, short circuit management; power flow management, contingency analysis and stability management.
- Details for high level operational procedures, for example, demand control, operational planning and data provision.

The Operation Guidelines and Codes recommends:

- No important element of the interconnected grid shall be deliberately opened or removed from service at any time, except certain emergency condition, safety of human life etc.
- Adequate operating reserves (Primary/Secondary/Tertiary) shall be made available for CBET.
- Stipulates Guidelines and codes for Demand Estimation for operation and Congestion Management, Outage Planning, recovery procedure, Operation Liaison, exchange of information etc.

The Operation Guidelines and Codes recommends:

- Frequency limits: Frequency – for synchronously interconnected system:
  - Nominal State: 50Hz, Steady state limits: +0.05Hz to -0.1Hz, Instantaneous limits: ± 0.8Hz
  - Alert: Exceeds steady state limits for upto 10 mins
  - Emergency: Exceeds steady state limits for >10 mins up to 20 mins

- At interconnection, operating voltage for 400 kV and above is:
  - Normal: ±5%, Alert: ±5% Emergency: ±10%.
Brief Summary of the Framework Guidelines–Scheduling & Dispatch

1. The Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines and Codes specifies
   - Procedures to be adopted for scheduling and dispatch of generation and allocation of power drawl
   - Include procedure and formula for calculation of TTC, ATC along with reliability margins and the regulations for mechanism for forward capacity allocation and congestion relieving mechanism, Deviation Settlement mechanism (Technical Part only)

2. The Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines and Codes recommends
   - Standardized scheduling intervals.
   - Detail Guidelines for scheduling & dispatch procedures, the establishment of scheduling processes, provision of information to other country system operators, day ahead scheduling procedure, intra-day scheduling/revision procedure, sharing of information on schedules and standardized scheduling intervals for cross border trade.

3. The Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines and Codes recommends:
   - Each time block shall be for a duration of 15 minutes and a common time of Indian Standard Time (IST) can be adopted for uniformity.
   - The coordinating forum shall be responsible for computation of actual net injection/drawal of on the cross border link, 15 minute-wise.

4. The Scheduling & Dispatch and Codes Guidelines and Codes enable non-discriminatory access to the respective transmission grids for purpose of cross border trade in line with article 12 of SAARC framework agreement for energy cooperation (electricity).
Overall Approach for Grid Code Harmonization/Coordination in South Asia

Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FCGC)

Development of Framework guidelines on the identified Areas i.e. Planning, Operation, Connection, Scheduling & Dispatch and contains explanatory statement along with draft code for each of the above identified areas. (Done by this Study)

Cross Border Grid code (CBGC)

Development of codes based on Framework Grid Code Guidelines and Draft Codes by the relevant authorities of South Asian Countries. (Draft Codes developed by this Study will be the base document)

Agreement & Operationalization of Cross Border Grid code

The draft code can be adopted/adapted fully or in parts by the relevant authorities and can form the basis for harmonising/Coordination of the existing national codes in the identified areas for CBET.
### Implementation Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG)

The Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG) shall be implemented in a phased manner.

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<th>Adoption by National Governments giving a Legal status</th>
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<td>Becomes binding on all CBET transactions</td>
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The above steps will require consensus building and hence will need to be facilitated through a strong sponsor. The Task Force-1 study has proposed South Asian Forum of Electricity Regulators (SAFER) or another appropriate Regional Regulatory Institutional Mechanism to manage such process.

Considering the technical complexity involved with respect to farming grid code regulations and harmonization of grid codes and for integrated system planning and operation, this study has suggested to create a Regional Technical Institutions/Body such as South Asian Forum of Transmission Utility (SAFTU). SAFTU will provide technical support & inputs to the SAFER (or any other regulatory regional regulatory institutional mechanism in South Asia).
ENTSO-E’s responsibilities in enhancing the cooperation between its 41 member TSOs across the EU to assist in the development of a pan-European electricity transmission network.

Southern African Power Pool
Aim to provide the least cost, environmentally friendly and affordable energy and increase accessibility to rural communities. It is a Inter-Utility organisation established through Inter-Utility MOU.

PJM is a regional transmission organization (RTO) that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia.

- Developed the Network codes on System operation, connection and capacity allocation etc.
- System Development Committee
- System Operation Committee
- Market Committee
- ‘Research Development Committee

- Operational Subcommittee
- Planning Subcommittee
- Environment Subcommittee
- Operating Guidelines
- DAM Book of Rules
- DAM legal Agreement

- Operating Agreement
- Operating Committee (OC)
- Planning Committee (PC)
- Market Implementation Committee (MIC)
- Markets and Reliability Committee (MRC)
- Other sub committees and task forces.
- Transmission Owners Agreement

West Africa Power Pool: Integrate the operations of national power systems into a unified regional electricity market. Inter Utility Organisation, WAPP Utility Members(26)

- Engineering and Operating Committee (EOC)
- Strategic Planning & Environmental Committee
- Operation manual-WAAP
- Regional Market Rules for the WAPP
- Transmission Tariff Methodology
- 2012-2015 WAPP Business Plan

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Institutionalize the Process

For Implementation Framework Grid Code Guidelines and for integrated system planning and operation, Study Recommended to create a Regional Technical Institutional Mechanism i.e. South Asia Forum of Transmission Utilities (SAFTU)

- Facilitate regional system planning and coordinated operation of the interconnected transmission network
- Facilitate and lead the work towards the adoption and implementation of framework guidelines and draft codes by the national regulatory agencies and provide technical support & assistance to SAFER* on the framework guidelines and draft codes. Development of Codes, Technical Standards, Technical Guidelines.
- Act as a Secretariat to the various technical Groups/ Standing Committees formed under SAFTU.
- Come up with various white papers, discussion papers on various technical issues related regional power system planning, operation, maintenance etc.
- To act as a platform for cross-cutting deliberations on technical, standard, system operation, planning related issues for advancing CBET in South Asia and for development of an integrated and regional power system.
- To facilitate technical capacity building among members at both national and regional levels through information sharing and skills training.

* Any other appropriate Regional Regulatory Institutional Mechanism.

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Implementation Provisions: Coordination Groups/Standing Committees Under SAFTU

Operation and Maintenance Coordination Group

- The Operation and Maintenance Coordination Group needs to be constituted for smooth operation and maintenance of the interconnecting project after its commissioning. The scope would also include maintenance of associated communication facilities, coordination of protective devices, maintenance coordination etc.
  - Operation and Protection Coordination Group
  - Commercial Coordination Group

Project Monitoring Group

- The project monitoring group would monitor different milestones of the project after completion of DPR. The detailed activities need to be monitored include tendering activities, forest and environmental clearances, acquisition of land for substation, construction of the project, commissioning of the project etc.

Design Coordination Group

- The Design Coordination Group would prepare the Detailed Project Report on the basis of various activities like detailed survey of the routes of transmission lines, assessment of size & location of substation land, finalization of the details of design parameters of the substations and transmission lines etc.

Power System Planning Committee

- Power System Planning Committee under SAFTU will lead in preparation of the Regional Master Plan.

- Master Plan shall formulate the plan for next 10 years, considering necessary system up gradations, both proposed and commissioned.

- Master Plan must be reviewed annually and must ensure adequacy for all scenarios that could be possible in the next 10 years, by forecasting both demand and generation considering necessary factors.
Way Forward

- For the first time grid codes have been studied and analyzed from the perspective of CBET in South Asia, and the report is the first of its kind in South Asia.

- Harmonized grid codes are important for:
  1. Safe, stable, reliable, and integrated operation of the regional power system.
  2. Development of a Robust South Asia Regional Power Grid (SARPG).

- Appropriate institutional mechanism and a strong institutional sponsor are required for facilitating and working towards enabling the implementation of Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG).

- South Asia countries need to work together and strengthen their grid codes from the perspective of CBET and SARPG.
Thank You

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### Technical Info

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Acceptable Voltage Deviations are similar but the permitted frequency deviation is different - Need to harmonize for synchronous interconnection.
Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG) and Codes-Brief Summary
Brief Summary of the Framework Guidelines

**Planning Guidelines**

- In line with article 7 of the SAARC framework agreement for energy cooperation (electricity) as regard to planning of cross border interconnections, the preparation of master plan is recommended for each of the cross border links between the countries.
- The master plan can be for bi-lateral transaction or multilateral transactions but shall eventually cover the entire region. However, it is intended that the master plan shall cover a horizon of next 10 to 20 years.
- The Guidelines aim to provide for the supply of information and stipulates the various criteria to be adopted for planning and development studies.

**Connection Guidelines**

- The connectivity guidelines in line with article 8, article 9 and article 10 of the SAARC framework agreement for energy cooperation (electricity) detail the connection of generator, deal with network connectivity and protection issues in detail and elaborate on the communication framework and exchange of data among the countries.
- The technical requirements covered in the connectivity code include but are not limited to frequency and voltage requirements, short circuit current requirements, reactive power requirements, responsibility & owner ship, protection & control and metering requirements.
- It specifies a minimum of technical, design and operational plant criteria to be compiled with by the existing and prospective users.
- It includes the meter placement, compliance of meters according to standards in terms of accuracy levels, accessibility of the meters, maintenance responsibility of meters etc.
Brief Summary of the Framework Guidelines

Operation Guidelines

- In order to enable secure and reliable operation of the interconnected grid, the operational guidelines is intended to cover all necessary aspects relevant to outage planning, operational security analysis, frequency control and handling of reserves and the emergency operational procedures.
- In addition to above, the operation code also covers operational security aspects pertaining to power system states, frequency control management, voltage & reactive power management, short circuit management, power flow management, contingency analysis and stability management.
- It contains details for high level operational procedures, for example, demand control, operational planning and data provision.

Schedule and despatch Guidelines

- While making guidelines for scheduling & dispatch procedures, the establishment of scheduling processes, provision of information to other country system operators, day ahead scheduling procedure, intra-day scheduling/revision procedure, sharing of information on schedules with other trading countries and standardized scheduling intervals for cross border trade play a vital role.
- These Guidelines enable non-discriminatory access to the respective transmission grids for purpose of cross border trade in line with article 12 of SAARC framework agreement for energy cooperation (electricity) and include procedure for calculation of TTC, ATC along with reliability margins and the regulations for mechanism for forward capacity allocation and congestion relieving mechanism.
- It describes the procedures to be adopted for Scheduling and despatch of generation and allocation of power drawl...
Brief Summary of the Framework Guidelines

**Planning**

- Master Plan with a planning horizon of 10 years has been suggested as the basis for planning the interconnected network among member countries and reviewed every alternative year.
- Load-generation scenarios shall be worked out so as to reflect in a pragmatic manner due to typical daily and seasonal variations in load demand and generation availability.
- Voltage and Equipment Loading Margins
- Short circuit ratio (SCR) at the converter terminals of HVDC installations shall be greater than 3.
- N-0, N-1 transmission contingency criteria
- Requirement of reactive power compensation (static and/or dynamic)

**Connection**

- Connection Requirements: Reactive power, Frequency and voltage parameters, Short-circuit fault levels, Metering system, Protection devices, Simulation Models, Data & Communication, Cyber Security.
- Frequency limits: 47.5 – 48.5 Hz (90 min); 48.5– 49.0 Hz (not less than the period for 90 minutes); 49.0 – 51.0 Hz (Unlimited); 51.0 – 51.5 Hz (30 min).
- At interconnection, operating voltage for 400 kV and above is ±5% and connected equipment shall withstand the voltage variation of ±10%.
- Bi-directional meters shall be installed at the connection point by following IEC standards for meter accuracy.
- Energy Accounting and Audit functions shall be carried out by coordinating agency.
Brief Summary of the Framework Guidelines

Operational

- No important element of the interconnected grid shall be deliberately opened or removed from service at any time, except for the exchange of information over a common platform and include sufficient information on who is responsible for exchange of what data, containing how much detail, at what frequency and in what format along with the need for time stamping.
- Adequate operating reserves (Primary/Secondary/Tertiary) shall be made available for CBT.
- Voltage and Frequency limits for various states (Normal/Alert/Emergency)
- Demand Estimation for operation
- Congestion Management

Scheduling

- Computation of the Available Transfer Capability (ATC)
- Each time block shall be for a duration of 15 minutes and a common time of Indian Standard Time (IST) can be adopted for uniformity.
- Control on its generation and/or load to maintain its interchange schedule with other member countries whenever required and contribute to frequency regulation of the synchronously operating system.
- The coordinating forum shall be responsible for computation of actual net injection/drawal of on the cross border link, 15 minute-wise, based on the above meter readings.
- Deviation Settlement mechanism
- Charges for Losses
Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG) and Draft Codes-Planning
Planning Guidelines: Planning Philosophy

Master Plan with a planning horizon of 10 years has been suggested as the basis for planning the interconnected network among member countries and reviewed every alternative year.

As the cross-border interconnection is expected to cater for the long term requirements of member countries, sufficient forecasting of demand and generation planning shall be carried out. All the stakeholders shall furnish the desired planning data from time to time to enable to formulate and finalize plan.

From practical considerations the load variations over the year shall be considered as under:

- Annual Peak Load
- Seasonal variation in Peak Loads for Winter, Summer and Monsoon
- Seasonal Light Load or Off-peak load (for Light Load scenario, motor load of pumped storage plants shall be considered)

The load-generation scenarios shall be worked out so as to reflect in a pragmatic manner due to typical daily and seasonal variations in load demand and generation availability which impact the cross border power flow along with the impact of RE i.e., wind & solar.
Planning Guidelines: Planning Philosophy

Master Plan
Planning horizon of 10 years with revision for every alternative year: Both Active & Reactive power

Long term Load Forecasting

Generation Adequacy/Planning

Transmission Planning for CBT

Load-generation Scenarios
- Annual peak Load
- Seasonal Peak variations
- Seasonal Off-peak variations

The temporary over voltage (peak phase voltage) limits
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Planned maximum sub-transient short circuit fault levels shall not be greater than 80% of equipment ratings.

Line to earth voltage during single line to earth faults should not rise above 80% of the rated line to line voltage.

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Planning Guidelines: Transmission Reliability Criteria

Criteria for system with no contingency (‘N-0’)

- For the planning purpose all the equipment's shall remain within their normal thermal loadings and voltage ratings.
- The angular separation between adjacent buses shall not exceed 30 degree.
- Voltage step resulting from capacitor/reactor switching shall not exceed 3.0%.

Criteria for single contingency (‘N-1’)

- All the equipment's in the transmission system shall remain within their normal thermal and voltage ratings after a disturbance involving loss of any one of the following elements, but without load shedding / rescheduling of generation:
  - Outage of a 400 kV single circuit,
  - Outage of a 400 kV single circuit with fixed series capacitor (FSC),
  - Outage of an Inter-Connecting Transformer (ICT),
  - Outage of a 765 kV single circuit,
  - Outage of one pole of HVDC bi-pole
- The angular separation between adjacent buses under (‘N-1’) conditions shall be permitted up to 30 degree.
- The system shall be capable of withstanding the loss of most severe single system infeed without loss of stability.
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The temporary over voltage (peak phase voltage) limits due to sudden load rejection shall be:
- 1.4 p.u. for a 765 kV system
- 1.5 p.u. for a 400 kV & 500 kV system

The switching over voltage (peak phase voltage) limits shall be:
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Reactive power compensation Studies

- Requirement of reactive power compensation (static and/or dynamic) shall be assessed through appropriate studies for cross border transactions. This compensation shall be provided by the respective entities within a country and import of reactive power shall be avoided to the extent possible.
Planning Guidelines: Planning Margins

The new transmission additions required for cross-border transmission may be planned keeping a margin of 15% in the thermal loading limits of lines and transformers.

At the planning stage, a margin of about ±3% may be kept in the voltage limits and thus the voltages under load flow studies (for ‘N-0’ and ‘N-1’ steady-state conditions only) may be maintained within the limits given below:

- For 765 kV level, a maximum of 788 kV and a minimum of 742 kV
- For 500 kV level, a maximum of 515 kV and a minimum of 485 kV
- For 400 kV level, a maximum of 412 kV and a minimum of 388 kV

In planning studies all the transformers may be kept at nominal taps and On Load Tap Changer (OLTC) may not be considered. The effect of the taps shall be kept as operational margin.

For the purpose of load flow studies at planning stage, the nuclear generating units shall normally not run at leading power factor. To keep some margin at planning stage, the reactive power limits (Qmax and Qmin) for generator buses may be taken as:

- Thermal Units: Qmax = 40% of Pmax, and Qmin = (-) 10% of Pmax
- Nuclear Units: Qmax = 40% of Pmax, and Qmin = (-) 0% of Pmax
- Hydro Units: Qmax = 50% of Pmax, and Qmin = (-) 20% of Pmax

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Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG) and Draft Codes-Connection
Connection Guidelines: Technical Requirements

The Connection Agreement shall be mandatory between the applicant and the national transmission utility of the member country at the synchronous connection point.

- Reactive power requirements
- Frequency and voltage parameters
- Short-circuit fault levels
- Metering system
- Protection devices
- Simulation Models
- Data and Communication Facilities & Event Recording Instruments including real time data gathering with time stamping
- Cyber Security
- Schedule of cross border assets of member country grid

Reactive Power Requirements

- Respective country’s power authority need to ensure that reactive power requirements are kept at bare minimum (within lead/lag 0.97 power factor and operated within the grid code voltage level) at connection point.
- In case of HVDC link or asynchronous link, the voltage is to be maintained within the limits by the respective transmission agencies to prevent mal-operation of the HVDC links.
Connection Guidelines: Connection Guidelines

**Frequency**

- User shall be capable of staying connected to the network and operating within the Frequency ranges and time periods which is specified by the system operator or automatically disconnect at specified frequencies if required by the operator.
- Recommended frequency band of operation shall be within 49.9 Hz to 50.05 Hz to maintain security of the total interconnected system. However all the connecting equipments shall withstand the frequency profile.

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**Voltage**

- At the point of Interconnection, acceptable range of operating voltages shall be ±5% for 400 kV and above transmission voltage levels but all the connected equipment shall withstand the voltage variation of ±10%.

**Short-Circuit Fault Levels**

- The coordination forum or the planning committee shall provide minimum and maximum short circuit level of the interconnecting substation of cross-border link for various possible scenarios.
### Protection Scheme Devices Of Demand Facilities Shall Cover -

- External and internal short circuit;
- Over- and under-voltage at the connection point;
- Over- and under-frequency;
- Demand circuit protection;
- Unit transformer protection; and
- Backup schemes against protection and switchgear malfunction.

### Fault Recorders at Generator And Transmission facilities shall -

- Exist at all transmission lines, autotransformers or phase-shifters connected to busses; shunt capacitors, shunt reactors, Individual generator line interconnections, Dynamic VAR devices and HVDC terminals
- Record duration shall be a minimum of one (1) second
- Have a minimum recording rate of 16 samples per cycle
Connection Guidelines: Metering Requirements

Bi-directional meters shall be installed at the connection point between the transmission connected grid of the participating countries, between the transmission grid & the generator and between the transmission connected grid & the distributor who are part of cross country power flow

- Minimum standard of accuracy of meters shall comply with the latest IEC standards - Main and Check Meters: The minimum standard of accuracy of Meters shall be 0.1%
- For the voltage and current transformers, accuracy shall be 0.2% and the secondary burden shall be maintained between 25% and 100% of rated values.
- The metering shall record: Bus voltage; Frequency; Active Power, Energy; Reactive Power; Current; Any other facilities as agreed in the connection agreement.

It is recommended that Energy Accounting and Audit functions shall be carried out by coordinating forum or the planning committee (as per planning guidelines) or separate agency as required.

All Main energy meters for interconnection shall be owned by Government designated Transmission Licensee in whose premises the meter is located and the check meters shall be owned by the other member country Licensee.

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<td>Transmission connected</td>
<td>At both ends of the Interconnected Transmission line. Meters at both ends shall be considered as main meters for respective licensees.</td>
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<td>There shall be no separate standby meter. Meter installed at other end of the line in case of two different licensees shall work as standby meter.</td>
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Operational Guidelines: System Security Aspects

The list of important grid elements that impacts the CBET shall be prepared and published in advance.

No important element of the interconnected grid shall be deliberately opened or removed from service at any time, except:

- Under an emergency, and conditions in which such isolation would prevent a total grid collapse and/or would enable early restoration of power supply
- For safety of human life
- When serious damage to costly equipment is imminent then isolate the equipment by suitable disconnection without endangering security of the system
- Such isolation is to be specifically instructed after mutual agreement of the System Operators of the two countries through specific messages exchanged to this effect.

The exchange of information shall happen over a common platform and include sufficient information on who is responsible for exchange of what data, containing how much detail, at what frequency and in what format along with the need for time stamping.

Operators shall exchange the protection set-points of the lines, reliability entities of relay or equipment failures, revised fault analysis study, letters of agreement on settings, notifications of changes, or other equivalent evidence that will be used to confirm that there was coordination of new protective systems or changes in the transmission systems.

Any prolonged outage of power system elements, which is causing or likely to cause danger to the grid or sub-optimal operation of the grid, the same shall be regularly monitored by the respective regional heads and be reported.
Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG) and Draft Codes-Operation
Operational Guidelines: System Security Aspects

All thermal and hydro generating units shall follow their respective Grid codes and shall have AVRs & Governors in operation with tuned PSS for effective damping of oscillations.

Adequate operating reserves (Primary/Secondary/Tertiary) shall be made available. The cross border links shall facilitate in the primary reserve process. However, it is desirable that the adequate control is established to restore the power flow to the scheduled level within a block period.

System Security Limits

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<td>Frequency – for synchronously interconnected system</td>
<td>Nominal: 50Hz Steady state limits: +0.05Hz to -0.1Hz Instantaneous limits: ± 0.8Hz</td>
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Special protection system (SPS) to prevent cascading with the outages Wind and solar generation shall be treated as a must-run station, unless instructed otherwise by respective operators on consideration of grid security.

The protection strategy and concepts shall be reviewed every five years.

Protective relay settings shall not limit transmission loadability nor interfere with system operators’ ability to take remedial action to protect system reliability and shall be set to reliably detect all fault conditions and protect the electrical network from these faults.
Operational Guidelines: Demand Estimation for Operational purposes

The existing demand estimation procedure as per the grid code of the respective member country can continue for daily/weekly/monthly/yearly basis for current year for load-generation balance planning. The present guidelines is for information purpose only.

Each region shall carry out its own demand estimation from the historical data and weather forecast data from time to time. All necessary data and information shall be provided by relevant entities as required for demand estimate. The monthly estimated demand shall be shared with the operation planning authorities.

Based on the demand estimation for operational purposes on a daily/weekly/monthly basis, mechanisms and facilities shall be created at the earliest to facilitate on-line estimation of cross border power flow for each 15 minutes block.
Operational Guidelines: Congestion Management

Commercial principles for congestion management need to be developed in order to facilitate cross border transactions. Transmission agencies shall be responsible to continuously monitor and adopt curative measures, when necessary.

- For long term commitments, re-dispatch and counter flow measures may be followed.
- For medium and short term commitments, load curtailment shall be the last resort.
- The respective member country utilities shall also implement automatic demand management like rotational load shedding, demand response.

The frequency thresholds of 49.5 Hz can be defined for automatic shedding of loads and is recommended and the loads should be classified in four groups,

- loads for scheduled power cuts / load shedding,
- loads for unscheduled load shedding,
- loads to be shed through under frequency relays & df/dt relays
- loads to be shed under any Special Protection Scheme.

All manual load shedding shall be coordinated between operators and demand facilities which shall be maintained by the respective country authorities without affecting the grid security.
Operation- Coordination Between System Operators

Each operator shall provide the following information for the purposes of system defence plan procedures and restoration plan procedures:

- To neighboring operators
- To the regional head
- To Transmission connected distribution systems

Reporting procedures in respect of all events in the system to all users and all verbal notifications may be backed up with appropriate written reports.

To facilitate smooth operation, different coordination forums are formed which is given below and this groups shall recommended to meet once every calendar quarter

- Operation and Protection Coordination Group
- The Commercial Coordination Group

In addition to the above coordination forums, the transmission system owners of the respective countries may coordinate with each other for various aspects pertaining to the O&M of the transmission assets in their respective jurisdiction.
Framework Grid Code Guidelines (FGCG) and Draft Codes- Scheduling & Dispatch
Computation of the Available Transfer Capability (ATC) is suggested. System operator shall consider the technical limit imposed by the system components, the thermal line limits, bus voltage limits and stability limit.

Each time block shall be for a duration of 15 minutes and a common time of Indian Standard Time (IST) can be adopted for uniformity.

Transmission Losses will be apportioned between two countries based on a mutually agreed methodology.

- Transmission System Losses would be borne in kind by the utilities as per the quantum declared for the respective area of jurisdiction in the interim.

The (firm) power traded would normally be treated as a ‘must-run’ and thus would not be subject to revision / curtailment except under conditions which pose a threat to the System Security of either of the participating countries.

Control on its generation and / or load to maintain its interchange schedule with other member countries whenever required and contribute to frequency regulation of the synchronously operating system.

Take the responsibility of coordinating the scheduling of a generating station, within the country area, real-time monitoring of the station’s operation in its availability declaration, or in any other way revision of availability declaration and injection schedule, switching instructions, metering and energy accounting, outage planning, etc.
Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines: Demarcation of Responsibilities

Operated as power pools with their own scheduling and dispatch process, in which the respective system operators shall have the total responsibility for

- Scheduling/dispatching of their own generation.
- Regulating the demand of its control area.
- Scheduling their drawal.
- Regulating the net drawal of their control area.

The member country entities shall ensure

- there is no over drawl when frequency is 49.5 Hz or below.
- When frequency is higher than 50.2 Hz, the actual net injection shall not exceed the scheduled dispatch for that time block.

The generating stations and sellers shall be responsible for their power generation/power injection as per daily schedules

The coordinating member may direct the system operator to increase/decrease their drawal/generation in case of contingencies e.g. overloading of lines/transformers, abnormal voltages, threat to system security. Such directions shall immediately be acted upon.

The coordinating forum shall be responsible for computation of actual net injection/drawal of on the cross border link, 15 minute-wise, based on the above meter readings.
## Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines: Timeline

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Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines: Deviation Settlement

Special energy meters at all interconnections between the countries for recording the actual net import/export MWh and MVArh on a 15-minute basis. Deviation from schedule on the Cross Border Link will be calculated for each 15 minute time interval.

Energy accounting is on a weekly basis.

Transmission charges for wheeling of power up to the international interconnection for the international trade would be borne by both the buyer and the seller as per the prevailing methodology in the respective country.

Transmission charges for the international interconnection would be payable by the market participants as per the charges mutually agreed between the participating member countries.

Operation charges, taxes, levies and other statutory duties/levies would be payable to the system operators by the participants as per the prevailing laws of the land.

A suitable payment security mechanism for transmission charges, system operation charges and charges of imbalance would be put in place by the participating member countries.

The member states shall put into place through mutual agreement a mechanism for dispute resolution.
Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines: Charges for Losses

Transmission system operators shall be compensated for energy losses based on an estimate of what losses would have been incurred in the absence of transits of electricity.

An agency shall be established comprising of representatives of all participating countries for the long term, a fund shall be established to compensate energy losses incurred. The fund may be referred to as Cross Border System Operator Compensation (CBSOC) Fund.

All contributions and payments shall be made as per the agreements in place and the agency shall be made responsible for relating to the CBSOC Fund as follows:

- To establish the arrangements for the collection and disbursement of all payments
- To determine the timing of payments.
- To publish report annually on the implementation of the mechanism (normally on 15 minutes time block) and the management of the fund.
- To carry out the loss calculation and shall publish this calculation and its method in an appropriate format.

The amount of losses incurred on a transmission system shall be established by calculating the difference between

- The amount of losses actually incurred on the transmission system during the relevant period.
- The estimated amount of losses on the transmission system which would have been incurred on the system during the relevant period if no transits of electricity had occurred.
Overall Flow

Framework Guidelines → Cross Border Gridcode → Cross border transactions → SAARC Countries

For plan, develop, operate & maintain National/Regional Grid
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N-0, N-1 transmission contingency criteria

Requirement of reactive power compensation (static and/or dynamic)

Connection Requirements: Reactive power, Frequency and voltage parameters, Short-circuit fault levels, Metering system, Protection devices, Simulation Models, Data & Communication, Cyber Security.

Frequency limits: 47.5 – 48.5 Hz (90 min); 48.5 – 49.0 Hz (not less than the period for 90 minutes); 49.0 – 51.0 Hz (Unlimited); 51.0 – 51.5 Hz (30 min).

At interconnection, operating voltage for 400 kV and above is ±5% and connected equipment shall withstand the voltage variation of ±10%.

Bi-directional meters shall be installed at the connection point by following IEC standards for meter accuracy.

Energy Accounting and Audit functions shall be carried out by coordinating agency.
**Brief Summary of the Framework Guidelines**

**Operational**

- No important element of the interconnected grid shall be deliberately opened or removed from service at any time, except:
  - The exchange of information over a common platform and include sufficient information on who is responsible for exchange of what data, containing how much detail, at what frequency and in what format along with the need for time stamping.

- Adequate operating reserves (Primary/Secondary/Tertiary) shall be made available for CBT.

- Voltage and Frequency limits for various states (Normal/Alert/Emergency)

- Demand Estimation for operation

**Scheduling**

- Computation of the Available Transfer Capability (ATC)
  - Each time block shall be for a duration of 15 minutes and a common time of Indian Standard Time (IST) can be adopted for uniformity.
  - Control on its generation and/or load to maintain its interchange schedule with other member countries whenever required and contribute to frequency regulation of the synchronously operating system.
  - The coordinating forum shall be responsible for computation of actual net injection/drawal of on the cross border link, 15 minute-wise, based on the above meter readings.

- Deviation Settlement mechanism

- Charges for Losses
Planning Guidelines: Planning Philosophy

Master Plan
Planning horizon of 10 years with revision for every alternative year: Both Active & Reactive power

Long term Load Forecasting
Generation Adequacy/Planning
Transmission Planning for CBT

Load-generation Scenarios
• Annual peak Load
• Seasonal Peak variations
• Seasonal Off-peak variations

The temporary over voltage (peak phase voltage) limits
• 1.4 p.u. for a 765 kV system
• 1.5 p.u. for a 400 kV & 500 kV system

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Planned maximum sub-transient short circuit fault levels shall not be greater than 80% of equipment ratings.

Line to earth voltage during single line to earth faults should not rise above 80% of the rated line to line voltage.
Planning Guidelines: Transmission Reliability Criteria

Criteria for system with no contingency (‘N-0’)

- For the planning purpose all the equipment’s shall remain within their normal thermal loadings and voltage ratings.
- The angular separation between adjacent buses shall not exceed 30 degree
- Voltage step resulting from capacitor/reactor switching shall not exceed 3.0%.

Criteria for single contingency (‘N-1’)

- All the equipment’s in the transmission system shall remain within their normal thermal and voltage ratings after a disturbance involving loss of any one of the following elements, but without load shedding / rescheduling of generation:
  - Outage of a 400 kV single circuit,
  - Outage of a 400 kV single circuit with fixed series capacitor (FSC),
  - Outage of an Inter-Connecting Transformer (ICT),
  - Outage of a 765 kV single circuit,
  - Outage of one pole of HVDC bi-pole
- The angular separation between adjacent buses under (‘N-1’) conditions shall be permitted up to 30 degree
- The system shall be capable of withstanding the loss of most severe single system infeed without loss of stability.
## Planning Guidelines: Planning Margins

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Applicant contacts relevant system operator or designated agency.

Applicant obtains & fills installation document

The application is submitted back to system operator or designated agency.

A joint planning committee comprising of CTUs of member countries shall be authorized to provide clearance.

**INSTALLATION DOCUMENT**

- Location
- Date
- Maximum capacity
- Type of energy source
- Type of generator
- Technical specifications
- Steady state & Dynamic studies
- Contact details and attestations of owner & installer
- OEM certificates for all equipments.
Operational Guidelines: Outage Management

- **Formation outage coordination region**
- **Identification of relevant assets**
- **Identification of critical assets**

- **Resolution of all incompatibilities by iterative reassessment**
  - Status
    - Reason for unavailability
    - Conditions to make asset unavailable
    - Restoration time

- **Preparation of year ahead draft coordination plan**

- **Finalization of outage plan for implementation in the next financial year**

- **Review and adjustment on quarterly and monthly basis**

- **Submission and Publishing of quarterly and monthly reports**

- **During emergencies, reassess before executing planned outage**

- **For any deviation, procurement of prior permission**

- **Preparation of week ahead plan & Exchange of plan over weekly teleconference**

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4. $f>50.2$ Hz; no over injection
5. Deviation settlement
6. Loss consideration
Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines: Deviation Settlement

Reactive Power & Voltage Control

Beneficiary-1

Voltage <97%

To Pay

VAR charges

Beneficiary-2

To Receive

Pool Account

Beneficiary-1

Voltage <103%

To Receive

VAR charges

Beneficiary-2

To Pay

Pool Account
Scheduling & Dispatch Guidelines: Charges for Losses

- Tentative establishment of an inter-transmission system operator compensation mechanism
- In the long term, establishment of Cross Border System Operator Compensation (CBSOC) Fund
- Establishment of an Agency to schedule, enable and document timely collection and disbursement of CBSOC related funds

Contribution from system operators in proportion to the net flows onto and from their transmission system as a share of the sum of the net flows onto and from all transmission systems.

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Operating States:

- Only Bhutan grid code specifies the criteria for classifying an operating state as either Normal/Alert/Emergency.
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- Other SA nations specify different security limits for Normal & Emergency conditions but they don’t define the criteria for classifying “Emergency conditions”.
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System master plan for each Cross border link– Decadal Plan with phased implementation.

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### Contingency criteria:

In the synchronous interconnection, the criteria of N-1 or N-1-1 contingency shall be defined and adopted.
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IMPACT ANALYSIS ON PLANNING CODE
### Transmission Planning Process and Criteria

#### European Grid Code/ENTSOe.
- **TSO is responsible for planning.** Upto 30 years ahead planning term categorized as mid, long & very long term.
- Contingencies listed and classified as Normal, Exceptional and Out Of Range.
- All TSOs are obligated to serve under an ‘N-1’ principle which is developed with the goal of preventing propagation of an incident.

#### NERC-Regulations/Standards
- Planning coordinator performs resource adequacy analysis.
- Apart from following year, studies carried out for up to 10 years, categorized as near and long term.
- Contingencies are classified as Normal, events resulting in single element loss, events resulting in multiple elements loss, extreme events resulting in single element removal or cascading outage.

#### SAPP Rules/Criteria, Grid Code
- Utility publishes the 5 year ahead Transmission System.
- Normal and N-1 contingency studies performed to assess reliability.
- Individual members develop criteria ensuring system security and reactive compensation.

#### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- Either a planning authority or the operator prepares the plan.
- Different time horizon followed by different countries ranging from 1 to 20 years.
- Normal and N-1 contingencies are applicable. N-1-1 also included in India. LFA, SCS, TRS studies are used for planning.

### Recommendations:
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- Defining Observability area is critical.
- Necessary parameters of all relevant equipments must be considered for accurate modeling of the system.
- With the increasing penetration of variable generation (wind & solar), it would be required to adequately model the impact of these generation on the system.
### European Grid Code

- **Aspects covered:**
  - Thermal limits, voltage limits, maximum loss of load / generation, short circuit limits, stability limits and voltage collapse criteria.

### NERC Grid Code

- **Aspects covered:**
  - Steady state, post contingency and transient voltage limits, power limits, secure operation in all foreseen planning events.

### SAPP Grid Code

- **Aspects covered:**
  - Voltage limits during steady state and during switching, frequency limits, loading limits, fault level and stability criteria.

### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

- **Aspects covered:**
  - Steady state voltage and loading limits, reactive power limits, fault level, transient stability for contingency criteria and planning margins.

- **Steady state & stability limits and fault levels already defined can be adopted**
- **Apart from the above mentioned limits, the criteria for HVDC connection, Reactive compensation, substation planning must be established.**
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<td>• Preventive and curative remedial actions are prepared and published.</td>
<td>• Corrective action plans are prepared for planning events wherever necessary.</td>
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<td>• Primarily address power flow constraints and voltage constraints.</td>
<td>• System deficiencies and corresponding actions are listed.</td>
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<td>• SAPP code considers corrective measures for maintaining voltage limits</td>
<td>• To ensure security of the grid, the extreme/rare but credible contingencies are identified periodically and suitable defense mechanism, are worked out.</td>
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- Contingencies shall be evaluated and remedial and corrective action shall be listed.
- If corrective action requires new elements, remedial action shall be used in interim.
- Remedial actions shall be established for normal, severe and rare contingencies.
Available Transfer Capacity Calculation

European Grid Code

• Two approaches:
  i. Net Transfer Capacity Approach
  ii. Flow Based Approach (for day-ahead and Intraday)

NERC Grid Code

• Two approaches:
  i. Area Interchange Method
  ii. Flow Gate Approach (for day-ahead and Intraday)

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

• Single Approach:
  i. Available Transfer Capability Approach

• Till development of a matured market in the South Asian region, calculations carried out by India can be adopted
• In the long term, it would be necessary to adopt a sound principle based on European / North American practice
Congestion Management

**European Grid Code**

- Two approaches:
  
  i. Net Transfer Capacity Approach
  
  ii. Flow Based Approach (for day-ahead and Intraday)

**NERC Grid Code**

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**South Asian Countries’ Grid Code**

- Single Approach:

  i. Available Transfer Capability Approach

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To develop commercial principles wherein it is the responsibility of transmission agencies.

- Till the establishment of congestion relieving mechanism:

  i. Honor long term commitment by re-dispatching or counter flow.

  ii. For medium or short term transactions, curtailment as a last resort
International Review & IMPACT Analysis ON Connection Code
### Applicability of Regulation

**European Grid Code**
- All existing and new users including:
  1. Transmission System Operator
  2. Power Generating Modules
  3. Demand Facility Owner
  4. Distribution Network Operator

**NERC Grid Code**
- All users seeking to integrate facilities, including:
  1. Generator Owner
  2. Transmission Owner
  3. Distribution Provider
  4. Load-Serving Entity

**South Asian Countries’ Grid Code**
- All existing and new users

- Shall be applicable to the authorised transmission agencies for cross border links and the associated sub-stations.
- For other links within the country, the respective countries connection code would be applicable.
### Connection Agreement

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The connection agreement shall be mandatory between the designated transmission companies of member countries for the cross-border link.
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<td>• User should maintain reactive power within limits at PCC.</td>
<td>• Operate close to unity power factor to minimize the reactive power burden</td>
<td>• It is recommended and even strictly followed in most countries that the interconnection is not depended on reactive support.</td>
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<td>• Demand facilities, pf &gt; 0.9</td>
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<td>• Demand facilities with onsite generation must be able to export no reactive power when active power is &lt; 25% of Max. import capability</td>
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- Participating generators must comply with respective country’s regulation.
- Reactive power flow through cross border AC links shall be limited to 0.97 lead/lag at PCC.
- As for HVDC links, voltage shall remain within limits.
### Frequency Requirements

#### European Grid Code
- Normal operating frequency is 50 Hz.
- Permissible frequency deviation is 49 – 51 Hz
- Wider ranges can be agreed upon among the TSOs.

#### NERC Grid Code
- Operating frequency is 60 Hz.
- Permissible variation is ±0.05 Hz.

#### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- Operating Frequency is 50 Hz.

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- Recommended Frequency band of operation of synchronised interconnection shall be within 49.9 Hz to 50.05 Hz
- All the connecting equipment shall withstand the 49 to 51 Hz and for limited duration beyond the specified limits
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- At the point of Interconnection, acceptable range of operating voltages shall be ±5% for 400 kV and above transmission voltage levels
- All the connected equipment shall withstand the voltage variation of ±10%
Protection & Control Schemes

European Grid Code
- The Relevant Network Operator shall define the schemes and settings necessary to protect the network, considering the characteristics of the Power Generating Module and Transmission connected distribution network.

NERC Grid Code
- The Applicant connecting to the transmission system is responsible for proper protective equipment such that it coordinates with Transmission relays and meets all applicable standards.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- In India, all generators above 100 MW shall have two independent sets of main protection schemes and a backup protection scheme.
- Other nations specify one main & one back up protection scheme.

At the connection point, respective agency shall be vested to prepare and review protection schemes according to the adopted standards in line with Article 10 of SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity).
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<td>• Transmission system is responsible to gather real time information through Energy Management System.</td>
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<td>• The EMS also acts as an accounting and detailed calculation platform to refine and store data.</td>
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<td>• Transmission licensee is responsible for data communication through SCADA in Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.</td>
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Connectivity Standards Applicable to Wind and other Generators using Inverters

**European Grid Code**
- Power quality of wind turbines and for the measurement of the related quantities shall follow IEC 61400-21 [IEC, 2008].
- The relevant parameters are active and reactive power, flicker, number of switching operations and harmonic related quantities.

**NERC Grid Code**
- Design considerations include IEEE Standards 142, 519, 1100, 1159, and ANSI C84.1
- Forms of power quality degradation include voltage regulation & unbalance, harmonic distortion, flicker, voltage sags & transients

**South Asian Countries’ Grid Code**
- Except India and Sri Lanka, grid codes of other SAARC member nations do not specify the connectivity standards/requirements to be complied with by Wind and other generating stations using inverters.

The renewable energy generators (including wind and solar) shall follow the respective country code in which it is connected.
International Review and IMPACT Analysis ON Operation CODE
### Operating States

#### European Grid Code
- For each element in its transmission system, the European grid code mandates each TSO define operational security limits.
- TSO must classify current operating condition under one of the five states in real time.

#### NERC Grid Code
- The NERC grid code doesn’t mention any hard-set limits for the classification of the operating state of a system.

#### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- Bhutan specifies the criteria for classifying an operating state as Normal/ Alert/ Emergency.
- Pakistan specifies ‘N-1’ contingency as emergency.
- Other nations specify different limits for Normal & Emergency conditions

- It is recommended to have the 5 classifications of the operating states, i.e. Normal, Alert, Emergency, Blackout and Restoration.
- The operating limits must be maintained at all interconnections and interconnecting substations.
## Requirements of Generators

### European Grid Code
- The Power Generating Modules are categorized as type A, B, C or D based on the capacity and voltage ratings.
- For each category, the requirements including frequency response, voltage stability and islanding mode are elaborated.

### NERC Grid Code
For 98% of all operating hours, Generator and Transmission Operators shall have AVR in service and in automatic voltage control mode for synchronous generators or synchronous condensers and PSS in service for synchronous generators with PSS.

### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- According to the Grid codes of India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, all generating units shall have AVR in service.
- Indian Grid code also specifies that a properly tuned PSS should be in service.

### Additional Requirements
- The generators must follow the grid code guidelines of the respective country of their location.
- With synchronised interconnection, it may be required that all the generators be equipped with tuned PSS.
Generator Reserves

European Grid Code
- The European TSOs have the possibility to access Reserve Capacity connected to another Synchronous Area, to comply with the amount of required reserves resulting from their own reserve dimensioning process of Frequency Containment Reserve, Frequency Restoration Reserve or Replacement Reserves.

NERC Grid Code
- Each Balancing Authority & Reserve Sharing Group shall maintain a minimum amount of Contingency Reserve.
- At least half of the minimum amount of Contingency Reserve shall be reserved as Operating Spinning Reserve that can respond within ten minutes.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- Grid codes of all SA nations except India specify that adequate operating reserves (Spinning/ Contingency/ Stand-by) shall be made available for use.
- India mentions the requirements of Instantaneous pick-up.

- The cross border links shall facilitate in the primary reserve process.
- However, it is desirable that the adequate control be established to restore the power flow to the scheduled level within a block period (15 minutes).
## Short Term Demand Estimation

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<td>All TSOs perform annual, summer and winter generation adequacy assessments by forecasting the weekly peak demand for each period of study for both normal and severe conditions.</td>
<td>The Transmission Operator performs seasonal, next-day, and current-day Bulk Electric System studies to determine loading levels.</td>
<td>Demand estimation for daily/weekly/monthly/yearly basis is carried out.</td>
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- Short term demand forecast must be made mandatory to the extent to specify the scheduled power transfer through the cross-border links.
- This demand must be managed by respective authority without affecting grid security.
### Operational Liaison

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| An elaborate chapter is provided in one of the European Network Codes detailing of the necessary data exchange between relevant significant grid users | Each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority shall provide adequate and reliable telecommunications facilities for the exchange of Interconnection and operating information | • Operational liaison is briefed only in India, Pakistan and Bhutan grid codes.  
• Before carrying out any operation, the system operator must notify and give details to all grid users whose system operation may get affected. |

The liaising procedure shall be adopted from the European Grid Code.  
All necessary communication and data sharing must happen over a common platform.
## Load Shedding Schemes

### European Grid Code
- Frequency thresholds, not less than 49 Hz, are defined for load shedding by each TSO.
- Load shedding should be established in stages to minimize the further risk.

### NERC Grid Code
- Each Transmission Operator shall establish plans for automatic load shedding for undervoltage conditions if the Transmission Operator, Planner(s) or Coordinator(s) determine that an under-voltage load shedding scheme is required.

### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- All countries have a frequency dependent load shedding scheme in place.
- Indian Grid code of India specifies that load shedding shall be carried out to prevent over drawl when frequency is 49.5 Hz and below.

- The frequency thresholds of 49.5 Hz can be defined for automatic shedding of loads for the synchronous cross-border links.
- The loads should be classified as recommended in the Indian Grid Code and similar shedding rules may be adopted.
### Outage Coordination

**European Grid Code**
- An outage coordination region is formed by grouping responsibility areas based on the extent of interconnection.
- A set of Power system assets are identified as relevant assets.
- Of these, few assets are listed as critical assets.
- The outage coordination planning takes all relevant assets into account.

**NERC Grid Code**
- Each Generator Operator provides outage information to Transmission Operator daily for scheduled outages planned for next day.
- Transmission Operator establishes the outage reporting requirements and provides outage information daily to affected entities.

**South Asian Countries’ Grid Code**
- In Sri Lanka, the transmission licensee shall establish a transmission outage program with a three year window.
- All other countries annually establish the outage plan for the following year.

The process of selection of those important cross-border assets which have a considerable impact on the security of cross-border power flow shall be adopted from European Code.
Recovery Procedures

European Grid Code

- Each TSO prepares in advance and updates regularly a restoration plan.
- TSOs have to know the status of components of their power system after a blackout before starting the restoration process.

NERC Grid Code

Each Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority have emergency plans that enable it to mitigate operating emergencies which include communication protocols, controlling actions, coordinated tasks and the staffing levels for the emergency.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

The relevant entities are authorized during the restoration process following a black out, to operate with reduced security standards for voltage and frequency, as necessary, in order to achieve the fastest possible recovery of the grid.

A Restoration Plan must be prepared and fixed by each region well in advance and during a black-out condition, this plan must be followed till the grid reaches a stable state.
Schedule and Dispatch

European Grid Code
Scheduling agents are responsible for the transmission of their cross border schedule nominations to the responsible control area operator.

NERC Grid Code
Each Purchasing-Selling Entity that secures energy to serve Load via a Dynamic Schedule must submit a Request for Interchange as a non-time Arranged Interchange to the Balancing Authority.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code
- Generators are responsible to provide their capability for the day-ahead schedules.
- In India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, current day revisions are also allowed.

Day ahead scheduling procedure is recommended for the cross border links.
- A common time of Indian Standard Time (IST) can be adopted for uniformity.
- Till the development of secure cross border scheduling mechanism, the Indian scheduling and Dispatch procedure may be followed.
- The scheduling duration prevalent in India including the time block for the cross border transaction can be adopted as agreed in the TF 2 meetings.
Charges for Losses

**European Grid Code**
- The Regulation established an ITC fund to compensate TSOs for the costs incurred in hosting cross-border flows.
- The fund aims to cover the cost of transmission losses and making infrastructure available, for cross-border flows.

**NERC Grid Code**
- Settlement of losses shall be either handled as financial or as payment in-kind in accordance with the Transmission Service Provider tariff.

**South Asian Countries’ Grid Code**
- The energy losses in the transmission system shall be compensated by the customers with additional injection at the injection point(s).

- In order to encourage the cross border energy exchange, it may be necessary to follow the mechanism similar to European practice wherein a scheduled fund can be created and the losses be compensated through this fund.
- The transmission agencies need to procure additional energy to compensate for the losses.
International Review and IMPACT ANALYSIS ON Metering CODE
Applicability

NERC Grid Code

- The code is applicable to Generator owners, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator in accordance with reliability standards

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

- In India and Nepal, metering code applies to all the generating companies and licensees.
- In Sri Lanka, it is applicable to all licensees who are authorized to carry out distribution / transmission activities.
- For other countries, the same is not explicitly mentioned in their grid codes.

Metering code shall be applicable for Generators specified for cross-country transaction, Transmission system operators and distribution system/ Balancing Authority.
Standards Followed

NERC Grid Code

• The Metering equipment shall act in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

• The meters in India shall comply with BIS.
• Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh follow IEC standards.
• Bhutan and Bangladesh follows their own country specific meter standards.

IEC Standards shall be followed for the Metering.
Ownership

NERC Grid Code

- Transmission operator is responsible for properly maintaining its metering equipment.
- Meter information is automatically and electronically communicated to Transmission operator.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

- In all the countries the meters placed in transmission system are owned and maintained by Transmission licensees.
- In all countries, billing is processed by system operators.

All meters for interconnection shall be owned by Government designated Transmission Licensee.
- Energy Accounting and Audit functions shall be carried out by coordinating forum or the planning committee or separate agency.
NERC Grid Code

• For all Transformers connected through transmission, metering points are provided at the secondary side of all through-transmission transformers.

• Generators and transformers that are not through transmission but are tapped directly on the EHV system are provided with interchange metering on the primary side of the step-up, station service or radial transformer.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

In all countries the meters shall be located at outgoing feeders of generation substation.

It is recommended that energy meters shall be provided at both sides of the connection point.
Operation and Maintenance

NERC Grid Code

• The owner for that meter shall take responsibility for operation and maintenance. The relevant Transmission operator maintains a metering database for auditing purposes.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

• In Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, maintenance works of meters is carried out by the generating company or the licensee or distribution licensee.

• In Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan, meter maintenance is by Transmission Licensee.

The designated transmission agency of the country shall be responsible to carry out the operation and maintenance activities.
### Meter Reading & Recording

#### NERC Grid Code

- Meter readings shall be transmitted to the System Operator for Billing.
- Any generation unit participating in the Energy Market is required to have independent metering devices.
- Backup meters of sufficient accuracy to serve as a replacement for the primary metering system.

#### South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

- All countries have the provision to transfer the meter readings which are connected at transmission connection point to remote location through data communication channels.
- In India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Bangladesh, in case of meter failure, the data is taken from backup meters.

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Access to Meters

NERC Grid Code

The Equipment owner of the premises where the meter is installed shall provide access to the transmission system operators for installation, testing, commissioning, reading and recording and maintenance of meters.

South Asian Countries’ Grid Code

The owner of the premises where the meter is installed shall provide access to the authorized representative(s) of the licensee for installation, testing, commissioning, reading and recording and maintenance of meters.

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<td>Either a planning authority or the operator prepares the plan. Different time horizon followed by different countries ranging from 1 to 20 years.</td>
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<td>Normal and N-1 contingencies are applicable. N-1-1 also included in India. LFA, SCS, TRS studies are carried out for planning.</td>
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<td><strong>O&amp;M of Meters</strong></td>
<td>In Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, maintenance works of meters is carried out by the generating company or the licensee or distribution licensee. In Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan, meter maintenance is by Transmission Licensee.</td>
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<td>The owner for that meter shall take responsibility for operation and maintenance. The relevant Transmission operator maintains a metering database for auditing purposes.</td>
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<td><strong>Meter Reading &amp; Recording</strong></td>
<td>All countries have the provision to transfer the meter readings which are connected at transmission connection point to remote location through data communication channels.</td>
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<td>Meter readings shall be transmitted to the System Operator for Billing.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to Meters</strong></td>
<td>The owner of the premises where, the meter is installed shall provide access to the authorized representative(s) of the licensee for installation, testing, commissioning, reading and recording and maintenance of meters.</td>
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<td>The Equipment owner of the premises where the meter is installed shall provide access to the transmission system operators for installation, testing, commissioning, reading and recording and maintenance of meters.</td>
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<td>Operating States</td>
<td>Bhutan specifies the criteria for classifying an operating state as Normal/ Alert/ Emergency.</td>
<td>For each element in its transmission system, the European grid code mandates each TSO define operational security limits.</td>
<td>The NERC grid code doesn’t mention any hard-set limits for the classification of the operating state of a system.</td>
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<td>Pakistan specifies ‘N-1’ contingency as emergency.</td>
<td>TSO must classify current operating condition under one of the five states in real time.</td>
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<td>Other nations specify different limits for Normal &amp; Emergency conditions</td>
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<td>Generator Connection Agreement</td>
<td>According to the Grid codes of India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, all generating units shall have AVR in service.</td>
<td>The Power Generating Modules are categorized as type A, B, C or D based on the capacity and voltage ratings.</td>
<td>For 98% of all operating hours, Generator and Transmission Operators shall have AVR in service and in automatic voltage control mode for synchronous generators or synchronous condensers and PSS in service for synchronous generators with PSS.</td>
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<td>Indian Grid code also specifies that a properly tuned PSS should be in service</td>
<td>For each category, the requirements including frequency response, voltage stability and islanding mode are elaborated.</td>
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<td>Generator Reserves</td>
<td>Grid codes of all SA nations except India specify that adequate operating reserves (Spinning/ Contingency/ Stand-by) shall be made available for use.</td>
<td>The European TSOs have the possibility to access Reserve Capacity connected to another Synchronous Area, to comply with the amount of required reserves resulting from their own reserve dimensioning process of Frequency Containment Reserve, Frequency Restoration Reserve or Replacement Reserves.</td>
<td>Each Balancing Authority &amp; Reserve Sharing Group shall maintain a minimum amount of Contingency Reserve. Atleast half of the minimum amount of Contingency Reserve shall be reserved as Operating Spinning Reserve that can respond within ten minutes.</td>
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<td>IEGC mentions requirements of Instantaneous pick-up.</td>
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<td>Demand estimation for daily/ weekly/ monthly/ yearly basis is carried out.</td>
<td>All TSOs perform annual summer and winter generation adequacy assessments by forecasting the weekly peak demand for each period of study for both normal and severe conditions.</td>
<td>The Transmission Operator performs seasonal, next-day, and current-day Bulk Electric System studies to determine loading levels.</td>
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<td>In India, Wind Energy forecasting is considered to meet the active and reactive power requirements.</td>
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| **Load Shedding Schemes**                     |                               |                              |                               |
| All countries have a frequency dependent load shedding scheme in place. | Frequency thresholds, not less than 49Hz, are defined for load shedding by each TSO. | Each Transmission Operator shall establish plans for automatic load shedding for undervoltage conditions if the Transmission Operator, Planner(s) or Coordinator(s) determine that an under-voltage load shedding scheme is required. | No Relevant Information Found |
| Indian Grid code of India specifies that load shedding shall be carried out to prevent over drawl when frequency is 49.5 Hz and below. | Load shedding should be established in stages to minimize the further risk. |                               |                               |

<p>| <strong>Outage Coordination</strong>                       |                               |                              |                               |
| In Sri Lanka, the transmission licensee shall establish a transmission outage program with a three year window. | An outage coordination region is formed by grouping responsibility areas based on the extent of interconnection. | Each Generator Operator provides outage information to Transmission Operator daily for scheduled outages planned for next day. | No Relevant Information Found |
| All other countries annually establish the outage plan for the following year. | A set of Power system assets are identified as relevant assets. Of these, few assets are listed as critical assets. | Transmission Operator establishes the outage reporting requirements and provides outage information daily to affected entities. | No Relevant Information Found |
| The outage coordination planning takes all relevant assets into account |                               |                              |                               |</p>
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<td>The relevant entities are authorized during the restoration process following a black out, to operate with reduced security standards for voltage and frequency, as necessary, in order to achieve the fastest possible recovery of the grid.</td>
<td>Each TSO prepares in advance and updates regularly a restoration plan. TSOs have to know the status of components of their power system after a blackout before starting the restoration process.</td>
<td>Each Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority have emergency plans that enable it to mitigate operating emergencies which include communications protocols, controlling actions, coordinated tasks and the staffing levels for the emergency.</td>
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<td>Schedule &amp; Dispatch Guidelines</td>
<td>Generators are responsible to provide their capability for the day-ahead schedules. In India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, current day revisions are also allowed.</td>
<td>Scheduling agents are responsible for the transmission of their cross border schedule nominations to the responsible control area operator.</td>
<td>Each Purchasing-Selling Entity that secures energy to serve Load via a Dynamic Schedule must submit a Request for Interchange as a non-time Arranged Interchange to the Balancing Authority</td>
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<td>Issue warning whenever actual flow exceeds ATC or security criteria are violated for continuously 2 time blocks. Measures taken:</td>
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<td>Countertrade initiated as a preventive measure, normally at a day-ahead time horizon. During the day of operation, re-dispatch initiated primarily as a curative measure. Transaction curtailment procedures used only in emergency situations</td>
<td>Local transmission loading relief or congestion management procedures include:</td>
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<td>- Automatic under Frequency Load Shedding Scheme and SPS. - Generation Rescheduling - Controlled load reductions</td>
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<td>- Inter-area redispatch of generation - Intra-area redispatch of generation - Reconfiguration of the transmission system - Voluntary load reductions - Controlled load reductions</td>
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<td>Charges for Losses</td>
<td>The energy losses in the transmission system shall be compensated by the customers with additional injection at the injection point(s)</td>
<td>The Regulation established an ITC fund to compensate TSOs for the costs incurred in hosting cross-border flows. The fund aims to cover the cost of transmission losses and making infrastructure available, for cross-border flows.</td>
<td>Settlement of losses shall be either handled as financial or as payment in-kind in accordance with the Transmission Service Provider tariff.</td>
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