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Modification Prioritisation

(uniform adoption across the UNC and IGT UNC)

Prioritisation Categories

Standard Priority:

Modifications are expected to follow a standard modification timeline. Development may be paused, for example, if the modification is dependent on the outcome of another modification.

High Priority:

These modifications require faster development and resolution than the standard timeline. High Priority could include a modification that has not been deemed urgent under existing code urgency processes but still requires development and implementation within a specific timeframe.

Please note there is no change to the Urgent Modification Process

Priority Criteria

1 Alignment with the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS)

Able to demonstrate a link to the delivery of government policies and developments relating to the energy sector as set out in the SDS

2 Complexity

Level of industry resource, knowledge and/or time required to progress the modification through to implementation

3 Importance

Perceived value, criticality and risk to industry, consumers, and/or other stakeholders of the implementation of the modification

SDS Criterion

Applying the Alignment with the SDS Criterion to a Prioritisation Category Determination

- A modification that clearly aligns with the SDS is more likely to be prioritised as ‘High Priority’ compared to one that does not. We expect that modifications that relate to policy in the ‘Act now’ category of the SDS will be more likely to be determined as ‘High Priority’ than those associated with the ‘Think and plan’ or ‘Listen and wait’ categories.

Complexity Criterion

Applying the Complexity Criterion to a Prioritisation Category Determination

- The relationship between a modification's complexity and its Prioritisation Category can vary depending on the modification, other modifications, and the wider code modification context.

Importance Criterion

Applying the Importance Criterion to a Prioritisation Category Determination

- If a modification is expected to deliver significant value or addresses a high-risk or critical issue for stakeholders, it is likely to be prioritised as ‘High Priority’ rather than ‘Standard Priority’.

End to End Process

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1. New Modification Submission

Proposer submits using updated template, including justification against prioritisation criteria

2. Initial Assessment

Code Admin acts as critical friend:

- Validates proposer rationale
- Prepares recommended priority category

3. Panel Determination

- Panel discuss recommendation
- Vote to determine Standard or High priority
- Panel reasoning for their determination is documented
- Panel review and re-determine at DMR and FMR stages

4. Ongoing Review

- Panel re-assessment if Workgroup deem something has changed, which requires a review of the priority or
- Bi-annual review

Proposed Scoring Mechanism

1. SDS Alignment

- None / Indirect / Strong

2. Importance

- Low / Medium / High

3. Complexity

- Low / Medium / High

None or Low = 1

Indirect or Medium = 2

Strong or High = 3

There are opportunities to re-assess the scoring: ad-hoc and bi-annually

Recommend Approach for High Priority Modifications

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1. First item on Workgroup agendas
2. Will appear on day 1 of any 2 day Workgroup meetings where applicable (e.g. The UNC Distribution and Transmission often have 2 day meetings)
3. Additional meetings will be scheduled during the month, if required.

PLEASE NOTE:

The process will ensure that Modifications requiring higher priority receive it
This is not about deprioritising standard Modifications

Example assessment

(applied to UNC mods)

Mod Ref		Title	SDS	Importan	Complexi	Priority	Classification		
0926	S	Maintenance criteria for Emergency Contact data held in Central Systems	1	2	1	Standard	9	High	
0923		Disapplication of TPD Section D7 (DSR Options) for 2026 only	1	1	1	Standard	<=8	Standard	
0922		CDSP Obligations required for the introduction of the Gas Shipper Obligation	1	2	1	Standard			
0921	S	Broadening the definition of the Data Permissions Matrix to align with disclosure of UK Link Gemini data	1	1	1	Standard			
0920		PARCA Security Amount	1	2	2	Standard			
0916		Reform of Capacity Arrangements at Interconnection Points	1	2	2	Standard			
0914	S	Refining the Class 3 EUC1 read submission rules introduced through Modification 0700	1	2	2	Standard			
0908		Removal of DNO meter reading obligations resulting from non-provision of a Valid Meter Reading by a Shipper	1	1	1	Standard			

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Useful links to key documents / pages

[Proposed guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation](#)

[Preliminary Draft Second Strategic Direction Statement 2025 2026](#)

[Preliminary Second Strategic Direction Statement Webpage](#)