**Explanatory note for update of the harmonized principles for the Baltic LFC reserve prequalification**

After the second public consultation harmonized principles for the Baltic LFC reserve prequalification (thereinafter –Requirements) were concluded on 19th of July 2024 and publicly available on the Transmission System Operator’s websites. (Please follow link: [Litgrid](https://www.litgrid.eu/uploads/files/dir738/dir36/dir1/16_0.php)[,](https://www.litgrid.eu/uploads/files/dir738/dir36/dir1/16_0.php%2C) [AST,](https://www.ast.lv/en/events/revised-harmonised-principles-baltic-lfc-reserve-prequalification-0) [Elering](https://elering.ee/sites/default/files/2024-05/Harmonised%20principles%20for%20Baltic%20LFC%20reserve%20prequalification_update.pdf))

The main task of today's consultation is to amend article 4.5.2.3 Testing method for FCR service and update testing procedures to perform frequency steps from +200 mHz to -200 mHz (step -400 mHz) and from -200 mHz to + 200 mHz (step +400 mHz). The proposal for the testing procedures is represented in Figure 10.

TSOs decision is to perform FCR prequalification tests until 1st of June 2026, for that reason article 2.2 was amended with the requirement: **Existing FCR service providers shall perform test in accordance with requirements set in article 4.5.2.3 until 1st of June 2026. This test may be waived upon approval by the connecting TSO, provided that a comparable or stricter test program has already been performed previously and testing report (protocol) was approved by the TSO.**

Please note that only articles 2.2 and 4.5.2.3 of the Requirements are the subject of the consultation, what means no additional comments for other articles are expected.

We kindly ask market participants to provide questions/remarks no later than July 25, 2025.

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Baltic TSOs shall publicly consult the amendment of the Requirements. After public consultation in concluded with the market participants feedback the updated harmonized requirements for LFC reserve prequalification will be finalized.

Please provide questions/remarks via email: info.@litgrid.eu, gunars.cingels@ast.lv, Tarmo.Rahmonen@elering.ee.