

**GC0086 – GCRP Membership Review and the Creation of a Panel  
Recommendation Vote**

**Current Process**

Membership of the GCRP and detailed information on responsibilities of and protections for GCRP Members and Alternate Members can be found in the Constitution and Rules of the Grid Code Review Panel and also in the General Conditions, Clause 4. Please see Appendix 1 a list of Panel Membership as detailed in the Grid Code.

The objectives of the GCRP are as follows:

- (i) To keep the Grid Code and its working under review
- (ii) To review all suggestions for amendments to the Grid Code
- (iii) To publish recommendations as to amendments to the Grid Code that NGET or the Panel feels are necessary or desirable and the reasons for the recommendations
- (iv) To issue guidance in relation to the Grid Code and its implementation, performance and interpretation when asked to do so by a Member on behalf of a User
- (v) To consider what changes are necessary to the Grid Code and its implementation arising out of any unforeseen circumstances referred to it by NGET
- (vi) To consider and identify changes to the Grid Code to remove any unnecessary differences in the treatment of issues in Scotland from their treatment in England and Wales
- (vii) To consider any changes to the CACoP that the Code Administrator considers appropriate to raise.

Each Member is entitled to cast 1 vote, including the Chairman. However, the GCRP do not generally hold votes, due to the Grid Code not being subject to Open Governance. Usually, agreement is sought informally and by majority for an issue to progress to the next stage.

GCRP Structure (as listed in the General Conditions):

***Non – Voting***

***Voting***

Code Administrator	Chairman (2 votes)	Supplier
Ofgem	NGET x 4	Non-Embedded
Panel Secretary	Large Generator > 3GW x 3	Small / Medium Generator
	Large Generator < 3GW	BSC Panel
	E&W DNO x 2	Externally Interconnected SO
	Scottish DNO	

## Proposal

The conclusion of the GC0076 discussions up to the point of the Industry Consultation was that Open Generator elections would be the fairest and most transparent way for Generator Representation in the Panel. Under GC0086 Open Governance, it would be appropriate to hold open elections for all Members of the GCRP, as happens in CUSC and BSC. This would be in conjunction with a robust election process.

The key objectives in reforming the structure of the GCRP would be to:

1. ensure an appropriately sized Panel for the purpose of effective management and governance of GCRP business;
2. represent all those in a specific party category in a fair and equitable manner;
3. strike an appropriate balance between existing and new members to ensure that expertise is retained, whilst also allowing for new perspectives on the Panel.

Pending formation of a Grid Code Issues Group which would act as a pre-modification discussion forum, thereby reducing the need for in depth discussions on potential changes, the GCRP could therefore reduce in size and act solely as a decision – making body.

Open Governance would require a prescribed voting process as the GCRP would be required to provide a formal recommendation to the Authority for Standard Modifications, or a Determination for Self-Governance Modifications. Under this process, each Member would hold 1 vote, which may pass on to their Alternate in their absence, or to another Member of their choosing. The Chair would have a casting vote in the event of a tie only.

The proposed voting process would closely mirror that of the CUSC voting process as this is proven to work well. Each voting Member must justify their vote against the Applicable Grid Code Objectives and this will be recorded in the Final Report that is furnished to the Authority (or in the case of Self-Governance, the Final Report that is published).

The Code Administrator, Ofgem Representative and BSC Panel Member cannot cast a vote.

## Code Administrator Role

The role of the Code Administrator is a Licence Obligation which NGET carries out in order to provide Users with support and guidance in relation to the modification process and assistance with understanding the operation of the Grid Code and other general information. In accordance with Principle 1 of the Code Administration Code of Practice, the Code Administrator is the 'Critical Friend' to all those with an interest in the code modification process, but particularly to under-represented parties, small market participants and consumer representatives. The GCRP Secretary is provided by the Code Administrator and there is a

representative from the Code Administrator who also attends the meetings.
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<b>Code Administrator Recommendation</b>
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The Code Administrator recommends that the GCRP would require re-structuring in order to streamline the voting process.
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## **Appendix 1 – GCRP Membership (Clause 5 – Constitution and Rules of the GCRP).**

The Panel shall consist of:-

- (a) a Chairman and up to 4 members appointed by NGET;
- (b) a person appointed by the Authority; and
- (c) the following members:
  - (i) 3 persons representing those Generators each having Large Power Stations with a total Registered Capacity in excess of 3GW;
  - (ii) a person representing those Generators each having Large Power Stations with a total Registered Capacity of 3GW or less;
  - (iii) 2 persons representing the Network Operators in England and Wales;
  - (iv) a person representing the Network Operators in Scotland;
  - (v) a person representing Suppliers;
  - (vi) a person representing Non Embedded Customers;
  - (vii) a person representing the Generators with Small Power Stations and/or Medium Power Stations (other than Generators who also have Large Power Stations);
  - (viii) a person representing the BSC Panel;
  - (ix) a person representing the Externally Interconnected System Operators;
  - (x) a person representing Generators with Novel Units; and
  - (xi) 2 persons representing Relevant Transmission Licensees (in respect of PC6.2, PC6.3, PC Appendix A, C and E, CC6.1, CC6.2, CC6.3, OC8 and GC.11).