

Meeting minutes

Grid Code Review Panel

Date: 27/06/2019	Location: Faraday House and Webex
Start: 10:00	End: 14:00

Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Trisha McAuley, Chair (TM)	Attend	Jeremy Caplin, BSC Representative (JC)	Attend
Paul Mullen, Code Administrator Representative (PM)	Attend	Damian Jackman, Generator Representative (DJ)	Attend
Matthew Bent, Technical Secretary (MB)	Attend	Steve Cox, Network Operator Representative (SC)	Attend
Robert Longden, Suppliers Representative (RL)	Attend	Rob Wilson, National Grid Electricity System Operator Representative Alternate (RW)	Attend
Joseph Underwood, Generator Representative (JU)	Attend	Gurpal Singh, Authority Representative (GS)	Attend
Alastair Frew, Generator Representative (AF)	Attend	Nadir Hafeez, Authority Observer (NH)	Attend
Sigrid Bolik, Generator Representative Alternate (SB)	Attend	Alan Creighton, Network Operator Representative (AC)	Attend
Andrew Benjamin, Offshore Transmission Representative (AB)	Attend	Richard Woodward, Onshore Transmission Representative Alternate (RW1)	Attend

Discussion and details

1. Welcome and introductions

7158 TM opened the Grid Code Review Panel (“the Panel”) meeting with introductions and acknowledged the advance apologies received from the following Panel members:

- Colm Murphy (alternate Rob Wilson)
- Ross McGhin (alternate Richard Woodward)
- Guy Nicholson (alternate Sigrid Bolik)
- Christopher Smith (alternate Andrew Benjamin)

2. Minutes of the Panel meeting held 30 May 2019

7159 The Panel agreed that the minutes from the Panel held on 30 May 2019 are approved as a correct record of the meeting subject to clarification amendments raised by AF and GH.

3. Review of the Action within Action Log

7160 The Grid Code Review Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 30 May 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Chair’s Update

7161 TM stated in her capacity as the Chair of the Grid Code Review Panel she had met with Lesley Nugent, David Hall and Roberta Fernie from Ofgem to understand if they were looking for anything more from Grid Code Review Panel and ensure lines of communication were being kept open. TM stated that Ofgem have concerns on the quality of the final modification reports submitted to them. TM stressed that Ofgem made it clear that it expected to receive accurate and well thought out FMRs.

7162 The Panel discussed how an Ofgem representative used to be involved in all code modifications, and that they do not see the same attendance in Grid Code modification Workgroup meetings sin the past few years. The Panel agreed that by having an Ofgem representative on the Workgroups it would allow the potential for send backs to be reduced as they can intervene and guide the Workgroup in ensuring the travel of direction of the modification is acceptable before it is submitted. GS stated that Ofgem aim to attend every workgroup meeting, but due to finite resource it is currently not feasible to have a representative at every meeting.

7163 TM also stated that during the meeting with Ofgem, a suggestion was discussed that all code Chairs hold regular meetings with Ofgem to be updated on important issues such as the BEIS/Ofgem Codes Review.

7164 **ACTION: Code Administrator to consider having regular short discussions with Ofgem on how to ensure that the reports are of acceptable quality.**

7165 **ACTION: Ofgem (GS) to consider Ofgem attendance at high priority workgroups.**

5. Authority Decisions

7166 There were no decisions made since the last Grid Code Review Panel.

6. In Flight Modification Updates

7167 PM talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight Modifications. The in-flight Modifications can be found within the Grid Code Review Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-27-june-2019>

7168 PM stated that GC0127 & GC0128 are progressing well but due to the timing of the workgroup consultation, there is a risk that the final workgroup report won't be presented at the August Panel, PM asked the Panel if they would like to delay the August Panel or hold a Special Panel Meeting in September if necessary. The Panel agreed a special panel meeting in September should be held in the diary if necessary.

7169 **ACTION: Code Administrator to set up a date for a special panel meeting in September 2019.**

7. Discussion on Prioritisation

7170 The Panel reviewed the current prioritisation stack and agreed no changes were required.

7171 PM stated that due to resourcing levels within the Code Administrator, some of the lower prioritised modifications would not be progressed until the EU Code compliance modifications have concluded.

7172 **ACTION: Panel have raised concerns about the resources allocated to modifications; Code Administrator to provide assurance on what is being done to mitigate this risk.**

7173 RW1 stated that currently there is no rigour around the prioritisation stacks on Grid Code and it is not clear to proposers as to why modifications are being de-prioritised as there is no transparency.

7174 **ACTION: Code Administrator to look at RW1 prioritisation document to see how it can be introduced into the current process and increase quality of proposal forms and transparency.**

8. Workgroup Report

7175 GC0123 – Clarifying references to NGET and Relevant Transmission Licensees

7176 The Panel reviewed the suggested changes made by AF, and agreed these should be made. The suggested changes related to expanding the aim of the modification and giving more transparency on the purpose. Section two of the report was updated.

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The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0123 has met the Terms of Reference and should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

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AF stated that although the complete version of the Grid Code on the National Grid ESO website is the most up to date document, the individual sections of the Grid Code on the website are not the most up to date version.

ACTION: Code Administrator to check the individual sections of the Grid Code on the website are the most up to date versions.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR)

7180 GC0096 – Energy Storage

7181 The Panel discussed the comments received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation. In accordance with Governance Rule 22.4(ii), the Panel directed the Workgroup to review and resolve the comments made by RES regarding some of the definitions in the revised Glossary and Definition. Once resolved a further Code Administrator Consultation will take place, and then the Draft Final Modification Report will be presented back to Panel for their Recommendation Vote.

10. Reports to the Authority

7182 There were no reports sent to the Authority.

11. Implementation Updates

7183 GC0111 ‘Fast Fault Current Injection specification text’ is due to be implemented on 15 July 2019

7184 GC0124 ‘Critical Friend review period for submission of new modifications’ is due to be implemented on 1 August 2019 (it was originally 15 July 2019 but has been delayed to 1 August to align with implementation of related CUSC and STC Modifications).

12. Electrical Standards

7185 The ‘Communications Standards for Electronic Data Communication Facilities and Automatic Logging Devices v6 was implemented on the 17 June 2019.

13. Governance

7186 Workgroup Quoracy

7187 PM stated that following the update provided at the May 2019 Grid Code Review Panel, and taking on board the Panels comments, the Code Administrator in line with the other codes will implement the proposed position on meetings that become non-quorate. The Panel raised concerns around meetings being cancelled after stakeholders have already booked their travel arrangements, resulting in wasted costs for stakeholders.

7188 This position was not supported by Panel and asked Code Administrator to re-consider their position.

ACTION: Code Administrator to take on board further Panel comments on non-quorate workgroups and provide update at July Panel.

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14. Grid Code Development Forum and Workgroup Day(s)

7190 PM advised the Panel which Workgroup meetings took place at the June workgroup days and provided a heads up of the items to be covered at the July workgroup days.

15. Standing items

7191 Distribution Code

MB stated that the Distribution Code Headline Report can be found at the following link:
<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-27-june-2019>

7192 Joint European Stakeholder Group

MB stated that no meeting was held in June due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting will be held on 9 July 2019. The chair of the JESG group has also cancelled the August 2019 meeting due to the holiday period and the following JESG meeting will be in September 2019.

16. Horizon Scanning

7193 PM stated that a few new items have been added to the horizon scan, which include

- An update to OC2 in regards to the TOGA change coming in July 2019;
- EBGL Article 18 Terms and Conditions modification likely to come in August 2019; and
- A modification proposing minor changes to the Governance Rules is likely to come in July 2019.

17. AOB

7194 Code Administrator Legal Text Guidance

PM stated that the Code Administrator has published some guidance around the production of Legal Text in regards to code modifications. This document can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes>

7195 The Panel discussed the guidance document and expressed 2 minor concerns:

- Final legal text should ideally be included in the workgroup consultation and agreed prior to final workgroup report being presented to Panel. This would then avoid the cycle where comments received at Code Administrator Consultation stage impact on the legal text meaning that Panel will decide to send back to workgroup to consider these changes; and
- Needs to make clear that the Proposer is still entitled to put forward their proposed legal text regardless of whether their solution is accepted by the workgroup.

7196 **ACTION: Code Administrator to consider proposed updates to “Legal Text Production for Modifications” and update as required, this is to be circulated to the Grid Code Review Panel for information before publication.**

7197 Reforming Energy Codes

PM stated that National Grid ESO has published a thought piece that offers ESO’s view of how energy code content can be simplified and rationalised to deliver benefits to market participants and the code change process. This is available at the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/sites/eso/files/documents/ESO%20Reforming%20Code%20Content.pdf>

7198 In parallel to this, National Grid ESO is to present at Grid Code Development Forum in July (with a view to

presenting to July Panel) on minor governance changes that can be made ahead of the wider Codes review); if Panel agree these indeed quick wins then these can be progressed ahead of the wider Codes Review; otherwise they would need to be included in the scope of the wider codes review.

7199 **Ofgem Energy Codes Reform**

GS stated that BEIS/Ofgem will be looking to consult on this topic at the end of July 2019.

18. Next meeting

7200 The next Panel meeting will take place at Elexon (London) and WebEx on **30 July 2019** commencing at **10am**.
