

## **Invitation to express interest in joining the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP) Steering Group First meeting: 27 November 2019, London**

### **1 What is ALoMCP?**

This is an industry led project delivered by National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO), Distribution Network Operators, and Independent Distribution Network Operators (DNOs/IDNOs) to accelerate compliance with new requirements in the Distribution Code.

NGESO and DNOs/IDNOs are leading this initiative on behalf of the Distribution Code Review Panel.

The purpose of the initiative is to desensitize Loss of Mains (LoM) protection. The aim being to reduce the risk of inadvertent tripping and reduce system balancing issues by giving NGESO greater latitude with regards to system rate of change of frequency (RoCoF) limits.

It is now a requirement of the Distribution Code that all owners of generation installed prior to February 2018 and that complies with [EREC G59](#) now need to comply with new setting requirements for the interface protection in accordance with the recently revised [EREC G59](#). Owners of generation must comply with the Distribution Code (and EREC G59) and have until 31 August 2022 to comply with these modified interface protection requirements. After that date owners who have not made the change may be the subject of an enforcement programme.

To help owners of generation make the necessary changes, the ENA, NGESO, the DNOs and IDNOs have set up a portal to allow generators to register their intention to make settings changes and to facilitate the development of a prioritised delivery programme. This portal will be open for applications from mid-September 2019. It is intended that generators who make the settings changes will be paid by the DNO/IDNO they are connected to according to the degree of work involved in making the changes.

### **2 ALoMCP Steering Group**

The Steering Group exists to ensure that the ALoMCP is run efficiently and for the benefit of stakeholders, recognising the importance of ensuring the changes to distributed generation loss of mains protection are completed thoroughly and in a timely manner.

The ALoMCP Steering Group is the key forum for stakeholders to ensure their views are considered in the overall management of the Programme, and its delivery by network licensees.

The Steering Group will consist of

- 1 Member appointed by NGESO;
- 1 Member appointed by each DNO Group;
- 1 Member appointed by those Participating Distributors who are also IDNOs;
- **3 members appointed to represent BSUoS payers**
- **3 members appointed to represent owners of distributed generation**
- 1 observer appointed by Ofgem

This paper considers the appointment of the Steering Group members representing BSUoS payers and owners of distributed generation

### **3 Role of Steering Group**

The role of the Steering Group is defined within the ALoMCP Constitution, appended to this invitation.

### **4 How to Express Interest**

Contact [lossofmain@energynetworks.org](mailto:lossofmain@energynetworks.org) to express interest in joining the Steering Group

### **5 What happens next**

Expressions of interest must be submitted by **25 October 2019**.

As described within the ALoMCP Constitution, stakeholders will self-appoint Steering Group representatives via submission of an expression of interest. Where expressions of interest exceed the number of Steering Group positions available, stakeholder groups will be invited to self-select their representatives. Where this does not resolve the situation, the existing Steering Group members will determine the mechanism for the remaining Steering Group members to be appointed.

The first meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27 November in London.

## Appendix – Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme Constitution: Steering Group extract (Execution version 1.0)

### Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP) Constitution of The Programme Steering Group and related Workstreams

#### Execution Version 1.0 (Steering Group extract)

#### INTRODUCTION

The Programme Steering Group and related Workstreams exist to ensure that the Accelerated Loss of Mains change programme (the “Programme”) is run efficiently and for the benefit of stakeholders, recognising the importance of ensuring the changes to distributed generation protection are completed thoroughly and in a timely manner.

The Programme Steering Group is the key forum for stakeholders to ensure their views are taken into account in the overall management of the Programme, and its delivery by network licensees.

Changes to this document are governed by the rules as set out in the following workstream sections. Each workstream is itself governed by the rules set out within the relevant section.

This Constitution is given contractual effect between NGESO, DNOs and IDNOs by a Framework Agreement. The Framework Agreement contains additional governance rules applicable to certain policies managed by the Customer Support and Delivery Assurance Workstreams.

#### A. Steering Group – responsible for programme direction and steering

The following paragraphs of this section A collectively represent the rules of the Steering Group.

##### A.1 Objectives

A.1.1 The Steering Group is hereby constituted to oversee the Accelerated Loss of Mains changes and to ensure that the Programme is effectively delivered to time, to budget and delivers value to the electricity consumer.

A.1.2 The Steering Group will:

- formally agree the programme level expenditure budgets, based on ongoing analysis of the value of the programme, and recommend continuation of the Programme or otherwise in light of Programme performance.
- Report on Performance and Value to the Distribution Code Review Panel (“DCRP”); however, the DCRP does not hold any executive rights of control over the Steering Group.
- Review reports on progress and performance from the Stakeholder, Customer Support, Delivery Assurance and Value Assurance Workstreams

- Steer the activities of the Workstreams and approve, or redirect as necessary, proposals developed and decisions made by the Workstreams in line with their respective and/or delegated authority.
- be responsible for ensuring high level stakeholder management is successful, particularly with Ofgem and BEIS.

A.1.3 The Steering Group will receive reports from and provide guidance to the following standing groups constituting formal workstreams of the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme:

- Stakeholder Workstream
- Customer Support Workstream
- Delivery Assurance Workstream
- Value Assurance Workstream

A.1.4 The Steering Group may establish such other sub-committees or working groups from time to time consisting of such persons as it considers desirable. Each new sub-committee or working group shall be subject to such written terms of reference and shall be subject to such procedures as the Steering Group may determine. Such new working groups or sub-committees may consist of Members and/or others as the Steering Group may determine for the purpose

## A.2 Membership

A.2.1 The Steering Group will consist of

- 1 Member appointed by NGESO;
- 1 Member appointed by each DNO Group (being six (6) Members in aggregate);
- 1 Member appointed by those Participating Distributors who are also IDNOs;
- 3 members appointed to represent BSUoS payers\*
- 3 members appointed to represent owners of distributed generation\*
- 1 observer appointed by Ofgem\*

\* Such members shall be appointed to the Steering Group and assume voting rights in accordance with paragraph 'A.5 Meetings' on the basis that they – alike the network member representatives - undertake to comply with this Constitution.

Members shall self-appoint onto the Steering Group.

A.2.2 The initial Members of the SG are detailed in the document 'ALoMCP Workstream representative' published on the ENA's website and updated from time to time.

A.2.3 A Member may be removed and a new nominee appointed in his or her place by not less than seven (7) days' notice in writing to the Secretary.

A.2.4 Each Member shall have the right to appoint any individual to be his or her alternate and may at any time remove an alternate so appointed. Any appointment or removal of an alternate shall be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary. An alternate shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the SG in place of the Member appointing him or her and shall otherwise have the same rights in relation to the SG as that appointing Member.

### A.3 Chairman

A.3.1 The SG will appoint the Chairman from the SG Members.

A.3.2 If the Chairman is unable to chair a particular meeting, the SG Members may appoint an alternative member of the Steering Group to act as Chairman for that meeting taking on full responsibilities in that regard.

### A.4 Secretary

A.4.1 The SG Members will appoint a secretary to the Group. The secretary may, but need not be, a member of the Steering Group. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Secretary is not a member of the Steering Group then they will be able to attend meetings in order to fulfil their secretarial role, but not be given any decision-making rights.

A.4.2 The secretary will be responsible for the smooth running of Steering Group meetings, including organizing meetings, agenda and minutes. The secretary shall prepare and circulate notices of meetings, agendas and minutes of meetings.

### A.5 Meetings

A.5.1 The Steering Group will have authority to determine its own pattern of meetings.

A.5.2 Meetings may be in person, by teleconference or by webex or other web-based means. The Chairman will propose the relevant format for each meeting, taking into account any representation from members on meeting format.

A.5.3 By default, meetings will be held quarterly.

A.5.4 Any member may ask the secretary, with the agreement of the Chairman, to convene ad hoc meetings as necessary. The member seeking an ad hoc meeting will summarise the business to be discussed as part of the request to the secretary.

A.5.5 All meetings shall be convened on not less than fourteen (14) days' notice to be given in writing to each SG Member. The notice of meeting must contain the time, date and venue for the meeting, an agenda and a summary of the business to be conducted at the meeting and shall be given to all SG Members.

A.5.6 Two network licensee members – one of which must be NGENSO - and two other SG Members constitute a quorum.

A.5.7 Decisions will be made on the basis of majority voting.

A.5.8 Where there is strong disagreement on an issue, this will be recorded clearly as such in the minutes, and reported to the DCRP at the DCRP's next formal meeting.

### A.6 Minutes

A.6.1 The secretary will circulate draft minutes of each Steering Group meeting within ten days of the relevant meeting.

A.6.2 Following acceptance of the minutes, as amended if necessary, at the following meeting the secretary shall arrange to publish the minutes to all interested stakeholders.

#### A.7 Changes to Workstream Rules

A7.1 No changes of the Steering Group Rules shall be effective unless agreed by majority voting.

#### A8. Members' Responsibilities

A8.1 Members shall represent the interests of those appointing them in accordance with paragraph A2.1 and must be empowered to make decisions on behalf of those appointing them (recognising that some recourse back to senior decision makers might need to be factored in in some cases).