

# Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

## 29 August 2019

### Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

**Date:** 29/08/2019      **Location:** L1-17, Faraday House, Warwick and WebEx  
**Start:** 10:00am      **End:** 1:00pm

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Paul Mullen	PM	Code Administrator, Representative
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Panel Secretary Alternate (Code Administrator)
Anthony Johnson	AJ	National Grid ESO Panel Member Alternate
Philip Smith (Observer)	PS	National Grid ESO Panel Member Alternate
Jeremy Caplin	JC	BCS Panel Representative
Damian Jackman (Dial In)	DJ	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Guy Nicholson (Dial In)	GN	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Sigrid Bolik (Observer Dial In)	SB	Panel Member Alternate, Generator Representative
Robert Longden (Dial In)	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Richard Woodward	RW	Panel Member Alternate, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative
Christopher Smith (Dial In)	CS	Panel Member Alternate, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Steve Cox	SC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative

Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
Nadir Hafeez (Observer Dial In)	NH	Authority
Milo Paris-Jones	MPJ	Proposer of GC0130 National Grid ESO
Williams Jones	WJ	Proposer of GC0130 National Grid ESO
Jian Sun	JS	Proposer of GC0130 National Grid ESO
Colm Murphy (part-meeting)	CM	National Grid ESO Panel Member
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Emma Hart	EH	Panel Secretary (Code Administrator)
Joseph Underwood	JU	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Ross McGhin	RM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative

## 1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

7246. TM opened the Grid Code Review Panel (“the Panel”) meeting with introductions and acknowledged the advance apologies received from the following Panel members: -

1. Emma Hart (Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator)
2. Ross McGhin (Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative)
3. Joseph Underwood (Panel Member, Generator Representative)

### **Brief Overview by Colm Murphy (CM) on the 9 August 2019 Power Cut**

7247. CM addressed the Panel to provide a quick overview on 9 August 2019 power cut.

7248. CM advised the Panel that it would not be appropriate to comment beyond what has already been published in the interim report. He told the Panel that the team are working to put together a final report which will be submitted to Ofgem on 6 September 2019.

7249. CM went on to inform the Panel that any input from the Panel, highlighting areas of concern or gaps that may be apparent on the interim report is valuable. All relevant feedback is welcomed and will be passed onto the team carrying out the investigation. This information can be submitted the Grid Code mailing box: - [box.grid.code@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:box.grid.code@nationalgrideso.com).

7250. CM further went on to state that some valuable points have been raised by the Panel and that the Panel will have a role to play once the investigations were complete. When the final report is published, and is in the public domain National Grid ESO would work with the Panel members in this respect and agreed to provide a further update at the next GCRP.

7251. The Chair reminded the Panel that it was not part of the reporting and accountability arrangements for the outage which lay with Ofgem and the Government, notwithstanding

the fact that the outcomes of the investigations may have, in due course, implications for the Grid Code and for the Panel to consider.

7252. **Action 278:** Code Administrator to investigate and confirm if the 5 actions raised against the GCRP regarding the 27 May 2008 incident were delivered.
7253. The Panel enquired, in light of the power cut on 9 August, whether or not the ESO should be doing anything differently as part of the Emergency and Restoration Code implementation, and opening this up more widely to others, particularly Storage and not just CUSC Parties. A further question was posed as to whether ESO were comfortable with running the Code Administrator Consultations for GC0125, GC0127 and GC0128 during the reporting period. The ESO is committed to meeting the compliance date of 18 December 2019 rather than opening this much wider and risking this compliance date.
7254. **Action 279:** Code Administrator to clarify ESO position on running the Code Administrator Consultations for GC0125, GC0127 and GC0128 during the reporting period.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

7255. The Panel approved the draft minutes from the Panel held on 30 July 2019 as a correct record of the meeting subject to minor amendments raised by AC (*Post Meeting Note: these have now been received*) and can be found by following this link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-august-2019>

## 3. Review of Actions

7256. The Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 30 July 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log by following the link below:-

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-august-2019>

## 4. Chair Update

7256. The Chair had no updates.

## 5. Authority Decisions

7257. There were no Authority decisions made since the last Panel.

## 6. New Modifications

7258. One new Grid Code Modification was raised at the Panel meeting and was presented by William Jones. This was **GC0130 'OC2 Change for simplifying 'output useable' data submission and utilising REMIT data'**.

Full details of this modification can be found by following this link:-

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0130-oc2-change-simplifying-output-useable-data-submission-and>

7259. Following the presentation of GC0130, Panel members raised a number of questions, some of which would need to be considered by a workgroup.

Key issues raised were:

- (1) Whether this Modification would potentially disadvantage smaller suppliers?
- (2) Would parties signing up to REMIT also unintentionally be subject to additional regulatory requirements;
- (3) Panel Members proposed minor changes to legal text; and
- (4) Panel Members raised concern on impacts on the Balancing and Settlement Code.

7260. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0130 should be progressed as a Self-Governance modification with one Workgroup.

7261. **Action 281:** Code Administrator to send out email request for Workgroup nominations and set up the meeting. (*Post Meeting Note: Sent out 3 September 2019, Workgroup proposed for 1 October 2019*)

7262. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for GC0130 which can be found by following this link along with the proposal form:-

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0130-oc2-change-simplifying-output-useable-data-submission-and>

## 7. In Flight Modifications

7263. PM provided the progress of the in-flight Modifications since the last Panel in July 2019. The in-flight Modifications can be found within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-august-2019>

7264. The updates provided included discussion on GC0127/128 where PM confirmed that the Workgroup vote has now been completed and the Workgroup Report will be issued to Panel on 3 September 2019 to allow Panel to review ahead of the Special Panel on 10 September 2019).

7265. PM also presented an update on **GC0129: 'Updating references to Engineering Recommendation G5'**. The Grid Code Modification will be sent for Code Administrator Consultation once the Distribution Code solution has been finalised. SC confirmed the latest position and confirmed that G5/5 would only apply to new parties signing connection agreements after March 2020. Ofgem expressed a desire to assess the Final Modification Reports of the Distribution Modification and GC0129 together. Although there will be a small-time lag, the Panel agreed that GC0129 Draft Final Modification Report should be presented

to the GCRP at the usual October GCRP rather than the Special Panel on 14 October 2019. GS confirmed that Ofgem was content with this arrangement.

7266. GN added that the title of the GC0129 Modification Proposal is confusing and proposed to suggest wording to clarify this.
7267. **Action 280:** GN to forward to all Panel members -  
(a) the proposed change to the title of the GC0129 modification **from** 'Updating references to Engineering Recommendation G5' **to** 'Updating to Engineering Recommendation G5/5 – Harmonics (*Post Meeting Note: Completed*)  
(b) The Code Administrator to change the title, or if not allowed under the governance rules, add clarification text to the proposal form or the website to make clear what this modification is seeking to achieve. (*Post Meeting Note: We will change title of proposal form on website*)
7268. As part of update on GC0103, the Code Administrator took away the action below:
7269. **Action 282:** Code Administrator (PM) to contact Ben Pirie of Ofgem who is dealing with GC0103 modification to join the Workgroup to provide some further clarity.
7270. As part of update on GC0126, the ESO agreed to liaise with Elexon to discuss both the legal text changes kindly proposed by JC and implementation dates
7271. **Action 283:** AJ to review the Legal Text and provide comments to JC week commencing 02 September 2019.
7272. PM shared the Grid Code “Dashboard” with the Panel to provide clarity on the position/status of the modifications month on month. This slide (18) is contained in the Panel Pack and can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-august-2019>

## 8. Discussions on Prioritisation

7273. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and agreed that the GC0130 modification should be placed nearer to the top of the stack and progressed swiftly, as discussed, as it needs to be implemented for Q1 2020.
7274. GN challenged whether GC0105 and GC0109 should also be moved up the stack. Panel agreed that these modifications should remain in their current position, noting that a clear way forward has already been agreed for both the modifications and there is little value in moving these higher up the stack.
7275. The Panel's rationale on the prioritisation stack is included to show transparency to industry members. The revised version of the prioritisation stack can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-august-2019>

## 9. Break

## 10. Workgroup Reports

7276. PM presented the workgroup report on **GC0125 'EU Code Emergency & Restoration: Black Start testing requirements for Interconnectors'**. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup had met its Terms of Reference and that this Modification would now go to Code Administrator Consultation. After discussion on the duration of the Code Administrator Consultation, it was agreed that this should be open for 15 working days which means that the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0125 will now be presented at the Special Panel on 14 October 2019 alongside GC0127/128

7277. All **GC0125** related documents can be found on the National Grid ESO website via the following links.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0125-eu-code-emergency-restoration-black-start-testing-requirements>

## 11. Reports to the Authority

7278. PM advised the Panel that no reports have been submitted to Authority since the last Panel meeting on 30 July 2019.

## 12. Implementation Updates

7279. PM informed the Panel that **GC0123 'Clarifying references to NGET and Relevant Transmission Licensees'** will be implemented on 4 September 2019. Following the approval of GC0122 by the Panel as fast-track self-governance in March 2019, this modification is being raised to clarify to users certain functions performed by the Relevant Transmission Licensees as within the scope addressed by GC0122 and also to make other minor corrections indicated by the Panel.

Further information on this Modification can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0123-clarifying-references-nget-and-relevant-transmission-licensees>

## 13. Electrical Standards

7280. There were no new updates to the electrical standards.

## 14. Governance

7281. PM delivered a presentation on Governance under the headings: -

**Our commitments for the remainder of 2019.**

**Communicating our aspiration on number of workgroups to be held by Code Administration team per month.**

**Guidance on Proposal Forms.**

The presentation slides with full details can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0123-clarifying-references-nget-and-relevant-transmission-licensees>

7282. PM provided clarity and reasoning behind the number of workgroups (cross code) that the Code Administrator aspire to hold per month going forward.

7283. PM advised the Panel that the Code Administrator would aspire to hold 8 -12 workgroups per month (the variation depending on resource availability) across the codes. PM added that, from the September Panel, the numbers of workgroups (and confirmation of those arranged) the Code Administrator intends to hold for the following 3 months would be communicated at Panel, which would allow Panel to challenge any gaps. Given that the Code Administrator is now planning to these numbers, PM reiterated that it was important that the Panel prioritised effectively as the Code Administrator will be using the Prioritisation stacks to determine which workgroups it holds. The benefits of this approach will be increased visibility for industry and ensuring resources across Code Administrator, ESO and industry are not overstretched, resulting in better quality workgroup inputs and outputs.

7284. PM also presented a forward look at which items the Code Administrator would be presenting at future Panels. This includes guidance on Panel Ways of Working and Workgroup Ways of Working, which includes a streamlined simpler to use Workgroup Report template. PM clarified that these are documents owned by the Code Administrator but welcomed Panel views on these. He presented initial thoughts on what would be contained in the Panel Ways of Working and Workgroup Ways of Working documents.

## 15. Grid Code Development Forum

7285. PM advised the Panel that the GCDF was not held in August and that the next GCDF will be held on 12 September 2019. The agenda and papers for this meeting will shortly be available (on 5 September 2019) via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/gcdf-workgroup-day-12-september-2019>

## 16. Standing Items

7286. **Distribution Code Panel**

There was no further update in relation to the Distribution Code to that provided earlier on

GC0129.

#### 7287. **Joint European Stakeholder Group**

There was no update from the Joint European Stakeholder Group.

### 17. Horizon Scan

7288. PM walked through the update on the Horizon Scan this month. An updated Horizon Scan document can be view on the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0123-clarifying-references-nget-and-relevant-transmission-licensees>

### 18. CACoP

7289. PM informed the Panel that a CACoP meeting was held on 13 August 2019 following a face to face event.

This event focused on reviewing the feedback received at the face to face event in July hosted by Elexon.

An updated Forward Plan will be shared in a newsletter in October that will set out the changes that CACoP will be making.

A further update will be provided at the September Panel.

### 19. Forward Plan – Customer Journey

7290. PM advised the Panel that an update on the Forward Plan will be provided at the December Panel meeting.

### 20. AOB

7291. TM requested early sight of AOBs ahead of Panel meetings r. These should be sent to TM in the first instance and copied into the Code Administrator.

7292. GS touched upon the Energy Codes Review and advised the Panel that workshops were scheduled for 3 and 5 September 2019 and that the consultation closes on 16 September 2019.

### 21. Next Meeting

7293. There is a Special Grid Code Review Panel WebEx on 10 September 2019 from 2pm to 3pm at which Panel will be asked to confirm if GC0127/128 Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference and can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

7294. The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will take place on **26 September 2019** at Faraday House, Warwick and WebEx commencing at **10am**.