

# Meeting Minutes

## Grid Code Review Panel

<b>Date:</b>	29/10/2019	<b>Location:</b>	SSE Offices, Glasgow and Webex
<b>Start:</b>	10:00	<b>End:</b>	14:00

## Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Trisha McAuley, Independent Chair (TM)	Attend	Jeremy Caplin, BSC Representative (JC)	Attend
Paul Mullen, Code Administrator Representative (PM)	Attend	Graeme Vincent, Network Operator Alternate Representative (GV)	Attend
Emma Hart, Technical Secretary (EH)	Attend	Richard Woodward, Onshore Transmission Alternate Representative (RW1)	Attend
Robert Longden, Suppliers Representative (RL)	Attend	Christopher Smith, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative (CS)	Attend
Guy Nicholson, Generator Representative (GN)	Attend	Gurpal Singh, Authority Representative (GS)	Attend
Damian Jackman, Generator Representative (DJ)	Attend	Nadir Hafeez, Authority Observer (NH)	Attend
Joseph Underwood, Generator Representative (JU)	Attend	Rob Pears, Code Administrator Observer (RP)	Attend
Alastair Frew, Generator Representative (AF)	Attend	Garth Graham, SSE, presenter of modification GC0133 (GG)	Attend
Rob Wilson, National Grid ESO Representative and presenter of modification GC0135 (RW)	Attend	Mark Meyrick, Ecotricity, presenter of modification GC0134 (MM)	Attend

## Discussion and details

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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
7376.	<p>TM opened the Grid Code Review Panel ("the Panel") meeting with introductions and acknowledged the advance apologies received from the following Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ross McGhin (alternate Richard Woodward); and</li> <li>• Alan Creighton (alternate Graeme Vincent).</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the Panel Meetings held on 26 September 2019</b>
7377.	The Panel agreed that the minutes from the Panel held on 26 September 2019 are approved as a correct record subject to the changes highlighted by Panel members in advance of the Panel meeting.
<b>3</b>	<b>Review of the Actions within the Action Log</b>
7378.	The Grid Code Review Panel reviewed the open actions and updates from the meeting held on 26 September 2019 which can be found on the Actions Log.
7379.	The Panel agreed to close actions 284, 287, 289, 290, 291 and 293.
<b>4</b>	<b>Chair's Update</b>
7380.	TM informed the Panel that she had no items to discuss with the Panel.
<b>5</b>	<b>Authority Decisions</b>
7381.	GS informed the Panel that there are currently no decisions currently pending with the Authority. In addition, the Authority have issued no decisions since the August Panel meeting.
<b>6</b>	<b>New Modifications</b>
	<b><u>GC0133: Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition</u></b>
7382.	GG presented the slides in relation to the GC0133 modification proposal.
7383.	GG recommended that this modification proceeds straight to a Code Administrator Consultation.
	The defect
7384.	The Panel considered whether this modification is substantially the same defect as GC0109: <a href="#">The open, transparent, non-discriminatory and timely publication of the various GB electricity warnings or notices or alerts or declaration or instructions or directions etc., issued by or to the Network Operator(s).</a>
7385.	GG informed the Panel that in his view GC0133 is distinct from GC0109 because GC0109 requires all existing warnings, alerts or notifications etc. received or created by the ESO to be forwarded on

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to industry and it does not create any new warnings, alerts or notifications etc. This modification (GC0133) is seeking to create a new alert relating to the System State.

7386. RW stated that he believed it was possible, based on the drafting of GC0109 defect, for GC0133 to be considered as part of GC0109 modification. However, the solution for GC0133 is well defined as opposed to GC0109 and therefore GC0133 will be concluded quicker than GC0109.

7387. DJ stated that his understanding is that the driver for GC0109 is commercial to ensure all market participants have the same information at the same time i.e. levelling the playing field. Whereas GC0133 looks at improving system resilience by allowing generators to take into account the system state.

7388. The Panel agreed that GC0133 does not fall within the defect defined in GC0109 and should be considered as a separate modification.

7389. RW raised concern relating to the potential misunderstandings and undue alarm caused by industry receiving a state of the system alert. RW informed the Panel that sharing the state of the system alert was considered previously and it was agreed that only Transmission System Operators should receive it as it was unclear what other industry stakeholders would do with the information.

7390. RL agreed that it was important for the information to be presented in a way that does not create misunderstanding. RL stated that it might be that an explanation needs to accompany the alert statuses. GG stated that the modification creates an obligation but will not be prescriptive about how this is achieved.

#### Self-governance

7391. The Panel considered whether this modification met the self-governance criteria. The Panel agreed that this modification did not meet the self-governance criteria and therefore would proceed as a standard governance modification.

7392. The Panel recognised the concerns that had been raised by RW particularly in relation to avoiding causing undue alarm within the industry. The Panel agreed that further discussion was required between the Proposer and the Electricity System Operator (ESO) prior to deciding whether this modification could proceed to a Code Administrator Consultation or whether a workgroup should be established.

**ACTION 293:** GG and RW to discuss GC0133 to identify the risks and any risk mitigation required in relation to State of the System alerts and update the Panel at the next Panel meeting in November 2019 at which Panel will be asked to determine if GC0133 should be sent to Workgroup or go straight to Code Administrator Consultation.

#### **GC0134: Removing the telephony requirements as part of Wider Access to the Balancing Market for small, distributed and aggregated market**

7393. MM presented the slides in relation to the GC0134 modification proposal. MM clarified that this modification is seeking to address the issue that there is a 24/7 control telephony requirement in the Grid Code but small participants are not available in person to deal with queries 24/7.

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7394.	The Panel agreed that GC0134 did not meet the self-governance criteria and therefore should proceed through the standard governance route. The Panel agreed that this modification should have a Workgroup.
7395.	The Panel set the Workgroup's Terms of Reference.
	<b>ACTION 294:</b> Code Administrator to seek feedback from Proposer on GC0134 Workgroup Terms of Reference and flag any proposed changes to Panel
	<b><u>GC0135: Removal of Redundant Provisions</u></b>
7396.	RW presented the slides in relation to the GC0135 modification proposal.
7397.	AF raised a few minor points in relation to the legal text that needed considering.
	Self-governance
7398.	The Panel agreed that GC0135 meets the self-governance criteria should proceed to a Code Administrator Consultation, subject to a review of the legal text with AF following the Panel meeting.
<b>7</b>	<b>In-flight Modification Updates</b>
7399.	PM highlighted the progress of the in-flight modifications since the last Panel in September 2019. The in-flight modifications can be found within the Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:  <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-october-2019">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/meetings/grid-code-panel-29-october-2019</a>
7400.	PM highlighted the Workgroup meetings that are already scheduled in the diary.
7401.	PM confirmed that there had been no changes since September in terms of the number of workgroups the Code Administrator was planning to hold.
<b>8</b>	<b>Discussions on Prioritisation</b>
7402.	The Panel reviewed the current prioritisation stack. The Chair agreed that the prioritisation process still required further work to improve transparency to the industry and took an action to discuss this with Gareth Davies and the Code Administration team.  PM stated that the Code Administrator would update Proposers if their Modifications move up or down on the stack to ensure the transparency is there and also offered to represent Proposers' (who were not Panel members) views and justification for moving their Modification up the prioritisation stack should they wish to.  <b>ACTION 295:</b> TM to liaise with the Code Admin team about how to improve the prioritisation process.
7403.	The Panel placed GC0134 into the prioritisation stack. GC0134 was inserted into position six within the stack (below GC0107/GC0113).

<b>9</b>	<b>Workgroup Reports</b>
	<u>GC0096: Storage</u>
7404.	PM informed the Panel that at the June Panel meeting the Draft Final Modification Report was considered. At this meeting a number of issues with the legal text were highlighted and the Panel sent the modification back to the workgroup for further work.
7405.	PM stated that the workgroup met on 12 September 2019 and changes were made. PM advised the Panel that he was recommending a 10 working day Code Administrator Consultation in order for the modification to return to the Panel in November 2019.
7406.	The Panel agreed that the modification should proceed to a 10 working day Code Administrator Consultation. The Panel thanked Chrissie Brown for the work she has undertaken on this modification.
	<u>GC0105: System Incident Report</u>
7407.	The Panel considered the GC0105 workgroup report.
7408.	AF raised that the term “System Incident Report” does not refer to the defined term “System Incident” within the Grid Code and therefore may be misleading. In addition, some of the terms are bolded in the legal text but there is no Glossary and Definitions section for these defined terms.
7409.	RW agreed that the legal text needed to be reviewed to address these minor drafting points.
7410.	The Panel agreed that the GC0105 workgroup had met its Terms of Reference and the modification could proceed to a Code Administrator Consultation subject to a legal text review with AF.
<b>10</b>	<b>Draft Final Modification Reports</b>
	<u>GC0125 EU Code Emergency &amp; Restoration: Black Start testing requirements for Interconnectors</u>
7411.	The Panel review the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0125 and undertook a Panel vote in accordance with Governance Rule GR.22.4. The Panel agreed by majority that both the Original solution and the Workgroup Alternative (WACM1) better facilitated the Grid Code objectives than the Baseline and agreed to send the modification to the Authority for decision.
	<u><b>GC0129: Updating the Grid Code to use Engineering Recommendation G5/5 – Harmonics</b></u>
7412.	The Panel review the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0129 and undertook a Panel vote in accordance with Governance Rule GR.22.4. The Panel unanimously agreed that the Original solution better facilitated the Grid Code objectives than the Baseline and agreed to send the modification to the Authority for decision.

<b>11</b>	<b>Reports to the Authority</b>
7413.	There were no new reports submitted to the Authority for decision.
<b>12</b>	<b>Implementation Updates</b>
7414.	No modifications have been implemented since the Panel held on 26 September 2019.
<b>13</b>	<b>Electrical Standards</b>
7415.	There were no updates in relation to the electrical standards since the last Panel.
<b>14</b>	<b>Governance</b>
	Panel Ways of Working
7416.	PM set out that the purpose of creating a 'ways of working' is to provide a set of guidelines to be adopted by all Panel members across the Grid Code Review Panel and the CUSC Modifications Panel. PM shared with the Panel the objective, areas of responsibility, success criteria, the role of the Panel and the behaviour charter. PM requested any final comments from Panel members by 8 November 2019, after which he would review and shortly thereafter publish on the Code Administrator website.
	Critical Friend Update
7417.	PM outlined that the key areas where the Code Administrator has given Critical Friend advice have been in relation to restructuring the drafting of modification proposal forms, defining acronyms, advice on governance routes and strengthening the implementation section of proposal forms.
7418.	RW stated that he thought the critical friend role has helped improve the quality of proposal forms received by the Panel.
7419.	The Panel agreed that the direction of travel for the quality of proposal forms has been positive.
<b>15</b>	<b>Grid Code Development Forum and Workgroup Day(s)</b>
7420.	EH informed the Panel that at present there are no agenda items for the next Grid Code Development Forum scheduled for 7 November 2019.
7421.	<a href="#">GC0130: QC2 Change for simplifying 'output useable' data submission and utilising REMIT data</a> is scheduled for 6 November 2019.

<b>16</b>	<b>Standing Items</b>
	<u>Distribution Code</u>
7422.	<p>GV provided the Panel with an update in relation to the last Distribution Review Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Accelerated Loss of Means Programme went live in October 2019; and</li> <li>• P24: Traction Supplies modification proceeded to consultation.</li> </ul>
	<u>Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)</u>
7423.	<p>PM advised the Panel that the following items were discussed at JESG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from 17 September Market European Stakeholder Committee (MESC) meeting, update provided by Steve Wilkin (ELEXON);</li> <li>• Clean Energy Package and recently published Electricity Market Design Overview and Update, update provided by Mike Oxenham (National Grid ESO);</li> <li>• GB Interconnector Capacity Restrictions and Payments, update provided by Susan Mwape (National Grid ESO); and</li> <li>• Brief update on EU Exit, update provided by Kahla Niemann (BEIS)</li> </ul> <p>The slide deck can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/european-network-codes/meetings/jesg-meeting-8-october-2019">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/european-network-codes/meetings/jesg-meeting-8-october-2019</a></p> <p>The next JESG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 November 2019 at the ELEXON, London.</p>
<b>17</b>	<b>Update on Other Industry Codes</b>
7424.	PM provided an update on the other industry codes.
<b>18</b>	<b>Code Administrator Code of Practice (CACoP) Update</b>
7425.	PM advised the Panel that the CACoP newsletter had been published.
7426.	In addition, PM advised the Panel that CACoP had now successfully run its October workshop to review progress and update its Forward Plan in line with the feedback received from the July event held.
7427.	PM further stated that CACoP considered the CACoP survey results in relation to industry's view of how the Code Administrators are performing. The forum discussed how future actions within the Forward Plan can ensure the feedback is being addressed.
7428.	PM informed the Panel that a presentation of the CACoP survey results would be on the agenda for the November Panel.
<b>19</b>	<b>Forward Plan Update</b>
7429.	PM advised the Panel that there was no update to provide to the Panel in relation to the Forward Plan.

<b>20</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
	Quick Developing Requirements
7430.	RW informed the Panel that there were two actions relating to quick developing requirements that are not reflected in the Grid Code or the Relevant Electrical Standard (RES) documents. It has been suggested that these could be added to the RES documents to ensure they are subject to a change process. The Panel supported this approach.
	Data Requirements in the Data Registration Code (DRC)
7431.	RW informed the Panel that an issue has been highlighted which will require a modification to change the DRC. The Panel discussed having an informal group to look at this issue prior to proceeding with a code change.
7432.	RW confirmed that this item will proceed to GCDF prior to it being raised formally.
	<b>ACTION 296:</b> The Panel to contact RW if they are interested in participating in the informal group to look at the DRC.
	Ofgem - Energy Codes Review
7433.	GS advised that Ofgem were currently reviewing the consultation responses received and it is intending to publish a response by the end of the year. GS stated that there will be a further consultation in early 2020.
	Supply licensing Review
7434.	NH stated that Ofgem issued a consultation on the supply licensing review last week and are currently seeking views.
	<b>ACTION 297:</b> NH to circulate the link to the supply licensing review to the Panel.
	Energy Emergencies Executive Committee (E3C)
7435.	GG informed the Panel that a report is likely to be published shortly once ministerial approval achieved. There were 11 actions identified with one jointly on Grid Code Review Panel and the GB Distribution Code Review Panel to assess code compliance process. There is a further action expected in relation to SQSS review.
	The actions are likely to be monitored by the E3C rather than the Grid Code Review Panel.
<b>21</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>
7436.	The next Panel meeting will take place at Faraday House, Warwick and WebEx on <b>28 November 2019</b> commencing at <b>10am</b> .