Headline Report – 19 December 2019

Grid Code Review Panel

The Grid Code Review Panel Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Panel on 28 November 2019 will be approved at the Panel meeting on 30 January 2020.

New Modifications

There were 2 new Modification Proposals for Panel consideration and these were:

GC0136 - Non-material changes to the Grid Code following implementation of the EU Connection Codes.

To implement a number of non-material amendments to various sections of the Grid Code, to correct errors which were identified following the implementation of previous Grid Code Modifications GC0100, GC0101, GC0102 and GC0104.

The Panel agreed to defer the decision on whether this is a Self-Governance Modification going to Code Administrator Consultation until January 2020 Panel. Panel agreed to review the legal text provided before this meeting.

GC0136 documentation can be located via the following link:
https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0136-non-material-changes-grid-code-following-implementation-eu

GC0137 - Minimum Specification Required for Provision of Virtual Synchronous Machine (VSM) Capability

This modification proposes to add a non-mandatory technical specification to the Grid Code, relating to what is referred to as Virtual Synchronous Machine ("VSM") capability.

The Panel agreed that GC0137 should follow the Standard Governance Route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel also agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

GC0137 documentation can be located via the following link:

https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0137-minimum-specification-required-provision-virtual-synchronous-0

New / Pending Authority Decisions

GC0129 decision was approved on 17 December 2019. Implementation Date is 17 June 2020. This can be found at: https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0129-updating-grid-code-use-engineering-recommendation-g55

GC0125 and GC0127/128 decision was expected 17 December 2019 but Ofgem decision is now anticipated by 23 December 2019. Ofgem won't be publishing this decision until after their publishing moratorium (18 December 2019 to 3 January 2020); however, Ofgem confirmed that the Code Administrator are able to publish this decision on their own website and inform industry.

Ofgem confirmed they will provide a decision on the Final Modification Report for GC0096 at end of January 2020.

Prioritisation Stack

The latest version of the Prioritisation Stack is set out in the "Grid Code Prioritisation Stack 19 December 2019" spreadsheet which can be found here:

There were no changes made by Panel to the Prioritisation Stack.

It was agreed that the Code Administrator would speak to the Proposer of GC0103, GC0109 & GC0117 before Panel make a decision on where to place GC0137 in the prioritisation stack (The decision for this is to be deferred to January's Panel meeting).

In flight Modifications

Please refer to latest Modification Tracker for an update on each in flight Modification. This is published monthly at https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes and will be next updated and published on 06 January 2019.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There was 1 Draft Final Modification Report presented to the Panel.

GC0105 – Systems Incident Reporting.

The Grid Code Panel has previously received an annual report from National Grid ESO indicating system incidents and reporting on links losses of load or generation on transmission and/or distribution networks. This modification seeks to re-introduce this report.

The majority of Panel members recommended that the GC0105 Original (8 out of 10 votes) and WAGCM1 (8 out of 10 votes), better facilitated the Grid Code Objectives than the Baseline. Of the 10

votes, 8 thought the Original was the best option and 2 thought that the Baseline was best option. Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 6 January 2020.

GC0105 documentation can be located here: https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0105-system-incidents-reporting

Workgroup Reports

There was 1 Workgroup Report presented to the Panel.

GC0107/113 - The open, transparent, non discriminatory and timely publication of the generic and/ or PGM specific values required to be specified by the relevant TSO(s) and / or relevant system operator et al., in accordance with the RfG.

These modifications seek to provide transparency for industry of the generic and/or Power Generating Module specific values required to be specified by the relevant network operators, in accordance with the Requirements for Generators (GC0107) and Demand Connection Conditions (GC0113).

The Panel were asked to approve that the Terms of Reference have been met and agree for GC0107/0113 to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation; however, Panel agreed that inconsistencies within the legal text needed to be addressed first. The Workgroup Report will be re-submitted to January's Panel.

GC107/113 documentation can be located here: https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0117-improving-transparency-and-consistency-access-arrangements

Questions or feedback?

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