

## Meeting minutes

### National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standards (NETS SQSS)

#### SQSS Review Panel

<b>Date:</b> 12/02/2020	<b>Location:</b> Warwick and WebEx
<b>Start:</b> 10:00 AM	<b>End:</b> 12:00 PM

#### Participants

Attendee		Attend / Regrets	Attendee		Attend / Regrets
Chrissie Brown (CB) Panel Chair	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	<b>Attend</b>	Roddy Wilson (RWi)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	<b>Attend</b>
Jennifer Groome (JG) Panel Secretary	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	<b>Attend</b>	Le Fu (LF)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	<b>Attend</b>
Phil Smith (PS)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer	Regrets	Xiaolin Ding (XD)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	<b>Attend</b>
Antony Johnson (A.J)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<b>Attend</b>	Mike Lee (ML)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	Regrets
Rob Wilson (RW)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer	<b>Attend</b>	David Lyon (DL)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	<b>Attend</b>
Louise Trodden (LT)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Presenter GSR026	<b>Attend</b>	John Sinclair (JS)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	Regrets
Bieshoy Awad (BA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<b>Attend</b>	Alan Creighton (AC)	Network Operator	<b>Attend</b>
Cornel Brozio (CBR)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	<b>Attend</b>	Simon Lord (SL)	Generation Representative	<b>Attend</b>

Diyar Kadar (DK)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	<b>Attend</b>	Bill Reed (BR)	Generation Representative	Regrets
Bless Kuri (BK)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)				Regrets

## Discussion and details

### 1. Introductions and apologies

The Chair opened the Panel meeting by making introductions and noted the apologies received.

GS (Gurpal Singh) has taken over from SS (Shilen Shah) as the Authority representative.

### 2. Approval of Panel Minutes from September 2019

The minutes from the SQSS Panel meeting held on **13 November 2019** were approved. The minutes have been updated and are now available on SQSS website.

### 3. Review of Actions Log

Actions 30.0, 29.9, 30.1 and 30.2 were updated.

Actions 30.4, 30.5, 30.6 and 30.7 were added.

### 4. NEW modifications – Draft: GSR026: Adding 220kV Equipment to the Codes

LT from National Grid ESO presented [slides](#) which explained the reasons for the modification. The Proposer confirmed that the proposed change does not intend to change anything for existing equipment connected to the transmission network, only to increase flexibility for equipment with other voltages. Some Panel members raised some questions regarding whether cables can be operable within the proposed limits, the Proposer took an action to look into this ahead of the modification being formally raised at the April Panel meeting.

The modification will be discussed at the next Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF) on 4 March 2020. The discussion will cover the changes required to the Grid Code and SQSS. The Code Administrator will send out all the proposed legal text changes before the GCDF and this will be shared with SQSS Panel members.

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The Proposer recommended that the modifications (both SQSS and Grid Code) should go straight to code administrator consultation and will submit this modification formally to the April Panel meeting.

**ACTION**

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**5. Workgroup updates**

GSR022 is on hold until March 2020. BA will provide an update on the position of this in at the next Panel meeting.

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**6. Standing items/impacts from other work**

**a. Chapter 7 Guidance**

Following comments being provided by Panel members, BA will circulate the guidance to the Panel in advance of the next meeting ahead of publication

**ACTION 30.1**

**b. BEIS Engineering Standard Workshop – SQSS impacts and other discussions**

RW shared that he will be attending a workshop on 14 February and will feed back what was discussed at the next Panel meeting. CBR raised that the Panel would like to be kept informed of work going on in this area, particularly if any areas of the SQSS have been identified as requiring change.

CBR noted the current drafting in the RIIO 2 proposals and questioned what the current thinking is regarding an SQSS review as outlined in the document. He asked what areas were currently being considered as part of this. RW agreed that early sight of this would be beneficial and took an action to confirm what can be shared in terms of current thinking.

**ACTION**

**c. Review of Modification register**

The Panel noted that there had not been any movement on the modifications noted on the modification register. CB noted that the Panel are awaiting a decision on [GSR025](#).

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**7. E3C/Ofgem report and next steps**

E3C specifies that ESO must raise a proposal at the April SQSS Panel meeting. RW updated that they are looking at a range of options and that they would prefer to develop a more informed solution before raising the modification in April.

The Panel expressed that pre-engagement on the proposal should happen before April. It was suggested that a meeting should to be set up so industry members can challenge the initial thinking of the ESO and help to develop the solution before the modification is

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raised. LF made a further point that industry should kept up to date with what is happening and the associated timescales.

RW expressed that the solution would be further refined with industry through workgroup process, however agreed that pre-engagement with industry should be had before April. It was suggested that the next GCDF could be used for this. RW took an action to confirm what will be done and when from an engagement perspective.

**ACTION**

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**8. AOB**

CB highlighted her understanding on whether changes to the SQSS governance rules can be determined by the Panel or whether they must be approved by the Authority. The majority of Panel members agreed that they are within the remit of the Panel to amend, considering that the Governance rules are not contained within the Standards. GS took an action away to confirm that the Authority would not be expecting to receive a modification for approval around the SQSS Governance Rules.

**ACTION**

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**9. Next Meeting**

The next NETS SQSS Review Panel will be held **27 April 2020** by Webex

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