

Headline Report – 23 April 2020

Grid Code Review Panel

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

Approval of Panel Minutes

The minutes from the following meetings were approved at the Panel meeting on 22 April 2020.

- Minutes of the Panel meeting held 30 January 2020 were approved at April Panel meeting.
- Minutes of the Panel meeting held 27 February 2020 were approved at April Panel meeting (pending update of comments from Alan Creighton – Panel Member).
- Minutes of the Panel meeting held 26 March 2020 were approved at April Panel meeting (pending update of comments from Alan Creighton – Panel Member).

New Modifications

There was one new Modification Proposal for Panel consideration and this was:

GC0142 - Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the Grid Code

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0142-adding-non-standard-voltages-grid>

Following the rejection of modification GSR0021 to the System Quality and Standards of Supply (SQSS) by Ofgem, this modification is being raised to seek modifications to the Grid Code. A separate modification will be raised to modify the SQSS. The modifications are looking to incorporate equipment at nominal voltages other than those that are currently used within the Codes.

The Proposer recommended that this modification follows a standard governance route and proceeds to Code Administrator Consultation.

Panel decided to defer their decision for the May 2020 Panel meeting following discussion in relation to lower voltages and the governance route that should apply. Ofgem suggested that as the changes were non-material, this modification could follow a self-governance route.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem confirmed they expect to provide a decision on the Final Modification Reports by the end of April 2020 for:-

- **GC0096** - Energy Storage
- **GC0105** - System Incidents Reporting

Ofgem confirmed they expect to provide a decision on the Final Modification Reports by the end of May 2020 for:-

- **GC0107/113** - The open, transparent, non-discriminatory and timely publication of the generic and/or Power Generating Module specific values required to be specified by the relevant TSO(s) and / or relevant system operator et al., in accordance with the Requirements for Generators (GC107) and Demand Connection Conditions (GC113).

Ofgem Call for Evidence – ESO Code Administrator Performance 2019/20

Ofgem's Call for Evidence on ESO performance over the 2019-20 regulatory period is still open. The Code Administrator Performance is also covered by this and we would welcome your feedback. You have until the 14th May 2020 (now extended to end of May) to submit your feedback to Ofgem. Further details can be found using the link below.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/call-evidence-eso-performance-over-2019-20-regulatory-period>

Key highlights for the ESO Code Administrator are:

- Relaunch of Code Administrator website
- Redevelopment of our consultation documents
- Introduction of proposal summaries and executive summaries

Prioritisation Stack and inflight modifications

The Panel reviewed the Grid Code prioritisation stack and decided to make the following changes: -

- **GC0137** was given a higher priority by the Panel and is now number 7 in the prioritisation stack and the order of modifications below moving down by one accordingly.

The prioritisation for each modification can be found on the new version of the Modification Tracker. 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 27 April 2020.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There were two Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

GC0132 - Updating the Grid Code governance process to ensure we capture EBGL change process for Article 18 Terms and Conditions (T&Cs)

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/codes/grid-code/modifications/gc0132-updating-grid-code-governance-process-ensure-we-capture-ebgl>

The purpose of this modification is to ensure that the governance process for making future changes to the European Balancing Guidelines (EBGL) Article 18 (A18) Terms and Conditions ("T and Cs") that are found in the Grid Code incorporates the amendment process as laid out in EBGL Article 6 (A6) and Article 10 (A10).

The Panel voted on whether the Original Proposal, or Workgroup Alternatives (WAGCM1, WAGCM2 or WAGCM3) better facilitate the Grid Code objectives. Six Panel members voted that WAGCM1 was the best option. One Panel Member voted for the Original and one Panel Member voted for WAGCM3.

GC0133 - Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0133-timely-informing-gb-nets-system-state>

This Modification will require the Transmission System Operator (TSO) for GB National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) to inform, in a timely manner, the System State condition of the GB National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) to market participants.

The Panel voted on whether the Original Proposal better facilitates the Grid Code objectives. The vote was split 5/5 in terms of Original and Baseline.

As this was a recommendation vote, the final decision on this will be made by Ofgem. The Final Modification Report will be circulated to Panel on 27 April 2020 for review and will then be sent to Ofgem on 05 May 2020.

Workgroup Reports

There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

Questions or feedback?

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