

Headline Report – 01 May 2020

Grid Code Special Review Panel

The Grid Code Review Panel Headline Report is produced after every Panel and includes any Special Panel meeting that have been held. It aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

A Special Panel was convened on 01 May 2020 to review an urgent modification submitted by the ESO on 30 April 2020.

Approval of Special Panel Minutes

The minutes from the Special Panel meeting will be approved at the next Panel meeting on 28 May 2020.

Urgent Modification

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

GC0143: Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0143-last-resort-disconnection-embedded>

This modification sets out that under emergency conditions and as a last resort the Electricity System Operator (ESO) may instruct a Distribution Network Operator (DNO) to disconnect embedded generators connected to its system. The requirement for this is due to the unprecedented societal changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic which has led to demands out-turning up to 20% lower than predicted.

The Proposer recommended that that this modification should be treated as an Urgent Modification Proposal and go straight to Code Administrator Consultation.

The Panel was convened to carry out a recommendation vote on the request for urgency and agree the timetable for implementation in compliance to the governance rules and process for urgency.

The Panel voted with due consideration for the urgency criteria set out by the Authority. Further information on the urgency criteria can be found here:

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/02/urgency_criteria.pdf

The Panel, by majority, recommended that the modification should be **treated as urgent**.

The Panel have written to the Authority outlining their recommendation which the Authority will now consider. If approved by the Authority, we will notify industry and open the Code Administrator Consultation immediately. Panel have recommended that this opens later today and closes on 05 May 2020.

The proposed timeline is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Code Administrator Consultation	1 May 2020 to 5pm on 5 May 2020
Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel	5 May 2020 (after 5pm)
Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel (for Vote)	6 May 2020
Final Modification Report issued to Panel (to check Votes recorded correctly)	6 May 2020
Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem	6 May 2020
Ofgem decision date	7 May 2020
Implementation Date	7 May 2020

Questions or feedback?

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