

Headline Report – 26 June 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 25 June 2020.

- Minutes of the Panel meeting held 28 May 2020 were approved at the May Panel meeting.
- Minutes for the Special Panel meetings held on 06 May 2020 in relation to the urgent modification (GC0143) were approved by Panel.
- Minutes for the Special Panel meetings held 0 1May 2020 in relation to the urgent modification (GC0143) require further amendments and will be approved at the next Panel meeting in July 2020.

New Modifications

There were no new Modification Proposals for Panel consideration.

GC0142 was represented by National Grid ESO. This modification was presented at the April 2020 Panel Meeting. Actions were taken away by the Proposer to look at various aspects queried by Panel Members and to re-present this modification so that the governance route can be determined by Panel.

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 Panel agreed that GC0142 should follow the Standard Governance Route and proceed to Code Administrator Consultation after the legal text has been approved by Panel via circulation.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Ofgem have provided decisions on the following modifications:

- **GC0132** - Updating the Grid Code governance process to ensure we capture EBGL change process for Article 18 Terms and Conditions (T&Cs)
[\[Decision received, 23 June 2020\]](#)

Ofgem confirmed they expect to provide a decision on the Final Modification Reports in July 2020 for:

- **GC0133** – Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition

Ofgem also changed the governance route for **GC0144**: Alignment of Market Suspension Rights to the EU Emergency and Restoration Code Article 35.1(b) from Self Governance to Standard Governance. The rationale for this is that the NCER states that the rules for market suspension and restoration must be approved by the national regulatory authority. As GC0144 introduces new rules for market suspension and restoration, the Authority believe it is a legal requirement for this modification to be ultimately decided on by the Authority.

Prioritisation Stack and inflight modifications

The Panel reviewed the Grid Code prioritisation stack and decided to make no changes: -

Grid Code - Prioritisation Stack



Mod Number	Previous Priority No:	New Priority No. at Panel:	Change	Title	Change Route	Estimated number of Workgroup Meetings remaining
GC0145	1	1	↔	Updating the Grid Code to include the Manually Activated Reserve Initiative (MARI)	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	An estimate of 8 meetings
GC0109	2	2	↔	Open, transparent, non discriminatory and timely publication of the various GB electricity Warnings or Notices or Alerts or Declarations or Instructions or Directions etc., issued	Standard Governance Route	Pending with Proposer
GC0134	3	3	↔	Removing the telephony requirements for small, distributed and aggregated market participants who are active in the Balancing Mechanism	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	An estimate of 3 meetings remaining
GC0139	4	4	↔	Enhanced Planning Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	An estimate of 3/4 workgroups remaining. 2nd WG due in July (doodle poll sent)
GC0141	5	5	↔	Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9th August Power Disruption	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	An estimate of 6> meetings remaining. To be run concurrently with GC0138
GC0138	6	6	↔	Compliance process technical improvements (EU and GB User)	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	An estimate of 6> meetings remaining. To be run concurrently with GC0141
GC0137	7	7	↔	Minimum Specification Required for Provision of Virtual Synchronous Machine (VSM) Capability	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	An estimate of 6> meetings remaining.
GC0144	8	8	↔	Alignment of Market Suspension Rights to the EU Emergency and Restoration Code Article 35.1(b)	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	TBC after first WG Meeting is held.
GC0146	9	9	↔	Solutions for frequency control of Power Park Modules	Standard Governance with a Workgroup	TBC after first WG Meeting is held.
GC0117	10	10	↔	Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of PGM requirements	Standard Governance Route	An estimate of 6 meetings remaining.
GC0140	11	11	↔	Grid Code Sandbox: enabling derogation from certain obligations to support small-scale trials of innovative propositions	Standard Governance Route with a Workgroup	TBC after first WG Meeting is held. To be run concurrently with the CUSC modification CMP341
GC0103	12	12	↔	The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes	Standard Governance Route	An estimate of 2/3 WG Meetings remaining. Waiting for TO to confirm what the current position is.

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 8 July 2020.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There were no Self Governance Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

Workgroup Reports

There was one Workgroup Report presented to the Panel.

GC0131: 'Quick Win' Improvements to Grid Code Open Governance Arrangements

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0131-quick-win-improvements-grid-code-open>

Since the implementation of Open Governance arrangements into the Grid Code in Feb 2017 working with the new processes has highlighted that further improvements could be made to the smooth and efficient running of workgroups, and the progressing of changes to the code making the best use of industry time. In advance of any outcome of the Energy Codes Review, this modification seeks to make minor 'quick win' changes to the Governance Rules to address these where possible.

The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference had been met and approved for **GC0131** to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Proposer will re-baseline the legal text for GC0131 to align with implementation for GC0132.

Questions or feedback?

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