

Meeting minutes

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

SQSS Review Panel

Date: 03/09/2020	Location: WebEx
Start: 10:00 AM	End: 12:00 PM

Participants

Attendee		Attend /Regrets
Jennie Groome (JG) Panel Chair	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Rob Pears (RP) Panel Secretary	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Alan Creighton (AC)	Network Operator	Attend
Antony Johnson (AJ)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Bieshoy Awad (BA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Bill Reed (BR)	Generation Representative	Attend
Bless Kuri (BK)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	Attend
Cornel Brozio (CB)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	Attend
David Lyon (DL)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	Attend
Diyar Kadar (DK)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	Attend
Gurpal Singh (GS)	Authority Representative	Attend
John Sinclair (JS)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Le Fu (LF)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	Attend

Mike Lee (ML)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	Attend
Rob Wilson (RW)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Observer	Attend
Roddy Wilson (RWI)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	Attend
Shazia Akhtar (SA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	<i>Regrets</i>
Simon Lord (SL)	Generation Representative	<i>Regrets</i>

Discussion and details

1. Introductions and apologies

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

2. Approval of Panel Minutes from April 2020

The minutes from the SQSS Panel meeting held on **27 April 2020** were approved. The minutes have been updated and are now available on the [SQSS website](#).

3. Review of Actions Log

The Panel reviewed and updated the open actions from the meeting held on 27 April 2020 which can be found on the [Actions Log](#).

4. Authority Decisions Received since last Panel meeting

There have been no decisions received since the last Panel meeting.

There is one decision pending for GSR025 'Updating the SQSS to reflect the recent modification to Engineering Recommendation P28'. GS confirmed to the Panel that this decision would be made prior to the next Panel meeting.

5. Draft Final Modification Reports

GSR026 'Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the SQSS'

The GSR026 Code Administrator Consultation was held from 27 July to 24 August 2020 and received two responses from:

- National Grid ESO; and
- Northern Powergrid.

A legal text amendment was suggested by AC in the Northern Powergrid response. This was to amend the reference to '132kV in table 6.4 to '132kV and above' to cater for provision of a connection to a Distribution Network or Non-Embedded Customer operation at a nominal voltage above 132kV.

- BA suggested the change could have unintended consequences and would rather keep the text as per the original proposal.
- AC replied with the possibility of amending it to a range of 132kV up to 200kV.
- RW asked if this was purely a hypothetical scenario and queried whether there are or ever would be any voltages on the distribution networks above 132kV.

A further legal text amendment was suggested by CB to change the table headings where it states the 'percentage of nominal voltage' to 'percentage of deviation from nominal voltage' and advised that the numbers should be changed to be consistent throughout the tables.

- RW stated that he would rather leave the tables as they are as he believed that it would be difficult to misinterpret the tables.

The Panel agreed not to adopt the suggested changes from AC and CB.

BK noted that there was a typographical change required to the DFMR on page 3 'What is the issue' where '200' needs to be updated to '220'. The Panel agreed this was a typographical error and should be updated.

DECISION – The Panel unanimously agreed that GSR026 should be implemented.

To carry out this vote, the Panel were introduced to a new voting template which has been adopted from the Grid Code Panel. JG expressed that the reason for using the new template was to give more structure to the SQSS voting process welcomed feedback from the Panel.

- AC stated that he was happy steps are being taken to improve the structure and governance used in SQSS.
 - CB agreed that formalising the governance and process for voting was a good step.
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- RW stated that he thought it should be one vote per organisation at the SQSS Panel.
 - RWI stated he was supportive of having a better documented process.
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6. Workgroup updates

GSR027 'Review of the NETS SQSS Criteria for Frequency Control that drive reserve, response and inertia holding on the GB electricity system'

The Panel was provided an update on the progress of the GSR027 Workgroup. RW stated that there was an ongoing Workgroup action to review the legal text and that the main ask of the Workgroup will be to review the Workgroup Report and assess any comments received.

JG updated on the timeline for the modification. Ofgem require the Final Modification Report to be sent to them by the third week of November. To meet this timeline, the Panel was asked whether they agree to the modification having 10 working day consultations (usually 15 working days) and 1 working day for the Panel to check their Vote has been recorded accurately (usually 5 working days).

- Panel sign off that Workgroup Report has met its Terms of Reference
21 October 2020
- Code Administrator Consultation
23 October 2020 to 6 November 2020 (10 Working Days)
- Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) issued to Panel
10 November 2020 (5 Working Days)
- Panel undertake DFMR recommendation vote
18 November 2020
- Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly
19 November 2020 (1 Working Day)
- Final Modification Report issued to Ofgem
23 November 2020

DECISION – The Panel agreed to these timescales.

7. Code Administrator Improvements

New Modification Proposal Templates

JG presented the new SQSS Modification Proposal template to the Panel and asked for their feedback.

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- AC queried the guidance in the 'When will this take place' section by stating that SQSS has different requirements to the other codes whereby Ofgem requires a license change to take place.
 - JG suggested that a guidance comment for proposers in this section would help. RW and AC agreed that this would be sensible. JG agreed to make this amendment to the form.

The new forms will be trialled in September and used going forwards from October, incorporating and feedback received.

SQSS Implementation Emails

The Code Administrator had received feedback that the timings for SQSS implementations are unclear and had an open action to rectify this. JG presented to the Panel the draft industry communication which will accompany all SQSS implementations. The communication includes some information explaining that all SQSS modifications require a transmission licence consultation which impacts the implementation date.

- AC and RW gave positive feedback, and suggested the similar wording is used on the new SQSS proposal form.

8. Standing items/impacts from other work

BEIS Engineering Standard Workshop – SQSS impacts and other discussions

- No update

Review of Modification Register

- GSR022 was withdrawn by the proposer since the Panel last met.
- GSR026 and GSR027 have been added to the register.

9. AOB

The Chair advised the Panel that going forward the Code Administrator will be using Microsoft Teams instead of WebEx. There were no issues raised by Panel.

Key Dates

- The next SQSS Panel meeting will take place at:
10:00am on Wednesday 18 November 2020
 - The SQSS Modification Submission deadline for the next Panel is:
Tuesday 3 November 2020
 - Papers Day for the next SQSS Panel meeting is:
Tuesday 10 November 2020
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