

Meeting minutes

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

SQSS Review Panel

Date: 21/10/2020	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00 AM	End: 11:00 AM

Participants

Attendee		Attend / Regrets
Rob Pears (RP) Panel Chair	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Jennifer Groome (JG) Panel Secretary	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Rachel Beaufoy (RB) Observer	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Rob Wilson (RW)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Bieshoy Awad (BA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Rob Westmancoat (RWC) Observer	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Matt Baller (MB) Observer	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Bless Kuri (BK)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	Attend
Roddy Wilson (RWI)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	Attend
Cornel Brozio (CB)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	Attend

Diyar Kadar (DK)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	Attend
Le Fu (LF)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	Attend
Mike Lee (ML)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	Attend
David Lyon (DL)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Alan Creighton (AC)	Network Operator	Attend
Simon Lord (SL)	Generation Representative	Attend
Gurpal Singh (GS)	Authority Representative	Attend

Discussion and details

1. Introductions and apologies

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

2. Final Modification Report resubmission

GSR026 'Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the SQSS'

There was a typographical error in the GSR026 Final Modification Report (FMR) which was submitted to Ofgem following the last Panel. The revised GSR026 FMR was shared with Panel.

DECISION Panel agreed that the amendment is typographical and approved that the revised GSR026 FMR be resubmitted to Ofgem for decision.

3. Workgroup Report

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

The Chair presented the background to the modification, the summary of Workgroup Consultation responses and the outcome of the Workgroup Vote. The Workgroup had concluded by majority (12 out of 13 votes) that the Original Proposal better facilitated the SQSS objectives than the baseline (the text as it currently stands).

RW presented the GSR027 solution to the Panel. He stated that the changes to the SQSS are relatively minor; however, the solution does set up the process for periodic

production by the ESO of the Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR) and the methodology on which this will be based.

It was queried whether the proposed solution is already known by the Authority. It was confirmed that an Ofgem representative was part of the Workgroup.

It was queried why not all Workgroup members agreed with the proposed solution (12 out of 13 votes). It was explained that there was disagreement around in which industry documents the methodology should be housed with the dissenting Workgroup member feeling that this should still be within the SQSS rather than the SQSS just empowering the process. CB raised concern that the FRCR methodology will sit outside of the SQSS. RW suggested that having the methodology within the SQSS would make it less flexible which was a key part of the solution to allow regular updates to be made without having to go through a full modification process, although both the methodology and the FRCR will always be consulted on and recommendation will be sought from the panel. The FRCR will then also be required to be approved by Ofgem.

The Panel discussed the timescales and approval process for the FRCR and methodology documents. RW explained that:

- Once the FMR is submitted to Ofgem (following the Panel Vote on 18 November) and there is an indication of approval, the first versions of the methodology and FRCR can be developed.
- All changes to the SQSS require Ofgem to run a statutory consultation on the required licence changes to update the SQSS version - the expectation is that this process will be concluded by 1 April 2021.
- Development of the methodology and FRCR can include consultation and Panel recommendation. When the new version of the SQSS is enacted, the first FRCR can then be submitted to Ofgem.

RW stated that the methodology will be similar to the illustrative one which is included in the Code Administrator Consultation document. The FRCR is likely to be similar to the baseline of how the ESO operates at present.

SL queried the cost elements and suggested there will be varying views within industry on how much should be spent on frequency response. RW responded that cost should be justified and balanced with risk and that Ofgem will be making the decision.

The Panel discussed the governance process for the FRCR and methodology. RW explained that the author of the FRCR and methodology will be the ESO and the documents will be subject to recommendation by the Panel, and for the FRCR approval by Ofgem. There was general agreement that the timescales, process and the Panel's involvement needs to be confirmed, and that the documents need to be subject to adequate scrutiny. It was acknowledged that there is scope for the panel to invite wider expertise to help scrutinise the documents.

ACTION Chair to schedule time to discuss the governance process for the FRCR and methodology at a future Panel meeting.

The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference had been met (in that these required a number of points to be considered), however clearly the modification puts in place the steps to allow actions against a number of these terms to be completed since some of them will not be addressed until the production of the FRCR. The Panel was satisfied that the relevant terms had been met and that any remaining points will be addressed as part of the solution.

DECISION The Panel unanimously agreed that the GSR027 Final Modification Report can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

GS thanked the Workgroup for turning the modification around within a short time period, and shared that this is a good milestone to have met.

4. AOB

The Chair shared the Panel meeting dates for 2021 which can be found in the Panel meeting slide pack and on the calendar on the ESO website.

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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