

Special Panel Minutes: 16 November 2020

Grid Code Panel Minutes

Date: 16/11/2020 **Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 10:00am **End:** 11:00am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Nisar Ahmed	NA	Code Administrator Representative
Kavita Patel	KP	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Christopher Smith	CS	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Damian Jackman	DJ	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Guy Nicholson	GN	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Jeremy Caplin	JC	BSC Panel Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Rob Wilson	RWi	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Richard Woodward	RWo	Alternate, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative

Joseph Underwood	JU	Panel Member, Generator Representative
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Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
Bryan Rhodes	BR	Alternate, Offshore Transmission Operator Observer
Louise Trodden	LT	Presenter, National Grid ESO

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Ross McGhin	RM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Alternate, Generator Observer
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
Steve Cox	SC	Alternate, Network Operator Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

8373. Apologies were received from Steve Cox.

2. Draft Final Modification Report

GC0142: Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the Grid Code

8428. NA delivered a presentation to Panel on GC0142. NA explained that GC0142 seeks to expand the Grid Code to clarify the requirements that will be placed on equipment at non-standard voltages. For reference, currently 400kV, 275kV and 132kV are voltages typically referred to within the Grid Code. This means that any other nominal voltage specifications and requirements are not defined in code.

8429. NA stated that the proposed changes to the Grid Code should ensure that current and future voltages within the transmission network have clear specification and performance requirements. By including specifications for voltages in such a way that will enable consistency for both the Grid Code and the SQSS. NA confirmed that the same solution will be applied to SQSS via [GSR026](#) 'Adding Nonstandard Voltages to the SQSS'.

8430. NA advised the Panel that on 15 October 2020, Ofgem sent-back GC0142. NA highlighted the reasons GC1042 was sent back, as set out in Ofgem's decision letter

- 8431. The Authority has discussed the issue with the modification proposer, National Grid ESO, who agree that to fulfil the intent of the proposal the above Grid Code clauses should also have been amended such that they no longer refer to specific nominal voltages.
- 8432. TM asked Panel members to confirm if they were in consent with the Legal Text being typographical and non-material. Panel members unanimously agreed that the changes were non-material.
- 8433. The Grid Code Panel unanimously recommended that the **Original** better facilitates the Grid Code Objectives than the Baseline.
- 8434. The Panel reviewed the timeline and agreed to confirm their votes via circulation for 1 working day. The Final Modification Report will be issued to Ofgem on 19 November 2020.

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on Thursday 26 November 2020 via Microsoft Teams.