

Grid Code Review Panel

Minutes: 29 October 2020

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Date: 29/10/2020	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00am	End: 14:00pm

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
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority 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

Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
Bryan Rhodes	BR	Alternate, Offshore Transmission Operator Observer
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Alternate, Generator Observer
Iain Dallas	ID	Observer, Senior Consultant from ITP Energised
Joseph Henry	JH	Code Administrator Representative
Phil Smith	PS	National Grid ESO Presenter
Mark Herring	MH	National Grid ESO Observer
Lurrentia Walker	LW	Code Administrator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Ross McGhin	RM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator
Joseph Underwood	JU	Panel Member, Generator Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies

8373. Apologies were received from Joseph Underwood and Steve Cox.

8374. Mark Herring, Head of Market Change Delivery Team (ESO) was introduced to the Grid Code Panel.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

8375. The minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel meeting held on the 24 September 2020 were approved.

8376. The Panel reviewed the actions log from the meeting held on 24 September 2020. Actions 371, 372, 374 and 377 were closed as agreed by Panel. The actions log can be found [here](#).

4. Chair update

8377. There were no updates from the Chair.

5. Authority decisions

8378. GS advised Panel members that Ofgem would prefer the Final Modification Reports for both [GSR026](#) '**Adding Non- Standard Voltages to the SQSS**' and [GC0142](#) '**Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the Grid Code**' to be submitted in parallel so a decision can be made together.

8379. GS stated that Ofgem are looking to publish their decision on **GC0131** *'Quick Win' Improvements to Grid Code Open Governance Arrangements'* in November 2020.

6. New modifications

8380. There were no new modifications submitted.

7. In flight modification updates

8381. NA outlined the progress of the in-flight modifications to Panel where guidance was required in order to progress further.

GC0121 *'Grid Code changes in the event the UK leaves the EU without an agreement'*.

8382. PS delivered a presentation to Panel and explained that **GC0121** was originally raised in February 2019 at which point the UK was expected to leave the EU on 29 March 2019. In March 2019, the Panel had voted that the modification met the self-governance criteria and should proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation. PS advised Panel that **GC0121** was put on hold as Brexit was delayed and the UK subsequently agreed several extensions with the EU.

8383. PS advised that the UK is in a transition period until 31 December 2020. The UK's departure became effective on 31 January 2020 at which point the UK entered the transition period which will end on IP (Implementation Period) completion day, which is expected to be 31 December 2020. During the transition period the UK must comply with all EU rules and laws. PS noted that **GC0121** should be progressed in preparation for 31 December 2020, in the event that the UK leaves on that date without a deal. If instead an agreement is reached between the EU and the UK, the ESO will withdraw GC0121 and raise a further modification on the basis of whatever the 'deal' arrangements may be, if necessary. If this were the case it is likely that the replacement modification would need to be progressed with urgency, including asking Ofgem for the appropriate decisions on urgency during what would otherwise be their December moratorium.

8384. **ACTION** - Code Admin to put a placeholder meeting for a special Panel meeting in early January 2021 to make the self-governance decision to approve GC0121 or potentially to progress the replacement 'deal' modification (although the timeline for this is clearly not known at present).

8385. The Panel held discussions around the trading arrangements and the EU Law. The proposer's recommendation was to include references to the specific retained EU Laws, which would become national law on 1 January 2021, subject to simultaneous amendment by statutory instruments. Alternatively, the text could refer to 'Retained EU Law' which is a simpler approach but less user-friendly.

8386. Ofgem confirmed they did not have a preference for either of the proposed approaches to the legal text.

8387. The Panel unanimously agreed that **GC0121** should proceed to a second Code Administrator Consultation following circulation of the amended legal text in accordance with ESO's proposed approach which was clearer and more user-friendly.

8388. **ACTION** – The Code Administrator will circulate the legal text to Panel for 2 working days and will issue the Consultation on 4 November 2020 for 1 month.

GC0130 ‘OC2 Change for simplifying ‘output useable’ data submission and utilising REMIT data’.

8389. PS delivered a presentation on **GC0130**. PS stated that **GC0130** seeks to simplify the process for generators to submit outage information to National Grid ESO and to reduce duplication in the data submission process. National Grid ESO raised **P408 (Modify Section Q of the BSC to reflect the Grid Code changes.)** Both modifications were approved, with implementation dates of 27 November 2020 for **GC0130** and 3 December 2020 for **P408**, with the expectation that these dates would subsequently be aligned. PS stated that both modifications must be implemented concurrently to ensure compliance can be achieved, as the changes to the two codes are interdependent.
8390. PS advised the Panel that this modification was due to be implemented on 27 November 2020, however this date is no longer feasible due to the delays to the delivery of NGENSO's IT (**Information Technology**) solution. PS stated that an implementation date of 2 February 2021 would be achievable for **GC0130**.
8391. The Panel approved the revised implementation date for **GC0130**. The Panel thanked PS for highlighting the issue with implementation and acknowledged that changes to IT Systems can be delayed. The Panel recommended that this implementation is monitored to ensure the new implementation date is met.
8392. **ACTION** - The ESO took an action to provide Panel with an update on the implementation plan.

GC0136 ‘Non-material changes to the Grid Code following implementation of the EU Connection Codes’

8393. NA advised the Panel that **GC0136** was due to be implemented earlier this year, however, before implementing, the Code Administrator identified administrative errors with the legal text meaning that **GC0136** couldn't be implemented. NA confirmed that the ask of the Panel is to approve the re-baselined legal text and agree that **GC0136** should proceed to a second Code Administrator Consultation.
8394. The Panel agreed that **GC0136** should proceed to a second consultation. Due to the volume of legal text to review, Panel members agreed to highlight any issues in their consultation response.

GC0142 ‘Adding Non-Standard Voltages to the Grid Code’

8395. RWi delivered a presentation on **GC0142**. RWi explained that this modification was sent back by the Authority. RWi stated that within the send-back **letter**, Ofgem highlighted some areas of the Grid Code that should also be updated within the scope of the **GC0142**. RWi confirmed that the legal text has been re-drafted to address the points raised.
8396. The Panel concluded that as **GC0142** has no material changes, a further consultation wouldn't be required for **GC0142**. Therefore, the Code Administrator will arrange a Special Grid Code Panel meeting for the Panel to hold their recommendation vote for **GC0142**. Following this, the **GC0142** Final Modification Report will be submitted to the Authority for a decision. (**Post Meeting Note: A Special Grid Code Panel was held on 16 November 2020**).

8397. **ACTION** - ESO to revise DFMR complete with legal text then circulate to panel for a week for approval.

At this point, the Chair expressed her disappointment to the ESO at the continuing recurrence of issues with the accuracy and comprehensiveness of legal text in modifications.

8. Discussion on Prioritisation

The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found via the Headline Report [here](#).

8398. Discussions were held in relation to combining [GC0109](#) (*The 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 by or to the Network Operator(s)*) and [GC0133](#) (*Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition*) running together was highlighted to Panel as an option.
8399. NA advised that both Workgroups can't be combined straightway, but due to **GC0133** struggling for quoracy, recommendation for urgency to combine can be put forward.
8400. **ACTION** – NA to speak to the proposer of GC0109 to request workgroup members to join GC0133 to meet quoracy.
8401. Some Panel members raised concerns around **GC0133** needing different treatment as it needs to gather more evidence and requires a quick turnaround with Terms of Reference still needing to be approved. Panel members reiterated that the letter received from Ofgem requested that Panel will need to act as soon as practical, therefore the Terms of Reference should be used in order to help prioritise its position in the stack.
8402. **DECISION** - It was agreed [GC0133](#) will go to position 3 on the prioritisation stack below [GC0144](#) (*Alignment of Market Suspension Rights to the EU Emergency and Restoration Code Article 35.1(b)*)
8403. DJ raised a point where one workgroup member for [GC0147](#) (*Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation – enduring solution*) stated that there was an issue on compensation with regards to embedded generation and suggested if Ofgem could provide further guidance to the Workgroup. RWi confirmed that the Workgroup are meeting on 30 October 2020, where they will draft a question to submit to Ofgem on this point.
8404. **ACTION** – RWi to contact Ofgem after the next workgroup to request guidance for the GC0147 Workgroup.
8405. GN voiced concerns over the progression of Grid Code Modifications, in particular, [GC0146](#) (*Solutions for frequency control of Power Park Modules*). GN explained that there is a volume of change the industry needs to go through to achieve its Net Zero target and by having delays in progression increases the risk of not achieving this target.

8406. GN suggested adding a note to the relevant ESO webpage that advises industry how long the modification process can take and advising users of the derogation process and the modification proposal for a regulatory sandbox ([GC0140](#)).

8407. GN also asked if Ofgem could support more resource for Code Admin to get these changes through.

9. Workgroup Reports

8408. There were no Workgroup reports presented to Panel.

10. Draft Modification Reports (DFMRs)

8409. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to Panel.

11. Reports to Authority

8410. There were no further updates for Panel.

12. Implementation updates

8411. There were no further updates for Panel.

13. Electrical Standards

8412. There were no further updates for Panel.

14. Governance

Terms of Reference for [GC0133](#) (*Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition*)

8413. The Panel discussed the draft workgroup Terms of Reference for GC0133. The Panel noted the ask from Ofgem in the send back letter was precise.

8414. The Panel agreed that the proposed Terms of Reference didn't sufficiently address the explicit requirements stipulated by Ofgem.

8415. **ACTION** – Send the revised GC0133 Terms of Reference to Panel for approval after inclusions have been made by the proposer following first workgroup meeting.

15. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

8416. NA advised the Panel that GCDF was cancelled due to no agenda items for discussion. The next GCDF will be held on 4 November 2020. Papers for this meeting can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/meetings/grid-code-development-forum-4-november-2020>

16. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Panel Update

8417. AC updated Panel on two projects. In relation to the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme, there had been a discussion with Ofgem considering options to enforce compliance with the Distribution Code. Following on from [GC0096](#) (*Energy Storage*)

Distribution Code Review Panel is progress work to update ERECs (**Engineering Recommendations**) G98 and G99 to accommodate storage.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

8418. KP advised the Panel that the JESG meeting was held on 13 October 2020. The presentation slides and papers from this meeting can be found via the following link: <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/178071/download>
8419. KP advised the Panel that the next JESG meeting will be held on 10 November 2020. KP stated that a presentation will be provided by BEIS (**Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**) on the 'Clarification on Competition and Markets Authority Role.

17. Updates on other Industry Codes

8420. There were no further updates for the Panel.

18. Forward Plan Update

8421. NA advised Panel that there have been no Grid Code Modifications raised since the last Critical Friend update. NA stated that from 1 October 2020, the Code Administrator introduced new simpler **Proposal Forms** that remove repetition and include guidance for Proposers.
8422. NA confirmed that the Code Administrator will continue to have discussions with Proposers ahead of Modification Proposal Submission Date so that they are clear on expectations, level of detail and process. NA stated that further internal workshops will be held in November and December for practical application of checks (including for EBGL) against the new proposal form and also act on feedback from Proposers, who have used the new proposal forms.

19. Any Other Business (AOB)

Grid Code Panel Elections

8423. JH delivered a presentation on the Grid Code Panel Elections process which were held between 7 September 2020 and 9 October 2020. JH confirmed that the exact number of nominations were received for each seat to form a Panel.
8424. JH explained that as there was not a surplus number of nominations for each seat, the election process was not triggered, and the nominees put forwards will take the relevant seats from January 2021. JH stated that no alternate members were appointed as part of this election process as there was not a surplus in nominees. Panel members will be able to ask alternates to attend Panel at their discretion, as per the Grid Code **governance rules**.
8425. JH confirmed the new Panel membership and advised that the new members will be invited to join Decembers Panel meeting as observers. JH noted that Ofgem will receive the Elections report in due course and that there will be a Panel induction in January 2021.

General discussion on impacts of coronavirus outbreak (ALL)

8426. There were no further updates from the Grid Code Panel.

Panel 2021 Dates

8427. The Grid Code Panel approved the Panel meeting dates for 2021.

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 26 November 2020 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 11 November 2020.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 18 November 2020.