

Headline Report – 25 March 2021

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 meeting were approved at the Panel meeting on 25 February 2021

- Panel meeting held 25 February 2021

New Modifications

There were no new modifications raised for March 2021.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

No new Authority Decisions

Prioritisation Stack and inflight modifications

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

Mod Number	Previous Priority No:	New Priority No	Change	Title
GC0133	1	1	-	Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition
GC0139	2	2	-	Enhanced Planning Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning
GC0134	3	3	-	Removing the telephony requirements for small, distributed and aggregated market participants who are active in the Balancing Mechanism
GC0141	4	4	-	Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9th August Power Disruption
GC0138	5	5	-	Compliance process technical improvements (EU and GB User)
GC0137	6	6	-	Minimum Specification Required for Provision of Virtual Synchronous Machine (VSM) Capability
GC0117	7	7	-	Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of PGM requirements
GC0148	8	8	-	Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II
GC0146	9	9	-	Solutions for frequency control of Power Park Modules
GC0140	10	10	-	Grid Code Sandbox: enabling derogation from certain obligations to support small scale trials of innovative propositions
GC0103	11	11	-	The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes

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/industry-information/codes> and will be next updated and published on 07 April 2021.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There were two DFMRs presented to Panel for a recommendation vote

GC0147 - Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation enduring solution

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0147-last-resort-disconnection-embedded>

This modification seeks to clarify the enduring arrangements for emergency instructions that the ESO can issue to Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to disconnect embedded generators, as a last resort in an emergency situation, and after having exhausted all other commercially available options.

The Panel voted by split majority for WAGCM2 and WAGCM7.

WAGCM2 allows compensation to be referred back to the panel if the last resort starts happening more frequently, and WAGCM7 makes the last resort unusable as its signs a blank cheque for compensation without a mechanism for the ESO to recover the costs.

GC0144 - Alignment of Market Suspension Rights to the EU Emergency and Restoration Code Article 35.1(b)

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0144-alignment-market-suspension-rights-eu>

Article 35.1(b) of the EU Network Code Electricity Emergency and Restoration Code (NCER) states that a TSO may temporarily suspend the market where the TSO has exhausted all options provided by the market while in an emergency state and where continuation of market activities would cause deterioration of one or more of the conditions defined in Article 18(3) of the System Operation Guideline (SOGL).

The Panel voted unanimously (10 out of 10) for the Original solution and that this better facilitates the Grid Code objectives.

Workgroup Reports

There was one Workgroup Report presented to the Panel.

GC0134 - Removing the telephony requirements for small, distributed and aggregated market participants who are active in the Balancing Mechanism.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0134-removing-telephony-requirements-small>

The aim of this proposal is to remove a barrier to entry to allow additional participants to access and be responsive to the Balancing Market.

The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference had not been met and were not approved for GC0134 to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. This was due to Legal Text changes suggested by a Panel member and some typographical changes by the ESO which were deemed by the Proposer and the workgroup members to have changed the meaning of the solution which was voted on at the Workgroup stage. This will now be reviewed by the GC0134 Workgroup and corrected. Subsequently the Terms of Reference will be approved at the April Panel meeting.

Governance

GC0133 - Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0133-timely-informing-gb-nets-system-state>

This Modification will require the Transmission System Operator (TSO) for GB National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) to inform, in a timely manner, the System State condition of the GB National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) to market participants.

ISSUE:

In accordance with GR.22.12 Panel to decide on the **level of analysis**** and **consultation**** required.

** A workgroup member suggested that an **alternative** removing the alert status from the items to be shared could ensure that Ofgem were given options that they would be more likely to be able to decide on (given that the other statuses are uncontentious).

Panel to agree an **appropriate timetable^** for meeting its obligations (a recommendation vote at Panel to be carried out again when the DFMR is presented).

^ Options included:

- 1) Workgroup Consultation & Workgroup Report > Code Admin Consultation > DFMR > FMR
- 2) Code Administrator Consultation > DFMR > FMR
- 3) Straight to DFMR > FMR

DECISION: Panel decided on option 2 considering legal advice provided by the Code Administrator. The Code Administrator Consultation would allow industry to make responses on the proposal before submission to the Panel (recommendation vote) and subsequent FMR to the Authority.

Questions or feedback?

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