

# Meeting minutes

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

### SQSS Panel

<b>Date:</b> 29/01/2021	<b>Location:</b> Microsoft Teams
<b>Start:</b> 10:00 AM	<b>End:</b> 12:00 PM

### Participants

Attendee		Attend / Regrets
Jennifer Groome (JG) Panel Chair	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	<b>Attend</b>
Kirsten Shilling (KS) Panel Secretary	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	<b>Attend</b>
Alan Creighton (AC)	Network Operator	<b>Attend</b>
Amy Weltevreden (AW)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<b>Attend</b>
Bieshoy Awad (BA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<b>Attend</b>
Simon Lord (SL)	Generation Representative	<b>Attend</b>
Cornel Brozio (CB)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	<b>Attend</b>
David Lyon (DL)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	<b>Attend</b>
Gurpal Singh (GS)	Authority Representative	<b>Attend</b>
Le Fu (LF)	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	<b>Attend</b>
Rob Wilson (RW)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<b>Attend</b>
Robert Westmancoat (RWC) Observer	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<b>Attend</b>
Roddy Wilson (RWI)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	<b>Attend</b>

Mike Lee (ML)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Diyar Kadar (DK)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	<i>Regrets</i>
Bless Kuri (BK)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	<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 the Panel on November 2020

Panel Members approved the minutes for the previous Panel meeting on 18 November 2020. These are also available on the National Grid ESO website:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/security-and-quality-supply-standards-old/meetings/sqss-panel-meeting-1>

### 3. Review of Actions Log

The Panel reviewed and updated the open actions, on the [Actions Log](#).

### 4. Authority Decisions Received since last Panel meeting

**Authority decisions have now been made on GSR025, GSR026 and GSR027** and will be implemented on 1 April 2021 subject to the necessary licence changes being made.

### 5. FRCR and Methodology documents timeline and process

The ESO noted that the purpose of the update today was to seek the Panel's recommendation on the methodology for use in preparing the FRCR.

A reminder of the FRCR and methodology timeline was provided:

- January Panel (today) – Seek Panel recommendation of methodology for use in preparing FRCR
- Early February 2021 – Panel to recommend the methodology for use in producing FRCR
- Late February 2021 – Panel to approve FRCR to go to consultation
- Mid-March 2021 – Panel to recommend FRCR for submission to Ofgem

There were seven responses to the consultation held in December 2020. The ESO had categorised the eight main themes arising from them. The ESO proposed that these themes would be embedded but that the scope of the methodology at this stage, was intentionally limited in order to be able to progress within the time constraints. Further builds could be added to the methodology as the report will be produced at least annually.

Some Panel members were hesitant to make the recommendation as they were concerned that not all of the responses to the consultation had not been fully considered or reflected in updates to the methodology or would be carried through into the FRCR. They were also concerned that the timescales of this process could mean that there was a risk that Panel members were making their recommendation without ensuring all considerations had been fully discussed and finalised – and that it would have been preferable to be able to see both the methodology and the FRCR as a package. Lastly, they were concerned that there was a risk that the report might not be as meaningful to customers as it could be to technical experts.

The ESO responded to all concerns raised and took the Panel members through the cost benefit scenarios in the methodology, to provide reassurance and further explanation. It also discussed the fact that there would be the opportunity to raise further concerns; firstly, in the consultation on the FRCR and that this could direct both this first issue of the FRCR and also shape future iterations of the report to ensure all points were addressed. It noted that due to the timescales, it would not be possible to address every single point raised in this iteration but that it would ensure all points would be fully stated in the 'Future Considerations' section of the report so that they would be picked up as part of the ongoing process.

The ESO thanked the Panel for raising concerns and concluded by taking the action to make reasonable updates to the methodology at this stage and to circulate this early in the week following panel, but also to start preparing the FRCR.

The Panel recommended by majority to proceed. The Ofgem Panel member (as a non-voting member) noted that it had been a good start to reach this stage and that a great deal had been achieved in a short period and would expect the comments raised by Panel and any other concerns to be considered in future iterations of the report if not in the first version.

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## 6. Standing items/impacts from other work

### **Chapter 7: Guidance Document**

- No update

### **BEIS Engineering Standard Workshop – SQSS impacts and other discussions**

- Update included in RII02 update from RW

### **Review of Modification Register**

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- No update in addition to the earlier update on Authority decisions
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## 7. RIIO2 update

RW provided an update on the T2 deliverable 'review of the SQSS' highlighting that this was intended to be a targeted review, based on stakeholder feedback, and that the key elements would include reflection of the deterministic standards taking into account the NOA process (so particularly whether non asset build solutions could be used to fulfil SQSS compliance requirements) and to look at offshore arrangements in light of the development of this sector.

This was also linked to the Ofgem/BEIS Energy Codes Review and Engineering Standards Review, an update on both of which was published on 14 December 2020, and a summary of which will be sent to panel.

It was noted that Ofgem had commented that the ESO had shown a clear intent to review the SQSS and that it could potentially exceed expectations in RIIO2.

It was noted that a further update could be provided on an ad-hoc basis, rather than as a standing item.

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## 8. AOB

GS asked the Panel further whether any of the TOs were considering non-asset-based means of complying with the SQSS. It was noted that this was similar to the reference in the ESO T2 SQSS review to consider the deterministic standards to reflect the NOA process. Action on all members to reflect on this and bring any considerations back to a subsequent meeting

### Key Dates

- The next SQSS Panel meeting will take place at:  
**30 March 2021**
  - The SQSS Modification Submission deadline for the next Panel is:  
**15 March 2021**
  - Papers Day for the next SQSS Panel meeting is:  
**22 March 2021**
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