

Headline Report – 29 April 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 29 April 2021

- Panel meeting held 25 March 2021

New Modifications

There was 1 new modification raised for April 2021.

GC0149 - Grid Code changes to reflect the terms of the UK's departure from the EU

The ESO submitted a new modification to cover the 'deal' outcome. The TCA does not outline in detail the relevant arrangements that will apply regarding the Grid Code. In the absence of further information we propose updating the Grid Code now to correct content that became out of date at 11pm on 31 December 2020.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0149-grid-code-changes-reflect-terms-uks>

New / Pending Authority Decisions

GC0147 - Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation – enduring solution

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

Ofgem advised decisions may be made w/c 10 May 2021

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 May 2021.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There was one DFMR presented to Panel for a recommendation vote

GC0109 - Publication of the various GB electricity Warnings or Notices or Alerts or Declarations or Instructions or Directions etc. ("System Warning Alerts") issued by or to the Network Operator(s).

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0109-publication-various-gb-electricity>

GC0109 seeks to publish on BMRS any System Warning Alerts (identified within the scope of GC0109) that are not currently shared with market participants.

The Panel by majority recommended that both the Original and WAGCM1 better facilitated the Grid Code objectives than the baseline (current Grid Code). 6 Panel Members believed that the Original was the best option and the other 4 Panel members expressed a preference for WAGCM1.

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.

Workgroup Report was approved (following a review of the legal text changes). This will now proceed to Code Administrator consultation.

Questions or feedback?

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