

Headline Report – 30 September 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

Minutes of the Panel meeting held 26 August 2021 will be approved at the Special Panel meeting on 07 October 2021.

New Modifications

There was one new modification re-presented to Panel for September 2021.

GC0152 Updating the Grid Code governance process to ensure we capture network code on electricity emergency and restoration (NCER) change process for Article 4 Terms and Conditions (T&Cs)

The proposal aims to ensure that retained EU law functions effectively in the context of the Grid Code following the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement and the end of the transition period. It will ensure that the Grid Code considers the provisions in the relevant Statutory Instruments prepared under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended by the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

This modification was presented at the August 2021 Panel meeting where legal text changes were recommended by Panel and some queries were raised by a stakeholder seeking clarity on explicitness of Ofgem's letter of 13th July 2021. The ESO have met with Ofgem to confirm their decision and obtained their subsequent clarification on these points.

Ofgem's letter of 13 July made several decisions on submissions made by the ESO in fulfilment of obligations stemming from the NCER. This included that the T&Cs for System Defence and System Restoration Service Providers, as submitted by the ESO using a mapping to the relevant provisions drawn from the Grid Code, BSC and the ESO's black start strategy and procurement methodology, are now considered to be in force. Ofgem further clarified that while their letter did not specifically approve the T&Cs this was because all the provisions drawn from existing frameworks were already approved and that therefore they agreed that these mapped, and approved, provisions formed the T&Cs in fulfilment of the NCER Article 4(4).

This mirrored the approach taken in the approval of the T&C related to balancing required by Article 18 of the EBGL Regulation where it was confirmed by Ofgem, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, that the T&C related to balancing were already held within the GB Codes.

DECISION: Panel agreed that GC0152 met the self-governance criteria and approved for this to proceed to the Code Administrator Consultation.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

Prioritisation Stack and inflight modifications

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

Grid Code - Prioritisation Stack



Mod Number	Previous Priority No:	New Priority No	Change	Title
GC0139	1	1	-	Enhanced Planning Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning
GC0141	2	2	-	Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9th August Power Disruption
GC0138	3	3	-	Compliance process technical improvements (EU and GB User)
GC0117	4	4	-	Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of PGM requirements
GC0148	5	5	-	Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II
GC0146	6	6	-	Solutions for frequency control of Power Park Modules
GC0140	7	7	-	Grid Code Sandbox: enabling derogation from certain obligations to support small-scale trials of innovative propositions
GC0103	8	8	-	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 October 2021.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There was one DFMR presented to Panel for vote.

GC0133 Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition

The original GC0133 Final Modification Report received a send-back decision by the Authority on 4 September 2020 due to insufficient evidence to support whether the modification would impact relevant objectives (a) and (c) of the Grid Code.

A Workgroup was subsequently set up as directed by the Grid Code Review Panel to address:

- The benefits of the modification to market participants and stakeholders; and
- The challenges to the ESO of providing this information, including the challenges of publishing the reasons for the changes of system state condition.

DECISION: The Panel has recommended the baseline due to a split vote equally in favour of and against the Original proposal and in accordance with governance rule GR11.4 where the Independent Chair is required to use her casting vote to vote against the Original proposal. Code Administrator to issue out the Final Modification Report to the Authority on 11 October 2021.

Workgroup Reports

There was **one** Workgroup Report presented to the Panel.

GC0138: Compliance process technical improvements EU and GB User

This Proposal enables Users to undertake final testing with a high probability of success and quick turnaround of assessment without the additional burden of having everybody attending site where agreed. To achieve this, it is necessary to set out some additions to test procedures which are currently prepared based on on-site witnessing and to provide standards for the format of any test data sent to the ESO for review. Additionally, changes to technology and scale of technology being employed need to be reflected in the way requirements are fulfilled.

DECISION: The Panel decided that changes recommended by the Panel and clarified by the Proposer/ESO were shared with the workgroup and for the final version of the workgroup report to be subsequently approved by Panel via circulation to proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0137-minimum-specification-required>

Code Admin to issue Consultation on 20 October 2021.

Questions or feedback?

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