

Headline Report – 16 December 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 25 November 2021 were approved.

New Modifications

Two new modifications were presented to Panel for decision.

GC0154: Incorporation of interconnector ramping requirements into the Grid Code as per SOGL Article 119

Article 119 (1) (c) of the System Operator Guideline (SOGL) relating to the Load Frequency Control (LFC) block operational methodology requires ramping arrangements for active power output of HVDC interconnectors to be codified.

DECISION: Standard governance route approved by Panel to proceed to Workgroup phase. Terms of reference reviewed and added to define scope. The Code Administrator will issue nominations to seek involvement from a broad range of stakeholders to join the workgroup.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0154incorporation-interconnector-ramping>

GC0155: Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements

An alternative to GC0151 which addressed the Fault Ride Through (FRT) compliance process and proposed minor improvements to the FRT technical requirements. This alternative was insufficiently scrutinised as part of the GC0151 urgent modification process hence Ofgem, while rejecting it in their decision letter dated 8 November 2021, noted that it had merit and should be brought forward subsequently.

DECISION: Standard governance route approved by Panel to proceed to Workgroup phase. Terms of reference reviewed and added to define scope. The Code Administrator will issue nominations to seek involvement from a broad range of stakeholders and also contact the previous workgroup members for GC0151 to join the workgroup.

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/qc0155-clarification-fault-ride-through>

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>

The Authority will have a moratorium period which commenced 2pm on 16 December 2021 and will end 9am on 4 January 2022. The Authority stated that they will be making decisions on GC0137 and GC0133 on 17 January 2022.

- **GC0137: Minimum Specification Required for Provision of GB Grid Forming (GBGF) Capability (formerly Virtual Synchronous Machine/VSM Capability)**
- **GC0133: Timely informing of the GB NETS System State condition**

Prioritisation Stack and Inflight modifications

The Panel reviewed the Grid Code prioritisation stack and decided to make no changes. GC0154 and GC0155 will be prioritised by Panel once the first workgroup meetings have been held and the workgroups agree the Terms of Reference.

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
GC0117	3	3	-	Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of PGM requirements
GC0148	4	4	-	Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II
GC0146	5	5	-	Solutions for frequency control of Power Park Modules
GC0140	6	6	-	Grid Code Sandbox: enabling derogation from certain obligations to support small-scale trials of innovative propositions
GC0103	7	7	-	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 January 2022.

Draft Final Modification Reports

There was one DFMR scheduled to be presented to Panel for vote.

GC0138: Compliance process technical improvements (EU and GB User)

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 takes into account 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).

Issue

The Code Administrator Consultation (CAC) did not include the updated versions of Legal Text (as amended by Panel members) for ECP and OC5 documents due to an inadvertent oversight.

The Code Administrator apologises for this and we will improve our controls going forward and learn from this to mitigate any future occurrence.

What did this mean for the Panel meeting?

This means that the recommendation vote for the DFMR could not go ahead and the asks of Panel were changed.

DECISION: In accordance with Governance Rule 22.4(ii), the Panel decided to instruct the Code Administrator to re-issue the Code Administrator Consultation with the correct and updated Legal Text files for GC0138 to allow industry the opportunity to review the final legal text for implementation.

Workgroup Reports

There was no Workgroup Report presented to the Panel

Questions or feedback?

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