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GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL 6th FEBRUARY 2003

REPORT FROM THE GRID CODE EMBEDDED POWER STATION WORKING GROUP (EPSWG)

Introduction

1. Since the November 2002 Grid Code Review Panel Meeting, the EPSWG membership held a joint meeting with the Distributed Generation Technical Steering Group Work Stream 2 – Rationalisation and Standardisation of Data Exchange on 2nd December 2002. The next meeting of the EPSWG is planned to take place on 7th February 2003.

Progress to Date

2. At the joint meeting that took place on 2nd December 2002, the work being undertaken by the two groups was discussed so that areas of interaction could be understood. Medium Embedded Power Stations becoming Licence Exempt impacts on a number of areas of the Grid Code including Planning data flows, Operational data flows and Generator Connection Conditions. The interaction between the Grid Code and Distribution industry documentation in all of these areas needs to be understood. It was therefore agreed that the next stage of the work of the EPSWG would be to map the existing Grid Code provisions for Medium Embedded Power Stations against the Distribution Code and Engineering Recommendation G75. The differences could then be established. It was stated that the Distributed Generation Technical Steering Group Work Stream 2 was in the process of agreeing proposed revisions to the Distribution Code (particularly to Schedule 1). It was therefore agreed that these new proposals would be used in completing this next stage of work and they would be made available to the EPSWG before their next planned meeting in February.

Recommendation

3. The Grid Code Review Panel is invited to NOTE this update from the Grid Code Embedded Power Station Working Group.

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