

Grid Code Review Panel

Control Telephony Electrical Standard – Implementation Update

Background

1. Paper GCRP06/14 (Proposed Electrical Standard Document – Control Telephony), submitted by National Grid, was discussed at the July 2006 Grid Code Review Panel Meeting. This paper proposed the introduction of a new Electrical Standard which would describe in more detail the technical interfaces and support requirements for Control Telephony.
2. The introduction of the new Electrical Standard, applicable in England and Wales only, would necessitate formal changes to paragraph CC.6.5.5 of the Grid Code such that it refers to the new Electrical Standard for Control Telephony.
3. The two distinct elements to these Control Telephony proposals would be introduced under separate governance processes. The changes to the Connection Conditions would be implemented when approval and direction from the Authority was received. It is these changes that form the basis of Consultation Document C/06 Control Telephony Electrical Standard.
4. The second element is the introduction of the Control Telephony Electrical Standard which can be managed through the Governance of Electrical Standards procedure (detailed in GC.11 or the Grid Code) without direct Authority involvement.
5. However as the two issues are clearly interlinked, views on the content of the Electrical Standard were also invited as part of Consultation Document C/06.

Way Forward

6. GRCP are invited to consider and support National Grid's proposed process for the introduction of the new Electrical Standard given the interaction with Consultation Document C/06:
 - a. National Grid will circulate a final draft of the Electrical Standard to GCRP Members incorporating any comments received as part of the consultation on C/06 shortly after the period for responses closes i.e. 19th September 2006.
 - b. GCRP Members would be invited to sign off the Electrical Standard with an implementation date linked to the CC.6.5 changes if and when approval is received from the Authority regarding the C/06 proposals.

- c. It is anticipated that the necessary approval from GRCP Members will be obtained via e-mail. If any issues arise that require further discussion, a teleconference meeting will be convened at an appropriate time and date.