Grid Code Review Panel

27 January 2022

## **Grid Code Review Panel Minutes**

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| Date: | 27/01/2022 | Location: | Microsoft Teams |
| Start: | 10:00am | End: | 14:00pm |

## **Participants**

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| Attendee | Initials | Company |
| Trisha McAuley | TM | Independent Panel Chair |
| Nisar Ahmed | NA | Code Administrator Representative |
| Banke John-Okwesa | BJO | Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator |
| Alan Creighton | AC | Panel Member, Network Operator Representative |
| Alastair Frew | AF | Panel Member, Generator Representative |
| Christopher Smith | CS | Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative |
| Graeme Vincent | GV | Alternate, Network Operator Representative |
| Gurpal Singh | GS | Authority Representative |
| Guy Nicholson | GN | Panel Member, Generator Representative |
| Iain Dallas | ID | Alternate, Generator Representative |
| Jeremy Caplin | JC | BSC Panel Representative |
| John Harrower | JH | Panel Member, Generator Representative |
| Nadir Hafeez | NH | Authority Representative |
| Rob Wilson | RWi | Panel Member, National Grid ESO |
| Robert Longden | RL | Panel Member, Supplier Representative |
| Roddy Wilson | RW | Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative |
| **Observers/Presenters** |  |  |
| Attendee | Initials | Company |
| Jennifer Groome | JG | Code Administrator, National Grid ESO (Presenting CACoP Results Update) |
| **Apologies** |  |  |
| Attendee | Initials | Company |
| Sigrid Bolik | SB | Generator Representative |
| Steve Cox | SC | Panel Member, Network Operator Representative |

## **Introductions and Apologies**

1. Apologies were received from Steve Cox and Sigrid Bolik.
2. The Chair reminded Panel Members of the requirement for impartiality and of declaring potential or perceived conflicts of interest.
3. **Minutes from previous meeting**
4. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 15 December 2021 were approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments from RWi, GV and AC.

## **Review of actions log**

1. The Panel reviewed the open actions and they agreed to close **Actions 414, 415** and **416**.

## **Chair’s update**

1. There were no Chair updates.

## **Authority Decisions**

1. GS provided updates on outstanding Modifications awaiting decision and confirmed that the decision re **GC0133** would be published the week commencing 7 February 2022, (11 February 2022at the latest) and the decision re **GC0137** on 31 January 2022. He also mentioned that the Authority had published the Cross Code Survey results.

## **New modifications**

1. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

## **7.** **In flight modification updates**

1. NA talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found in the Headline Report within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

[https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/meetings/grid-code-panel-meeting-30092021](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232971/downloadhttps:/www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232971/download)

**[GC0117 Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of PGM requirements](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0117-improving-transparency-and)**

1. NA advised the Panel that the Workgroup had established that a few more meetings would be required for them to consider and deliberate on stakeholder feedback on proposed thresholds and other complex issues that had not been originally anticipated. This would cause a delay (for the Workgroup Report to be issued to the Panel) from 31 March 2022 to 22 June 2022. NA presented a revised timetable for this modification to the Panel and requested approval for the timeline extension. The Panel agreed to a delay to 22 June 2022 for the Workgroup Report to be presented to them and the Chair requested that NA should provide regular progress updates to the Panel.

**[GC0148 Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/uk/electricity-transmission/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0148-implementation-eu-emergency-and-0)**

1. NA advised that, due to pending issues currently being resolved by the Workgroup, one more meeting would be required before the **GC0148** Workgroup Consultation could be issued and therefore a delay (for the Workgroup Report to be issued to the Panel) from March 2022 to April 2022 was required.
2. NA further advised the Panel that, on 14 January 2022, the Workgroup considered whether it might be prudent to merge **GC0148** and the Electricity Restoration Standard (ESRS) due to the potential impact that the ESRS might have on the implementation of **GC0148**. The Workgroup had noted that the Distributed Re-Start work will close in June 2022 and there is a possibility that it could be transferred into the ESRS eventually. RL advised that the ESO Technical Code Team were in the process of raising a new modification in relation to ESRS and had presented it at the Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF) on 14 December 2021. This new modification would be presented to the Panel at the next Panel meeting.
3. RWi and RL suggested that the Workgroup should focus on progressing with **GC0148** and not look to delay it due to the proposed ESRS modification. The Panel agreed to a delay to April 2022 for the Workgroup Report to be presented to them and NA agreed to provide an update to the Panel at the next Panel meeting.

## **Prioritisation Stack**

1. The Panel held discussions regarding the prioritisation of **GC0154** and **GC0155.** The Panel concluded that **GC0154 and GC0155** should be prioritisedover 3 existing modifications – **GC0146, GC0140** and **GC0103** based on theirsignificance and impact. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found in the Headline Report via the following link:
2. <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232971/downloadhttps:/www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232971/download>

## **9. Workgroup Reports**

1. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

## **10. Draft Final Modification Reports**

**[GC0153 Making the Grid Code Gender Neutral](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0153-making-grid-code-gender-neutral)**

1. NA delivered a presentation on **GC0153** to the Panel. The modification seeks to remove any gender specific references or terminologies within the Grid Code and make it gender neutral. The Code Administrator Consultation was held from 03 December 2021 to 5pm on 7 January 2022 with 1 response received from the ESO.
2. The Panel held their determination vote on **GC0153** and unanimously recommended that the **GC0153** original solution should be implemented. NA informed the Panel that he would circulate the Final Modification Report by 01 February 2022 for Panel members to check that their votes are correctly recorded. An Appeals window would be open from 9 February 2022 to 2 March 2022 for industry to review/appeal the decision.

*Post meeting note: The Final Modification Report was circulated to Panel on 01 February 2022 for 5 working days to check votes.*

**11. Reports to Authority**

1. There were no further updates for Panel.

## **12. Implementation updates**

1. There were no further updates for Panel.

## **13. Governance**

1. There were no further updates for Panel.

## **14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)**

1. RWi advised that, in the last meeting held on 12 January 2022, a summary of Regulatory Framework updates required for the implementation of ESRS was discussed, together with updates from the ESO Technical Team Code in relation to the removal of Fax Machines for the ESO Control Room communications. The Whole System Technical Code (WSTC) Team also delivered a verbal update on the responses received to their consultation. AC noted that, at the last WSTC meeting, it was flagged that there may be request for recommendations from Panel in future.

More details on the outcomes of the meeting are available in the Grid Code Review Panel presentation pack within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

[https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/meetings/grid-code-panel-meeting-25112021](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232416/download)

1. GN asked if RWi would consider the possibility of recording the GCDF meetings in future. GN felt that it may be beneficial for industry engagement because members who are not able to attend a meeting can keep up to date with discussions and provide comments and feedback as relevant. RWi agreed to check this request with attendees at the next meeting.

## **15. Standing Groups**

**Distribution Code Review Panel Update**

1. There were no updates for the Panel.

**Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)**

1. NA advised that the last JESG meeting for January 2022 was cancelled. The next meeting would be held on 9 February 2022. Meeting materials can be found via the following link:

[h](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/european-network-codes-old/meetings/jesg-meeting-8-february-2022)[ttps://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/european-network-codes-old/meetings/jesg-meeting-12-october-2021](https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/european-network-codes-old/meetings/jesg-meeting-8-february-2022)

## **16. Updates on other Industry Codes**

1. There were no updates.

## **17. Blockers to Modification progress**

1. There were no updates.

## **18. Horizon Scan**

1. There were no updates.

## **19. Electrical Standards**

1. NA advised that, on 20 January 2022, the Code Administrator published the revised General Conditions section of the Grid Code for the Electrical Standards for EDL Instruction Interface - Valid Reason Codes.

## **20.** **Forward Plan Update / Customer Journey**

1. NA advised the Panel that 3 Grid Code Modification proposals were received between 14 October 2021 and 12 January 2022 and confirmed that the Code Administrator will continue to work with the Proposer of Modifications ahead of the Modification Proposal Submission Date (even if Urgency is requested) to help ensure the best outcome at Panel. Some Panel members commended the Code Administrator’s Critical Friend process and all efforts made to improve the process.

## **21. Any Other Business (AOB)**

**GC0151 Code Administrator Code of Practice (CACoP) Survey Results**

1. JG delivered a presentation on the Code Administrator’s performance survey. Details of the CACoP Performance Survey results are available in the Grid Code Review Panel presentation pack within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232416/download>

1. JG advised the Panel that, to kick off with improvement plans, an ESO-wide survey would be held on March 2022 to collect stakeholder feedback on the ESO’s service and their experiences working with the ESO. The stakeholder feedback would then be factored into the ESO’s Deliverables Plan for 2022-23.

**The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 24 February 2022 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams.**

**New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 16 February 2022.**

**Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 09 February 2022.**