

Grid Code Compliance Working Group

Terms of Reference

Objective

At September 2007 GCRP it was agreed to establish a Grid Code Working Group which would be tasked with the review and recommendation of the codification of the compliance process and technical performance obligations (currently specified in the Compliance Guidance Notes).

Scope of Work

The group will address the following issues, as agreed by the GCRP:

- (a) Technical Performance
The Working Group to review, identify and resolve any disparity between the Grid Code and Compliance Guidance Notes regarding technical performance obligations.
- (b) Compliance Process
The Working Group will consider and make applicable recommendations regarding the codification of the compliance process (commissioning and lifetime phase) for directly connected and Large Power Stations into the Grid Code.
- (c) OC5 Review
The Working Group will consider the applicability of the current OC5 provisions in light of the possible codification of the compliance process.
- (d) Review of LEEMPS
The Working Group will re-evaluate the existing Licence Exempt Embedded Medium Power Stations provisions with particular reference to the respective responsibilities of Users and NGET and identify applicable recommendations.

Deliverables

National Grid will produce:

- a GCRP paper recommending a way forward on the above issues, reflective of the group discussions and identification of consequential changes which may be required to other industry codes
- draft legal text of any proposed Grid Code changes

Approach

Given the remit of the Working Group which is definable by distinct work areas, it is recommended that the findings are represented to the GCRP via the individual workstreams:

1. Technical Performance
A separate Working Group Report will be presented to the GCRP and an individual Consultation Report will be issued.
2. Compliance Process and Review of OC5
A separate Working Group Report will be presented to the GCRP and an individual Consultation Report will be issued. Depending on the interactivity between the compliance process and review of OC5, it may be appropriate to split the proposals into separate Working Group/Consultation Reports.

Timescales

The Working Group will aim to report back its recommendations from all workstreams by the February 2009 GCRP meeting. The GCRP will receive regular updates on the progress of the Working Group. It is anticipated that the Technical Performance recommendations will be presented to May 2008 GCRP.

Membership

The membership of the working group will be drawn from the GCRP or their nominated representatives, the Relevant Transmission Licensees, and Ofgem.