
Planning data Requirement Submission of Detailed Planning Data (DPD)

Background

PC.4.4.2 of the Grid Code specifies that Users should submit Detailed Planning Data within 28 days (or longer subject to NGET's agreement) of the offer for a CUSC Contract being accepted by the User. For various valid reasons, Users and particularly wind farm developers have found it increasingly difficult to meet this requirement. NGET have outlined the reasons why DPD data is required at previous GCRP meetings.

In this update, NGET has considered RWE's suggestion made at the February GCRP meeting to identify if the submission of some of the DPD data can be delayed beyond what PC.4.4.2 currently requires.

Proposal

NGET examined the DPD data contained in all the DRC schedules of the Grid Code. It is found that the submission of about 90% of the DPD data can be delayed beyond PC.4.4.2 requirement. It is therefore proposed that DPD submission be split into two phases namely, DPD Phase 1 and DPD Phase 2 where:

- a) DPD Phase I: This is data that the User is expected to submit to NGET as per PC.4.4.2.
- b) DPD Phase II: This is data that should be submitted to NGET 2 years before the Completion Date. In addition, some of this data may be required by NGET earlier in specific cases at NGET's reasonable request.

Discussion

Currently, the lack of some 10% of the DPD data causes NGET severe difficulties in carrying out the studies associated with the design of subsequent connection applications for customers and the preparation of the Seven Year Statement. Submission of DPD Phase I as proposed will provide data for these critical studies.

The challenges that developers face in providing all DPD data as per PC.4.4.2 is alleviated to a significant extent if the vast majority of the DPD data is submitted under Phase II as proposed above. This will still facilitate NGET's detailed and precise modelling of the technical performance of the transmission system as well as all relevant requirements for project progression to Interim and Final Operational Notifications. In the interim period, NGET will use generic data unless it considers it necessary to request some Phase II data from the User sooner in specific bases.

Way Forward

National Grid Invites the GCRP to:

- a) Comment on and discuss the above proposal
- b) Discuss and agree if National Grid should proceed with an industry consultation such that the existing Grid Code requirement may be amended to reflect the above proposal.

Attachment

List of DRC Schedules showing proposed DPD split between DPD Phase I and DPD Phase II