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Table 1 - Consultation Papers - Current Status Report - May 2010

Paper Ref.	Grid Code Change Reference	Current Status	Notes		
B/09	Grid Code Requirements for Category 5 Intertripping Schemes	Pending Authority Decision (linked to CAP170 decision)	Consultation undertaken and Report submitted to the Authority on 25 th March 2009. Ofgem issued RIA with request for comments by 3 rd July. RIA re-issued July with request for further comments by 28 th August.		
C/09	Housekeeping Amendments	Pending Submission of Report to the Authority	Consultation issued 1 st May 2009. 2 comments received. Put on hold while considered in parallel with Offshore housekeeping issues. Report to the Authority to be submitted.		
D/09	Automatic LFDD	Implemented	Implementation agreed with the Authority.		
E/09	Reactive Provisions CAP169	Implemented	Implementation agreed with the Authority.		
F/09	Grid Code changes relating to BSC Proposal P243	Implementation agreed and scheduled for 4 th November 2010	The Authority issued a decision recommending the implementation of the proposals		
G/09	Short Circuit Rating	Final Report being drafted	Consultation was published on the 12th November 2009 with 3 responses received by the close on the 10th December 2009. Final Report to the Authority is being drafted currently		
H/09	Submission of Detail Planning Data	Final Report being drafted	Consultation closed on 27 th January 2010		
A/10	Generator Compliance	Consultation Open	Consultation period has been extended until 18 th June. Industry information session held on 24 th March.		

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B/10	Record of Inter Safety System Precautions	Consultation Closed	Consultation Period closed on 30 th March 2010.

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Table 2 - Grid Code Review Panel – Outstanding Issues – May 2010

Summary of Issue	Current position	Last Reviewed	Status & Next Review	Priority
Protection Fault Clearance Times and back-up protection: A paper was presented (pp08/43) relating to discrimination between main and reserved protection settings.	An informal group was set up to agree a Consultation on the issue. A distribution paper (mentioned by MK) associated with Protection where DC supplies would apply consequent on a tripping arrangement was added to the issue	21/5/09	Ongoing May 2010	Medium
Grid Code Structure Review: A structural review of the layout of the Grid Code in 2008.	Options for changes were provided (pp08/48) to the GCRP in 2008 and whilst the option to remain with the status quo was favoured National Grid also took an action to look at whether summary tables for obligations for classes of generator was appropriate.	20/11/08	TBC	Low
The issue of Regional Differences was included.	In Nov 2008, Regional Differences were included to this issue. The original GCRP paper (pp07_36), considered the regional differences in the Grid Code and proposed that these should be addressed in order of priority.	Sept 08	May 2010	
Time Tagging of Dynamic Parameters, NTO/NTB (Notice to Offer/ Bid), QPN (Quasi Physical Notifications):. Potential improvements to such parameters were discussed at the Sept and Nov 2002 GCRP. Panel agreed business case would have to be justified.	National Grid is minded to propose that the development of such parameters should not be currently undertaken unless Panel members are willing to undertaken raising the case for such investment. Alternatively this capability can be fed into the development of the SPICE software (which feeds into the new BM system). Consequently, it is recommended that the issue should be taken off the GCRP Issue list. The Balancing Mechanism System, and associated system (i.e. SPICE) is scheduled for implementation end 2012.	20/09/07	Recommend removal from list and added to BM system requirements May 2010	Low
Power Park Module Extensions: The Grid Code PPM Working Group agreed that the issue regarding the applicability of technical requirements to PPM extensions would benefit from further analysis due to the complexity of issues surrounding the matter.	Update to be provided at May GCRP meeting.	07/09/06	TBC May 2010	Medium

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Codification of Generic Requirements currently included in Bilateral Agreements: Review of current requirements in Appendix F5 which may be codified in the Grid Code.	Prior to Feb 2007 GCRP, JN communicated areas of focus for discussion and National Grid to consider. Whilst subsequent Grid Code modifications have transferred some of the issues, JN to provide a brief update of outstanding concerns at May 2010 GCRP meeting.	15/02/07	TBC May 2010	ТВС
System-to-generator operational inter-tripping schemes: Consequences to implementation of F/08. A review of the system- to generator operational intertripping scheme descriptions and requirements has been requested.	Update to be provided at May GCRP meeting.	2008	TBC May 2010	Medium
Delegation of Authority for Busbar Switching Contracts	ENA task group established to review existing processes. The new format was trailed at Melksham i.e. DOA Contract referring to SRS and SRS detailed the relevant equipment. Group currently reviewing how best to proceed.	20/11/08	TBC May 2010	Low
Control Telephony Electrical Standard (Scotland): C/06 implemented a Control Standard for England and Wales and it was proposed a similar standard could be developed for Scotland	Options to be considered and recommendations made at the Mat 2010 GCRP	17/05/07	May 2010	Low
System Telephony Electrical Standard: following the establishment of a system telephony electrical standard for E&W, it was proposed to asses whether a Control Standard should be developed.	System telephony is a lower cost option to full Control telephony which using a standard BT line and modem. The low volume of uptake to date and simplicity and flexibility of the system suggests a dedicated standard is not required.	20/09/07	Propose to Close May 2010	Low