

GCRP Panel Briefing Paper

Joint European Standing Group

Background

- 1.1 In February 2011, SSE Generation Ltd raised Modification Proposals to both the BSC and the CUSC, as well as a paper to the Grid Code Review Panel. The proposals seek to create an obligation on National Grid, in its role as National Electricity Transmission System Operator (NETSO), to consult with code Parties on potential changes to the GB industry codes which are discussed or originate from forums other than the relevant code Panel.
- 1.2 The three proposals (CMP191, P271, Grid Code Signatories Consultation) are currently being examined by a Joint Workgroup. The Workgroup published their Workgroup Consultation on 7th June 2011 which closes on 27th June 2011.
- 1.3 In order to facilitate consultation with Parties on potential changes, it has been proposed by the Joint Workgroup to establish a cross-code (BSC, CUSC and Grid Code) Panel Standing Group. This group has been called the Joint European Standing Group (JESG).

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- 1.4 The Joint Workgroup has viewed and discussed the European Network Code (ENC) Work Plan (see Appendix 1) and recognises that the current modification process is unlikely to conclude before November 2011. By the end of 2011 a number of workstreams will have progressed further and in recognition of this National Grid was asked to put together Terms of Reference for a JESG that could be established now under current Standing Group policy.
- 1.5 National Grid presented Terms of Reference for a JESG to the Workgroup on 20th May 2011. These Terms of Reference are deemed to be achievable, in terms of resourcing, for both National Grid and the Industry.
- 1.6 As noted earlier, the Joint Workgroup has published their Workgroup Consultation which contains within it questions related to the proposed JESG. It is therefore proposed that upon the conclusion of the Workgroup Consultation the JESG Terms of Reference, raised here today, are reviewed to ensure that any applicable points raised in the Workgroup Consultation are taken account of.
- 1.7 Upon conclusion of the modification process, if the modifications have been approved by the Authority, the JESG Terms of Reference will need to be reviewed to reflect the obligations arising from the proposals.

Recommendation

- 1.8 That the GCRP approve the establishment of the Joint European Standing Group to improve engagement with the industry on European Network Codes issues.

Appendix 1 - EC/ACER/ENTSO-e Work Plan

EC/ACER/ENTSO-E's work plan

Deliverable	ACER FG draft		ENTSO-E code drafting		ACER evaluation	Comitology	2011				2012				2013				2014			
	Start	End	Start	End			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Products/legislation relevant for effective implementation of the IEM																						
FG on capacity allocation and congestion management	Q1/11	Q2/11																				
NC on capacity allocation and congestion management ¹			Q3/11	Q3/12	Q4/12	Q1/13																
NC on forward markets				Q4/12	Q3/13	Q4/13	Q1/14															
Regional progress, setup and testing (incl. AESAG process and Regional Initiatives Work Program)																						
EC contingency guideline on governance ²																						
FG on network connection ³	Q2/11	Q2/11																				
NC on generation connection ⁴			Q3/11	Q4/11	Q1/12	Q2/12																
NC on DSO and industrial load connection				Q1/12	Q4/12	Q1/13	Q2/13															
FG on system operation ⁵	Q2/11	Q4/11																				
NC on operational security			Q1/11	Q4/12	Q1/13	Q2/13																
NC on operational planning and scheduling			Q2/12	Q1/13	Q2/13	Q3/13																
NC on load-frequency control and reserves			Q3/12	Q2/13	Q3/13	Q4/13																
FG on balancing	Q3/11	Q1/12																				
NC on balancing ⁶			Q4/12	Q3/13	Q4/13	Q1/14																
EC contingency guideline on transparency																						
Possible Guidelines / FG on incentives to TSOs to increase cross-border trade					Q1/12	Q4/12																
Possible Guidelines on investment incentives to TSOs					Q1/12	Q4/12																
EC Contingency Guideline on tariffs					Q1/12	Q4/12																