

Proposal: 'Grid Code Development Forum'



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Summary

- Grid Code Customer and Stakeholder feedback received (collation of verbal and our survey)
- National Grid's work on this feedback
- Relevance of the Open Governance Modification (GC0086)
- Proposal
- Timescales
- GCRP Panel views and comments

Caveat

This presentation has been produced to cover the draft proposal for an issue/discussion forum to work in conjunction with GCRP. Comments are invited.

Grid Code: Stakeholder/Customer Survey Feedback

Wave 1 Results (first 6 months of 2014)

More information sharing

More industry engagement

An opportunity to discuss issues/queries

Manufacturers & small industry parties inclusion and engagement

Volume of issues raised to modification that take years to resolve.

The existing process suits large industry players but smaller companies find it difficult to get up to speed

More accessible for non-technical users

De-jargon content and provide guidance on technical issues.

A new forum creation which facilitates information sharing, engagement & guidance.

National Grid's work on this feedback

- Set up an internal group to discuss results.
- Contacted stakeholders for further information on survey comments provided.
- Worked up ideas on the suggestion of an issue/discussion forum and what this might look like.
- Looked internally at previous and existing information sharing forums (TUG, TCMF, JESG, BSC etc) for sharing best practice but also 'lessons learnt'.
- Worked along side the Open Governance Mod workgroup (GC0086) and shared thoughts to date.

Existing CUSC Information Sharing Forum: Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum (TCMF)

How it works:

- The TCMF is established as a standing group under the CUSC.
- Licence condition but not within CUSC governance structure.
- Bi-Monthly (National Grid Chair and Technical Secretary)
- Standing agenda with attendees invited to contribute agenda items.
- The aim is to provide a forum for regular discussion between interested parties and National Grid on development of the charging methodologies.
- All existing or prospective Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) parties are eligible to send one representative to the meeting. In addition, representatives from other industry bodies are invited.
- Potentials expansion of role (Jan TCMF)

Relevance:

Open Governance Grid Code Mod (GC0086)

- This modification proposes the creation of an informal ‘issues group’ for discussion ahead of submission to GCRP.
- Discussed a similar such group under the BSC and the benefits of this.
- Proposes a new GCRP Structure and independent chair.

Timescales associated with this Modification:

01

Workgroup
Consultation

■ 6 January 2015: Workgroup Consultation closes

■ **21 January 2015: Report to GCRP**

02

Industry
Consultation

■ February 2015: Industry Consultation

■ May 2015: Report to Authority

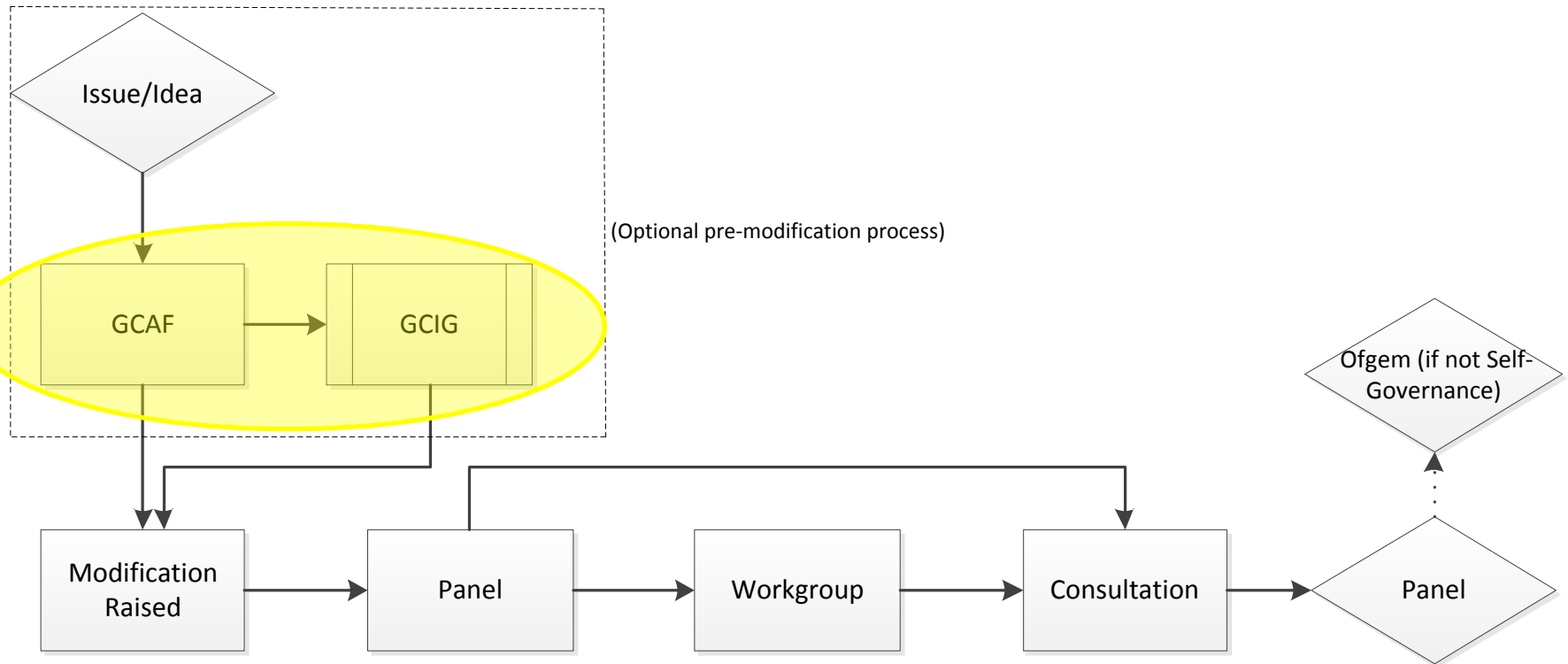
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Report to the
Authority

■ Autumn 2015: First Open Governance Elections

■ January 2016: Newly re-constituted Panel in place 7

For information: Open Governance GC0086 proposed structure



Next Steps: Proposal

N.B Taking into account GC0086 timescales (leading into Summer 2015 before a forum is introduced) and this is subject to authority approval.

- Identified the benefit to Customers and Stakeholders to create an information sharing & discussion forum and begin this work now.
- Long terms benefits in discussion of issues prior to progression – reduction of issues/modifications and resource strain.
- This would run in the opposite month to GCRP. Bi-monthly.
- Suggested first session in February to be a collaboration and scoping session with April as the ‘first run’ meeting.

Proposal Details:

- Creation of joint Agenda and Terms of Reference between customers, stakeholders and National Grid.
- Open attendance but core membership (inc technical experts).
- Keep watching brief on progress of the Open Governance Modification with regards to changes to Grid Code structure and necessary alignment.
- National Grid Chair and Admin.
- Chair reports to GCRP.
- Held at National Grid House.

Proposed Timescales

- January 2015: Code Administrator invites to Industry for GCDF
- February 2015: GCDF 'Scoping Session' with Industry
- April 2015: First run new 'GCDF'
- May 2015: Necessary alignment with Open Governance Mod (GC0086) outcome.
- Grid Code Newsletter produced and intends to highlight main developments in GCRP and flag and invite items in relation to Grid Code Development Forum

GCRP Panel Views Welcome

