

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Stations requirements

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Key areas of discussion

The Workgroup discussions are summarised according to agenda items:

Apologies

Apologies were received from Alan Creighton, Ruth Roberts and Paul Drew. Banke John-okwesa chaired the meeting and Shilen Shah filled in as the Ofgem Representative.

Timeline

The Workgroup agreed to change the date of Workgroup Meeting 16 from the 15th September 2022 to the afternoon of the 19th September 2022.

To allow for a thorough review of the outputs of the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) ahead of the Workgroup Report going to Grid Code Review Panel it was agreed that the timeline should be extended by 2 months.

Action Log review

The Workgroup went through the Action Log and agreed:

- to leave actions 2, 6, 34, 36 as open
- to update the wording of Action 26 to improve clarity
- to close action 57 and replace with the actions to review the consultations

Review of Workgroup Consultation summaries

BJO provided an overview of the responses including:

- Out of 14 respondents, 3 support the original proposal and 3 support the WAGCM1 proposal. With some expressing that the solutions had not been fully developed. Others believe that a CBA and further investigations are required to fully assess the proposed solutions against the applicable Grid Code objectives.
- Some respondents expressed that the rationale / case for change is not clear. No demonstration of how the change would simplify and align Grid Code and generation considering discrepancies identified.
- Majority of respondents agreed that it is appropriate to change the definition of Demand Capacity and associated Grid Code definitions to align with the changes to Large, Medium and Small Power Stations but, via a separate modification.
- Most respondents were in support of revising the definition of Registered Capacity.
- Most respondents do not support a retrospective approach as it will be complex and result in increased costs.
- Majority supported establishing a holistic view of the required future net zero arrangements of the technical and commercial arrangements for connecting new and operating existing and new generators.
- A respondent advised that a holistic review is already being taken forward by the Open Networks project and continuing with GC0117 could result in duplication of effort and recommendations contrary to proposals under Open Networks.

The Workgroup discussed the overview, in particular the requirement to gain insight on costs through a CBA with a framework which answers the defect and assessed by the Workgroup as required, and the scope of Open Networks versus GC0117 and the benefits of harmonisation.

Review of any alternatives raised

The Workgroup discussed the existing alternative solutions, TJ aired that the ESO were thinking of proposing a variation to alternative 2 where ESO would send the instruction post confirmation from the DNO dependent on the Workgroup appetite. The Workgroup agreed that this could be considered this once more details were available, acknowledging that as the expected GC0117 implementation date 2027 would allow for modifications to be raised as well.

Alternative Vote

Following the vote there are now two WAGCMs, as ESO's alternative 3 (LEEMPS Plus) progressed to WAGCM2 (5 in support and 3 against). 2 of 8 Workgroup members were in support of alternative 2 raised by UKPN and 3 were in support of ESO's alternatives 4 (RDP) and 5 (Hybrid Approach).

The Workgroup discussed the validation of the voting from Workgroup 6 (28 September 2021)

As there weren't any themes of support for the alternatives from the Workgroup Consultation, BJO chose not to save any of the alternatives which did not receive enough votes to progress to a WAGCM.

Next Steps

- The next Workgroup meeting to be held on 19th September afternoon
- Updates on CBA framework and analysis to be shared with Workgroup

Actions

Action Number	Workgroup raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
65	WG15	BJO	Update action 26 wording	WG16	Complete
66	WG15	SS	To follow up the support documentation query in action 26 with ASA	ASAP	Open
67	WG15	GG	To share email highlighting benefits of harmonization from GC0103	WG16	Open
68	WG15	DH/RR/BJO	To pull together CBA framework for discussion and gap analysis	ASAP	Open
69	WG15	BJO	To update modification timeline	ASAP	Complete

Participants

Attendees	Initial	Company	Position
Banke John-Okwesa	RR	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Technical Secretary
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Proposer
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Nic Rubin	NR	Elexon	Workgroup Member
Mike Kay	MK	Electricity North West	Workgroup Member
Paul Youngman	PY	Drax	Workgroup Member
Richard Wilson	RWi	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Workgroup Member
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Workgroup Member
David Halford	DH	National Grid ESO	ESO Representative
Tony Johnson	TJ	National Grid ESO	ESO Representative
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Catia Gomes	CG	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Observer
Emma Burns	EB	Flexitricity	Observer

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