

Minutes of SQSS Review Panel Meeting

Minutes

Meeting name	SQSS Review Panel
Meeting number	1
Date of meeting	17 th May 2012
Time	10:00 - 13:00
Location	National Grid House, Warwick, CV34 6DA

Attendees

Name	Role	Initials	Representing
David Wright	Chair	DW	
James Cooper	Secretary	JC	
Xiaoyao Zhou	Member	XZ	National Grid
Andrew Hiorns	Member	AH	National Grid
David Carson	Member	DC	SPT
Brian Punton	Member	BP	SHETL
Bless Kuri	Member	BK	SHETL
Sean Kelly	Member	SK	OFTOs
Geoff Singleton	Member	GS	OFTOs
Simon Lord	Member	SL	Generators (nominated by AEP)
Alan Creighton	Member	AC	Distributors (nominated by ENA)
Sheona Mackenzie (by phone)	Authority Rep.	SM	Ofgem

Invitees

Name	Role	Initials	Reason for Invite
Vandad Hamidi	Invitee	VH	Demand and Generation Modelling Group Chair
Mark Perry	Invitee	MP	Offshore Working Group Chair

Apologies

Name	Role	Initials	Representing
Mike Lee	Alternate	ML	OFTOs
Cornel Brozio	Member	CB	SPT
Iain Cameron	Alternate	IC	OFTOs

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1 Introductions & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the group to the first meeting of the SQSS Review Panel, and the panel members introduced themselves. The apologies were noted.

2 Confirmation of Members and Future Meeting Arrangements

The members and alternates were confirmed to be as set out on the previous page. It was noted that neither SPT nor SHETL currently have alternate members.

For future meetings, the agenda will be sent out 1-2 weeks ahead of the meeting so that members have sufficient time to table any additional topics for discussion. Draft minutes will be published within a week of the meeting, and ratified as final at the next meeting.

It was proposed to hold one or two meetings a year as face to face meetings, with the rest as teleconferences. It was agreed to monitor this arrangement on an ongoing basis, particularly the effectiveness of teleconferences with the increased number of members. For now it was agreed to hold the next two meetings as teleconferences and the subsequent one as face to face.

ACTION: JC to send out meeting invites

3 Approval of Minutes

a) March 2012 SQSS Review Group Minutes

The Panel approved the minutes for publication.

4 Review of Actions

a) Completed

Action	Description	Action Owner
34.7	JC to arrange Industry workshop for late June, and two or three further ahead. <i>Date arranged. Invite to be sent.</i>	JC
34.8	JC to schedule May face-to-face meeting. <i>Meeting arranged</i>	JC
32.8	Action title amended to "Are we collectively modelling embedded generation in accordance with the SQSS (post GSR009)?" It was discussed that DNOs usually net off the effect of Small and Medium power stations in their Week 24 submissions. For economy GSR009 criteria, this should be modelled at higher transmission factors. Members need to ensure however we are not double counting this by both adding it as generation and netting off demand. MP to lead discussions. <i>VH is meeting SHETL 18/05/12 to take this forward. Both this and action 33.6/7 will be further taken forward via a joint SQSS / P2/6 working group, and monitored via agenda item 9. Action closed.</i>	VH
33.6/7	Report on upcoming liaisons with Alan Creighton and Mike Kay, with respect to interaction of SQSS and P2/6. DW reported Mike Kay was supportive of a one-off collaboration meeting to discuss interaction/potential conflicts without commitment to change either SQSS or P 2/6 – MP to arrange. <i>Both this and action 32.8 will be further taken forward via a joint SQSS / P2/6 working group, and monitored via agenda item 9. Action closed.</i>	VH
35.1	DW (JC) to write to Simon Lord and Alan Creighton to welcome	JC

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	them as future members of the SQSS Review Panel. <i>Letter sent in March</i>	
35.2	DW, DC, BP, ML to elect to the secretary the members who will attend the next meeting on behalf of NGET, SPT, SHETL and the OFTOs respectively. <i>All members were elected ahead of the meeting so this action was superseded.</i>	DW, DC, BP, ML
35.3	JC to facilitate election of OFTO representatives and of chair. <i>OFTO members and alternates have been confirmed. David Wright elected as chair.</i>	JC
35.4	An up to date review register to be produced containing old and current modifications and circulated around the attendees. <i>Circulated prior to the meeting</i>	JC
35.5	TD to propose pro-forma for a new Modification Proposal Form. <i>This has been provided.</i>	TD
35.6	DW to consider annual updates to regulators on behalf of the panel following the successful update meeting with Ofgem. <i>DW has agreed with Geoff Randall of Ofgem that this will be an annual event.</i>	DW
35.7	NG Legal team to check consultation and SQSS text before this is issued. DC to pass this to JC to coordinate. <i>To be picked up through Working Group updates.</i>	DC/JC
35.8	JC to coordinate with Pat Hynes/Ian Pashley and provide text from a CUSC perspective for DC to include in consultation document. <i>A response has been provided to DC</i>	JC
35.9	VH to propose an agenda for Industry workshop. <i>This was discussed during the meeting – see item 8</i>	VH
35.10	JC to arrange Panel meetings for the next year. <i>Arrangements for the next five meetings have been confirmed. Meeting invites to be circulated.</i>	JC

b) Carried over

Action	Description	Action Owner	Due date
34.2	Competition in transmission: VH to progress under the new 'non-material change' route, changes to definition of Onshore Licensee within SQSS. This action awaits Ofgem's decision on competition, and will be a housekeeping change.	VH	Dec 2012

c) New

Action	Description	Action Owner	Due date
1.1	DC to circulate Generation Connections final report / consultation document to Panel members	DC	May 21 st
1.2	SL to review Generation Connections report and assist DC in	SL	June 1 st

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	crafting any necessary commercial questions		
1.3	Members to provide comments on Offshore report by June 8 th	All	June 8 th
1.4	JC to circulate current Terms of Reference and membership of Interconnectors Working Group before their discussion at the forthcoming industry workshop	JC	May
1.5	VH to raise the reasons for lack of progress of the Interconnectors Working Group at Industry Workshop and seek Industry assistance.	VH	June
1.6	VH to investigate how Industry should be advised of new modification proposals.	VH	Next meeting
1.7	JC to update modification register to include forthcoming milestones	JC	Next meeting
1.8	VH to progress Industry Workshop Agenda	VH	June 21 st

5 Workgroups in Progress

a) Generation Connections

A final report has been produced, incorporating comments from the CUSC team, with a separate document summarising the changes from the draft version. A cover letter for the consultation has also been produced.

ACTION: DC to circulate these documents to Panel members.

Discussion took place regarding the commercial implications of this work.

ACTION: SL to review report and assist DC in crafting any necessary commercial questions.

June 1st has been targeted for the consultation launch, with an 8 week consultation period.

b) Offshore

A draft report was circulated prior to the meeting. MP presented the findings to the Panel. Comments are requested to be submitted by June 8th.

ACTION: All to provide comments by June 8th.

There was discussion about the need for the NETSO to coordinate redistribution of DC flows among cables potentially owned by multiple OFTOs. It was confirmed that the ITPR work will address the issue of coordinating power movements.

c) Interconnectors

The group has continued to fail to make progress on the central question: For wider network design, what weight is to be put on maximum export and import conditions. It was discussed that European CBA studies are too complex without a European wide merit order. Revised, more focussed, Terms of Reference were considered necessary. A decision on the future of the group was deferred until the next meeting, pending the following actions:

ACTION: JC to circulate current Terms of Reference and membership before their discussion at the forthcoming industry workshop.

ACTION: VH to raise the reasons for lack of progress of the Interconnectors Working Group at the Industry Workshop and seek Industry assistance..

d) Maximum Infeed Loss (Monitoring)

Terms of Reference have been agreed. Two meetings have been held. The following issues are being investigated:

1. Should $N - 2$ be considered instead of $N - 1$ to cater for multiple cable failures from e.g. a ship's anchor damaging parallel cables?
2. Will converter fault rate be considered a normal or an infrequent event?

A draft report is expected to be presented at the next meeting.

6 Modification Proposals

a) New

None received

SL raised the issue of how Industry should be advised of new modification proposals, and invited to join Working Groups to assist in progressing them.

ACTION: VH to investigate how Industry should be advised of new modification proposals for SQSS.

b) Tabling of New Modification Register

JC tabled this. It was agreed that as well as logging the progress of modifications to date, forthcoming milestones as agreed by the panel should also be included.

ACTION: JC to update the register to include forthcoming milestones.

7 Pending Authority Decisions

a) GSR008

Ofgem have published an open letter that they are minded to accept the proposal – consultation responses are due by 8th June. The Authority decision will be published soon after. It will then be necessary to have a statutory 56 day consultation as this is a licence change so it may be September before this is implemented.

In the meantime, for other text modifications, SM confirmed we should draft changes on both pre-GSR008 and post-GSR008 standard versions.

8 Customer Engagement

a) Industry Workshop – 21 June – Agenda

VH presented a draft agenda. Suggested modifications included:

- Incorporating the Interconnectors Working Group issues (see above)
- Extending the discussion about the Generator Connections and Offshore Working Groups
- Shortening the length of the workshop and starting and finishing earlier
- It was discussed that if a vision of the next 10-15 years is set out, this could form the basis of a discussion
- The term 'demand' is open to interpretation especially with increased penetration of embedded generation and likely future growth of demand side management / participation. This might be a potential discussion area.

ACTION: VH to progress

9 Standing Items

a) Demand Modelling

VH is progressing this, and a meeting was to be held on 18/05/12. AC noted there is currently quite prescriptive guidance from NG to DNOs in relating to completing the Week 24 data submission. The Grid code contains a list of the information needed and at the back are tables.

It was agreed the following steps would be considered

1. Work out what information is needed
2. Determine which parts of this information can be obtained from DNOs
3. Redesign tables as necessary to obtain required information

Update to be provided at the next meeting.

10 Any Other Business

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AH raised the issue that there is no Deputy Chair. It was agreed it would be beneficial to have one, and in the absence of any other candidates, AH was unanimously appointed to the role.

AC and SL considered that it may be beneficial to spend some time with NGET to understand further some of the issues. DW confirmed they would be welcome to do so.

It was also noted it would be beneficial to provide relevant information further ahead of the next meeting than had been achieved for this one.

11 Lunch

12 Next Meeting

The next meeting is a teleconference planned for 14:00 – 16:00 on 17 July 2012.