

DRAFT Minutes of SQSS Review Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Meeting Name	SQSS Review Panel
Meeting Number	3
Date of Meeting	18 th September 2012
Time	14:00 - 16:00
Location	National Grid House, Warwick, CV34 6DA and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Role	Initials	Representing
Andrew Hiorns	Acting Chair	AH	
Nick Martin	Acting Secretary	NM	
Vandad Hamidi	Alternate	VH	National Grid
Xiaoyao Zhou	Member	XZ	National Grid
David Carson	Member	DC	SPT
Brian Punton	Member	BP	SHETL
Bless Kuri	Member	BK	SHETL
Sean Kelly	Member	SK	OFTO
Simon Lord	Member	SL	Generators (Nominated by AEP)
Alan Creighton	Member	AC	Distributors (Nominated by ENA)
Sheona Mackenzie	Authority Rep.	SM	Ofgem

Invitees

Name	Role	Initials	Reason for Invite
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Apologies

Name	Role	Initials	Representing
David Wright	Chair	DW	
James Cooper	Secretary	JC	
Cornel Brozio	Member	CB	SPT
Geoff Singleton	Member	GS	OFTO

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1 Introductions & Apologies

The apologies were noted.

2 Approval of Minutes

a) July 2012 SQSS Review Group Minutes

The panel approved the minutes for publication.

3 Review of Actions

a) Completed

Action	Description	Action Owner
1.0	Discuss possible CUSC modification necessary as a result of progressing GSR010. <i>Action Completed.</i>	VH
1.1	All to provide comments on Offshore Workgroup Report and Consultation Questions. <i>Action Completed – Consultation launched August 2012.</i>	All
1.2	Offshore Consultation to be launched. <i>Action Completed – Consultation closes 1st October 2012.</i>	JC / (MP)
1.3	All members to submit comments to XZ on Maximum Infeed Loss (Monitoring) Report. <i>Action Completed – Paper circulated prior to meeting.</i>	All
1.4	GSR008 queries to be circulated around workgroup and responses passed to SM to determine way forward. <i>Action Completed – SM received responses from the workgroup.</i>	JC / (MP) SM
1.5	JC to investigate whether the next Industry Workshop could be attached to the Operational Forum. <i>Action Completed – Appears plausible.</i>	JC
1.6	Research proposal on demand modelling to be forwarded to members, who are requested to respond with their views on whether it is valuable to proceed. <i>Action Completed – Paper circulated prior to meeting.</i>	VH All
1.7	Produce a paper investigating the behaviour of interconnectors over the course of a year and what Chapter 2 and Chapter 4 assumptions should be made in planning. <i>Action Completed – Paper circulated prior to meeting.</i>	VH
1.8	Investigate whether the system could tolerate a normal infeed loss risk of more than 1320MW. <i>Action Completed.</i>	VH

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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
2.0	Produce CUSC Consultation Report incorporating the responses received as a result of the GSR010 consultation.	DC	Next Meeting
2.1	Confirm CUSC Panel meeting dates and members.	JC/NM	Next Meeting
2.2	All members are requested to submit comments with respect to the Maximum Infeed Loss (Monitoring) report and consultation letter.	All	01/10/2012
2.3	Provide updated version of the SQSS with a covering letter reflecting any changes as a result of the GSR008 consultation.	MP	Circa: 08/10/2012
2.4	Investigate whether an SQSS Industry Workshop could follow the first Operational Forum of the New Year.	JC/NM	Next Meeting
2.5	Establish a working group to drive the Treatment of Interconnectors analysis forward. Additional panel members are required to volunteer.	VH/SK	01/10/2012
2.6	Treatment of Interconnectors paper to provide further clarity with respect to loss of demand and frequency control.	VH	Next Meeting
2.7	Further comments were invited from all panel members with respect to the demand modelling research proposal.	All	Next Meeting
2.8	VH, BP, BK and AC to have a separate telephone conference to discuss the issue of the demand modelling research proposal further.	VH/BP/BK/AC	Next Meeting
2.9	Provide a one page document summarising the key issues identified with respect to the normal infeed loss risk.	VH	Next Meeting
3.0	Investigate the governance recommendation as to how best fill the vacant SQSS Chair position.	JC/NM	Next Meeting

4 Workgroups in Progress

a) Generation Connections

The consultation has closed – three responses have been received. It was agreed that these responses need to be consolidated and reported to the CUSC Panel. David Carson (DC) agreed to produce a consultation report that includes the questions the CUSC Panel need to consider and a summary of the responses received. A query was raised as to whether the responses needed to be kept anonymous or not. Simon Lord (SL) confirmed he was happy to have his comments publicly referred to.

ACTION: DC to produce CUSC Consultation Report.

ACTION: JC / NM to confirm CUSC Panel meeting dates and members.

b) Offshore

Consultation is underway and closes 1st October 2012. Following closure, a report shall be produced and circulated. It was confirmed that Mark Perry (MP) is the chair of this working group.

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c) Maximum Infeed Loss (Monitoring)

A draft report and consultation letter has been sent to the Review Panel for comment. To date, comments have only been received from David Wright (DW). All other members are invited to comment before Monday 1st October 2012.

ACTION: All members are requested to submit comments to JC, NM or XZ by Monday 1st October 2012.

5 Modification Proposals

a) New

None received.

6 Pending Authority Decisions

a) GSR008

Ofgem received four responses to the consultation. Two have raised issues and concerns, one of which states an Impact Assessment is required. The working group have reviewed these comments and concluded that they don't believe these comments affect the proposals but that they could make a few minor wording changes to aid clarity. Sheona Mackenzie (SM) has requested the submission of an updated version of the SQSS with all revisions clearly marked and accompanied by a covering letter, to be received within the next 2-3 weeks.

ACTION: MP to provide updated version of the SQSS with covering letter.

7 Customer Engagement

a) Industry Workshop

There was a general consensus that industry workshops should be held more frequently but only when there is sufficient SQSS material to present / discuss. A proposal was put forward to have an open forum to present the SQSS.

Following acknowledgement that it would be plausible for an SQSS Industry Workshop to follow an Operational Forum, it is to be investigated whether this could be done after the first Operational Forum of the New Year.

ACTION: JC / NM to investigate whether an SQSS Industry Workshop could follow the first Operational Forum of the New Year.

8 Standing Items

a) Future of Interconnectors Workgroup

Vandad Hamidi (VH) has produced a paper and this has been circulated to the panel. It was discussed that ENTSO-E are producing a range of European-wide scenarios and ranking orders that will affect the GB system. It was discussed if we could potentially link more into this work. It was agreed that a working group should be established to drive this analysis forward. Vandad Hamidi (VH) and Sean Kelly (SK) volunteered to lead on this.

ACTION: VH and SK to establish a working group to drive this analysis forward. Other members to volunteer by Monday 1st October 2012.

ACTION: VH Treatment of Interconnectors paper to provide further clarity with respect to loss of demand and frequency control.

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b) Demand Modelling

Vandad Hamidi (VH) has circulated to the panel a research proposal on the impact of embedded generation on the load profile at GSPs. Bath University has been engaged to research this. Panel members were requested to respond with their views on whether to proceed with this work.

Initial comments claim the research proposal to be highly ambitious and lacking a clear objective. Further comments from the panel were invited.

ACTION: Further comments were invited from all panel members with respect to the demand modelling research proposal.

ACTION: VH, BP, BK and AC to have a separate telephone conference to discuss the issue of the demand modelling research proposal further.

c) Normal Infeed Loss Risk

System studies have been completed and initial conclusions suggest that there is little scope to increase this criterion.

ACTION: VH to provide a one page document summarising the key issues identified with respect to the normal infeed loss risk.

9 Any Other Business

The panel was notified that due to an internal job promotion, David Wright (DW) shall need to resign from his current position as SQSS Chair. Andrew Hiorns (AH) offered to assume this position on a permanent basis and this was greeted favourably by the remaining panel members.

ACTION: JC / NM to investigate governance as to whether this vacancy can be simply filled by AH or whether a formal election process must be adopted.

10 Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned to be a face-to-face meeting at National Grid House, Warwick scheduled on Tuesday 20th November 2012 between 11:00 and 13:30.