

Minutes of SQSS Review Panel Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Name	SQSS Review Panel
Meeting Number	5
Date of Meeting	22 nd January 2013
Time	13:00 - 14:30
Location	National Grid House, Warwick, CV34 6DA and Teleconference

Attendees

Name	Role	Initials	Representing
Graham Stein	Acting Chair	GS	
James Cooper	Secretary	JC	
Vandad Hamidi	Alternate	VH	National Grid
Xiaoyao Zhou	Member	XZ	National Grid
David Carson	Member	DC	SPT
Brian Punton	Member	BP	SHETL
Sheona Mackenzie	Authority Rep.	SM	Ofgem
Geoff Singleton	Member	GS	OFTO
Sean Kelly	Member	SK	OFTO
Alan Creighton	Member	AC	Distributors (Nominated by ENA)
Simon Lord	Member	SL	Generators (Nominated by AEP)

Invitees

Name	Role	Initials	Reason for Invite
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Apologies

Name	Role	Initials	Representing
Bless Kuri	Member	BK	SHETL
Cornel Brozio	Member	CB	SPT

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1 Introductions & Apologies

The apologies were noted.

2 Approval of Minutes

a) November 2012 SQSS Review Group Minutes

The panel approved the minutes for publication.

3 Review of Actions

a) Completed

Action	Description	Action Owner
4.1	JC to send out a short note to the working group to highlight the issues raised by Ofgem regarding GSR011 <i>Action complete - attached to the minutes of the last meeting</i>	JC
4.2	All members are requested to submit any final comments on GSR013 report or consultation letter to JC <i>Action complete</i>	All
4.3	JC to launch GSR013 consultation <i>Action complete - consultation closes on February 1st</i>	JC
4.7	Panel members to provide any final comments on GSR008-1 letter and revised SQSS text by Friday November 30th and then JC to send to Ofgem. <i>Action complete</i>	All
2.6	Treatment of Interconnectors paper to provide further clarity with respect to loss of demand and frequency control. 20 November update: VH to add one page summary of these issues <i>Action complete – item considered closed unless members submit any further queries to VH</i>	VH
4.9	VH to update members by end of November about any progress relating to the reforming of the interconnector working group <i>Action to be tracked under item 2.5</i>	VH
4.8	JC to arrange date and propose an agenda for SQSS workshop (and face to face meeting) <i>Action complete – this will no longer go ahead</i>	JC

b) Carried Over

Action	Description	Action Owner	Due Date
2.0	Produce CUSC Consultation Report incorporating the responses received as a result of the GSR010 consultation. <i>Update 22nd January: DC has sent to AH a draft report and the way forward is to be determined.</i>	DC/AH	Next Meeting
2.5	Establish a working group to drive the Treatment of Interconnectors analysis forward. Additional panel members	VH	Next meeting

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	<p>are required to volunteer.</p> <p><i>Update 20th November:</i> To be discussed further with Paul Plumptre and next steps to be determined ahead of next meeting.</p> <p><i>Update 22nd January:</i> A European Ranking Order is required to establish likely interconnector flows. This has not been forthcoming. For the next meeting a document will be drafted outlining why progress can't currently be made, and outlining the options.</p>		
4.11	<p>JC to arrange meeting dates for 2013</p> <p><i>Update 22nd January:</i> Codes team are now arranging this. JC to get dates confirmed and sent to members – next meeting will be in first week of April</p>	JC	January 2013
4.10	<p>VH/CB/BP to meet and produce a note together on how to treat small embedded wind</p> <p><i>Update 22nd January:</i> A paper proposing an interim methodology has been circulated to BP and CB for review. A note will be presented at the next meeting which will determine whether any further work is necessary and its scope.</p>	VH/CB/BP	Next meeting
4.4	<p>JC (on behalf of NGET) to provide ML & SK with background information for GSR014, nominate NGET TO and SO reps and a technical secretary</p> <p><i>Update 22nd January:</i> Information supplied recently. Awaiting confirmation of the identity of the technical secretary. JC to supply this and confirm SK/ML have all required information to form Workgroup</p>	JC	January 2013
4.5	<p>JCA / SL to nominate a representative of the generation community to the GSR014 workgroup.</p> <p><i>Update 22nd January:</i> SL undertook to identify within the next two weeks</p>	SL	January 2013
4.6	<p>ML/SK to form GSR014 workgroup</p> <p><i>Update 22nd January:</i> Following confirmation that they have all the necessary information, SK/ML to form this group.</p>	ML/SK	February 2013

c) New

Action	Description	Action Owner	Due Date
5.1	GS to lead discussion in NGET to consider the best channels for engaging with the wider industry and all other panel members are invited to give any further views	GS	Next meeting
5.2	Panel members to provide any other input on the ER P 2/6 letter by Wednesday 23 rd January 12:00	All	23 rd January
5.3	JC to create an "Issues log" similar to that used in Grid Code Review Panel	JC	Next meeting

4 Workgroups in Progress

a) Generation Connections

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DC has sent a draft consultation report to AH for his review and consideration of the way forward. At the present time the plan is to submit this to the Review CUSC Panel which will first require a one-off Working Group meeting to be convened. Next steps will be determined outside of the meeting.

b) Offshore

Work continues on providing clarifications and amendments in response to queries raised by David Gray of Ofgem. Once this is completed, a modification report will be submitted to Ofgem.

c) Maximum Infeed Loss (Monitoring)

A consultation is currently underway which closes 1st February. No responses received to date. Depending upon the responses a modification report may be available by the next meeting.

d) Offshore transformers

NGET have recently provided some background information to ML/SK giving a high level overview of the issue. Confirmation of who the technical secretary will be is still required. Following this, and confirmation that SK/ML have all necessary information, the workgroup will be formed.

5 Modification Proposals

None received

6 Pending Authority Decisions

a) GSR008-1

SM informed the panel that due to the number of changes involved it is likely to be at least two months before a decision is reached. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

7 Customer Engagement

a) Industry Workshop

Due to a lack of certainty about what would be of interest, a proposal was made to invite the industry to specify what they would like to see discussed at a workshop. SL noted that the generation community like to be informed about SQSS updates but not necessarily become heavily involved and that an update provided at one of the industry forums may suffice. Given that there has been little workgroup progress since the last workshop, it was agreed that there was little value in holding a workshop at the moment. DC suggested an update on the website could be useful. It was agreed that some thought needs to be given to how best to engage with Industry.

ACTION: GS to lead discussion in NGET to consider the best channels for engaging with the wider industry and all other panel members are invited to give any further views

8 Standing Items

a) Future of Interconnectors Workgroup

VH reported that modelling work cannot be undertaken without a European Wide Merit Order which to date is not available. A note will be drafted by the next meeting outlining why progress is not currently possible and identifying the future options.

b) Demand Modelling

Bath University are engaged in this work, currently due to be finished by September 2013. This will be tracked by this standing item.

c) ER P2 (Change in Distribution Code for P 2/6)

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An open letter from Mike Kay (chair of the DCRP) invited interested parties to respond to the current P 2/6 review. VH has drafted a response on behalf of the Panel, which must be sent by Wednesday 23rd January. AC pointed out the response implied it was from NGET only and this will be amended. Following discussion of the issues around Question 2 (whether a standard is required at all) it was agreed that from an SQSS perspective a framework of some sort is required but the details of it are within the DCRP remit. The response will be amended to reflect this.

ACTION: Panel members to provide any other input by Wednesday 23rd January 12:00

9 Any Other Business

JC informed the panel that administration of the SQSS was being taken on by the Codes team, who will assume responsibility for matters such as the website, chasing actions as well as publishing minutes and agendas. However the current secretary remains the first point of contact and will continue to attend the meetings.

SL pointed out that a number of relevant generation parties seem to be unaware of SQSS modifications because the distribution list is based on the Grid Code and not the CUSC. JC will bring this to the attention of the codes team and we will seek to improve the list.

Following the GSR008 discussions, a few issues remained outstanding. It was agreed these need to be captured in an issues log, but none currently exists for the SQSS.

ACTION: JC to create an issues log, similar to that used in the Grid Code Review Panel

10 Next Meeting

This will be a face-to-face meeting in the first week of April, date to be confirmed ASAP