

SQSS Special Panel 09 April 2024

SQSS Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 09/04/2024 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 14:00 **End:** 15:40

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Technical Secretary
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Panel Member, National Grid ESO Representative
Garth Graham	GG	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, SP Transmission Representative
Le Fu	LF	Panel Member, NGET Representative
Martin Brown	MB	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Mike Lee	ML	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Paul Drew	PD	Authority Representative
Peter Twomey	PT	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Roddy Wilson	RW	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative

Terry Baldwin	TB	Panel Member, National Grid ESO Representative
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Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
Alana Collis	ACo	ESO – Observer
Catia Gomes	CG	ESO Code Administrator – Presenter, GSR031 Workgroup Report
Steve Baker	SB	ESO Technical Codes – Observer

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Antony Johnson	AJ	Alternate, National Grid ESO Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from Antony Johnson.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

There were no meeting minutes approved by the Panel.

3. Review of actions log

There were no action updates for the Panel.

4. Chair's update

The Chair had no update for the Panel.

5. Authority Decisions

The Chair advised the Panel that there have been no Authority decisions since the previous Panel meeting.

6. New modifications

There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

There were no in flight modification updates presented to the Panel.

8. Workgroup Reports

GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

CG presented the Workgroup Report for GSR031 to the Panel, which aims to introduce the concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the SQSS to enable

Onshore Network Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets.

CG noted that previous Panel suggestions and interactions with GC0159 had now been considered and that the Workgroup had confirmed their vote following these considerations. CG stated that the Workgroup believe the modification Terms of Reference have been met.

GG queried some references to the Energy Act and requested further clarity within the Workgroup Report. CG agreed to change the Energy Act references and confirmed that further clarity could be incorporated into the Code Administrator Consultation.

Several Panel members had a discussion regarding the legal text in 1.23.3 and the CATO Transmission Area, querying whether the Workgroup had considered the scenario where onshore assets were located offshore. An ESO representative noted that they believed this would fall under the license, however it was noted that the CATO license has not yet been drafted. One Panel member queried the connection of Generators and noted that the differing limits for sizes of Power Stations in GB could cause some issues with the introduction of CATOs. There was then significant discussion from the Panel regarding the legal text in 1.23.3 and 4.6.6, with one Panel member highlighting concerns about the interpretation of the existing SQSS legal text. BA noted that the introduction of the legal text in 1.23.3 is for clarification and does not introduce additional requirements.

The Panel agreed that the Workgroup have met the modification Terms of Reference, however requested that additions be added to the Code Administrator Consultation prior to publishing, to reflect Panel discussions. The Panel also agreed to shorten the Code Administrator Consultation to 15 Working Days due to delays earlier in the modification process. The Code Administrator Consultation is scheduled to be published on 12 April 2024 and to close on 02 May 2024.

PD queried the Terms of Reference, asking whether ToR (e) should be amended to make it more specific, however the Panel agreed that no changes were required. AC queried which baseline legal text version the amends for GSR031 was on and asked whether ESRS interactions had been considered. BA confirmed that no interaction had been identified.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Reports to Authority

There were no reports to the Authority.

11. Implementation updates

There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

12. Governance

There were no updates for the Panel.

13. Challenges to Modification progress

There were no updates for the Panel.

14. FRCR update

There were no updates for the Panel.

15. Any Other Business (AOB)

There were no updates for the Panel.

The next SQSS Panel meeting will be held on 08 May 2024 on Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 17 April 2024.

SQSS Code Review Panel Papers Day is 24 April 2024.