

Minutes

Meeting name	Frequency Response Working Group
Meeting number	19
Date of meeting	01 st March 2012
Time	12:00 – 16:00
Location	National Grid House, Warwick, CV34 6DA

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Ian Pashley	IP	Chair
Louise McGoldrick	LM	Technical Secretary
Eleanor Brogden	EB	National Grid
Thomas Derry	TD	National Grid
Ian Nicholas	IN	National Grid
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid
Andy Walden	AW	National Grid
Katie Bloor	KB	RLtec
Mick Chowns	MC	RWE
Simon Lord	SL	FHC – dial in
John Costa	JC	EDF– dial in
Guy Phillips	GP	EON
Raoul Thulin	RT	RWE

Apologies

Name	Initials	Company
Chris Hastings	CH	SSE
Mike Murphy	MM	SP Power Systems
Guy Phillips	GP	EON
Joe Warren	JW	RLtec

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies were received from Chris Hastings (SSE), Mike Murphy (SP Power Systems), Guy Phillips (EON) and Joe Warren (RLtec).

2 Minutes from previous meeting

2. The draft minutes of the Grid Code/BSSG Frequency Response Working Group meeting held on 13th January 2012 were approved and will be made available on the National Grid Website.

3 Review of Actions

3. The Workgroup noted that all the actions from meeting 18 held on 13th January 2012 have been completed.

4 Discuss Draft Frequency Response Consultation Document

4. Prior to the meeting the Draft Frequency Response document had been circulated to all Workgroup members. TD outlined that the report summarised the commercial and technical elements that had been discussed and analysed by the Workgroup and the Frequency Response Technical sub group. TD advised that due to the range of discussions that have taken place, the technical requirement and commercial arrangements will have separate chapters within the consultation document. The Workgroup agreed with the approach being taken to compile the consultation document.

5. The Workgroup reviewed the consultation document requesting the following main areas to be revised:

- Additional section to be included in the consultation document to consider the interaction with the ongoing development of the European Network Codes.
- Market Option 1: Grid Code obligation with the ability to Trade Capability. The current Grid Code obligation requires that a generation unit with a Completion Date after 1st January 2001 must provide primary response (within 10 seconds), secondary response (within 30 seconds; sustainable for 30 minutes) and high frequency response (within 10 seconds, sustainable for 30 minutes) capability and delivery of 10% of Registered Capacity (subject to operating level). It was noted that existing plant would have to meet the requirements of the Grid Code of their day and would not be required to meet requirements subsequently introduced into the Grid Code (a "Grandfathering arrangement"). The Workgroup expressed that Section 4.4 should be carefully worded to clarify that generators will still have a mandatory Frequency Response requirement (as it is not the intention to connect non-compliant plant) but they would be able to trade away provision of that capability to another plant.
- The Workgroup agreed with the high level approach being put forward for the cost benefit analysis for each of the market options; Grid Code Obligation with the Ability to Trade Capability (Market Option 1), Day Ahead Auction (Market Option 2) and Market Tender for Capability (Market Option 3). TD agreed to update this section and incorporate the comments received at the meeting.

Action: National Grid (TD)

6. SL advised that as he was new to the Workgroup he would review the Draft Frequency Response document and provide comments back.

Action: FHC (SL)

7. MC requested clarification of the governance for the Frequency Response Workgroup and TD confirmed that the Workgroup was a joint CUSC (under the Balancing Services Standing Group) and Grid Code Workgroup which is primarily under Grid Code governance.

6 Next Steps

6. Following the Workgroup review of the Draft Frequency Response Consultation document, TD confirmed the Workgroup accepted the approach being taken and stated he would provide an update to the next GCRP meeting on the 21st March.

Action: National Grid (TD)

7. The Workgroup agreed to schedule a further meeting in a month's time.