

GC0074: GCRP Membership



Workshop 1, 10 April 2014
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Agenda

- Background and summary of GCRP discussions
- Workshop objectives
- Representation
- Voting rights
- Election process
- Next Steps

Background

- Discussed at January 2014 GCRP
- Paper presented to March 2014 GCRP
- Panel agreed for workshop to progress strawmen
- Report back to May 2014 GCRP
- Implement any changes in time for 2015 Panel elections

Principles of Review

- Panel should have the right representation (who)
- Election process should allow equal access to Panel (how)
- Panel should be a manageable size (Alternates should attend when members are unavailable, not as well as)

Representation



Strawman presented to GCRP

GCRP Chair	TO	Plus Generator reps – see next slides for options
Panel Secretary	OFTO	
Code Admin	DNO	
Ofgem	DCRP	
NGET	Manufacturer	
NGET	BSC Panel	

One box = one representative

Summary of GCRP Discussions

No change

GCRP Chair

Panel Secretary

Code Admin

Ofgem

BSC Panel

Some change

NGET

NGET

**Onshore TO
(not NGET)**

Offshore TO

DNO

DNO

???

Manufacturer

Supplier

Interconnector

**Non-Embedded
Customer**

**Scottish
Network
Operator**

One box = one representative

Option 1: Generation Election

Large Generator >3GW	Large Generator 3GW or <
Large Generator >3GW	Small and/ or Medium Generators
Large Generator >3GW	Generators with Novel Units

- No change to number or categories of Generator seats
- Introduce more transparent election process

Option 2: Generation by Size

**Over 1000
MW**

**501 – 999
MW**

**51 – 500
MW**

10 – 50 MW

**Less than
10 MW**

- Change categories to reflect changing generation mix
- Reduce number of Generator seats from 6 to 5
- Introduce more transparent election process

Option 3: Generation by Fuel Type

Nuclear

Carbon

Renewable

Trade Body

- Change categories to reflect changing generation mix
- Reduce number of generator seats from 6 to 4
- Introduce more transparent election process

Option 4: Open Generation Elections

Generator

Generator

Generator

Generator

- Allow the generation community free rein in who they nominate and elect
- Introduce more transparent election process
- Reduce number of generator seats from 6 to 4

Summary of GCRP Discussions

- Some preference for Option 1: Generation Elections with no reduction in number of seats
- No preference for any option which reduces the number of Generator seats on the Panel
- Suggestion that number of generator representatives should be increased, regardless of categorisation
- Re-evaluation of the election process could be the most pragmatic way forward to address representation

Voting Rights



Current Voting Rights

- Voting Member = Authorised Electricity Operator
- Code Administrator and Ofgem do not have a vote
- Chair has both a vote and a casting vote in the event of a tie
- Each Member is entitled to cast 1 vote
- Each person acting as Alternate has 1 vote for each Member they represent in addition to their own vote if they are also a Member.

Elections



Current GCRP Election Process

- Panel Members and Alternate Members are appointed for a period of 12 months starting from the first GCRP meeting of the year
- The appointed Members and Alternates automatically retire at the start of the first meeting the following year
- Each Member is eligible for re-appointment
- Members and Alternates must act impartially and represent all Users within their category
- If more than 1 notification is received for the appointment of a Member, the Chairman will contact those represented by the Member and seek to encourage unanimous agreement as to the prospective member. If agreement not reached, the Authority will determine the Member.

BSC & CUSC Panel Election Process

- Run by the Code Administrator (CA).
- Each BSC / CUSC Party may nominate 1 candidate for election by informing the CA.
- If more nominations than places received, then the full election process takes place.
- List of candidates and Voting Papers are circulated to CUSC Parties / BSC Trading Parties
- Each BSC / CUSC Party may submit 1 voting paper and can select up to 3 preferred candidates from the list and rank them in order of preference (1,2,3).
- Qualifying rounds based on preference votes determine who has been elected.
- Full Voting Process set out in BSC Section B and CUSC Section 8. An Election Report prepared by the CA is provided to the Authority afterwards.

UNC Panel Election Processes

- Transporter representatives are appointed by the relevant Gas Transporter
- Shipper and Supplier representatives are appointed by nomination process, administered by the Gas Forum
- If more nominations than places received, then the full election process takes place
- An electoral roll is established and all parties on the roll are issued with candidate details and ballot papers
- Shipper representatives get 5 votes for the 5 places on the Panel, Supplier representatives get 1 vote for the 1 place on the Panel
- Election uses “first past the post” method based on number of votes cast per candidate
- Full process set out in UNC Modification Rules and Gas Forum guidance document

STC & SQSS OFTO Election Process

- Run by the Code Administrator (CA).
- Each OFTO nominates candidates for election by informing the CA
- If more nominations than places received, then the full election process takes place
- List of candidates and Voting Papers are circulated to OFTOs
- Each OFTO may submit 1 voting paper and can select up to 3 preferred candidates from the list and rank them in order of preference (1,2,3).
- Qualifying rounds based on preference votes determine who has been elected.
- Voting Process set out in Section B of the STC and the NETS SQSS Industry Governance Framework document

Next Steps & Timetable



Next Steps and timescales

10 April 2014	Workshop to identify preferred options and develop further detail
April / May	Code Administrator to draft industry consultation
7 May 2014	Circulate draft consultation to GCRP
21 May 2014	Present draft consultation to GCRP
June / July 2014	Run industry consultation
September 2014	Present conclusions to GCRP
September 2014	Report to Authority
November 2014	Authority decision and implementation (ready for December elections)