

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

GC0147: Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation – enduring solution

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Key areas of discussion

- Nisar Ahmed introduced the meeting and provided a recap for members, noting it would be important to make progress within this meeting to ensure the timeline for this modification would remain on track.
- The workgroup discussed whether there was a requirement to pay compensation, and if so, what form the compensation arrangements might take. They concluded that it would be important to consider what the mechanism for payment would be and whether either a DCUSA or BSC modification could be required. In addition it would also be important to consider payments through the BM, noting that this would be to suppliers rather than generators.
- In relation to what price should be paid, two options were discussed;
 - Option 1 – use the average ODFM replacement price for the period as a proxy which avoids the need to identify individual prices
 - Option 2 – use the imbalance price
- In relation to these two options; the ESO took an action away to investigate further before updating the workgroup (see action table).
- The draft legal text was discussed and the proposer (Rob Wilson) noted that he had created this to be symmetrical to demand control.
- The workgroup discussed if it would be appropriate for the ESO to raise a DCUSA modification in order to have a guidance table in the DCUSA. This was widely discussed with a proposed solution to be to have a table in both the DCUSA and the Grid Code. One member felt that having it in either would not be useful as the European law prevails.
- It was also noted that there is some risk in referring to EU law with Brexit looming.
- In relation to registered capacity vs reduction in active power output, the workgroup consensus was that using active power would be preferable, but some flexibility also needs to be maintained to take account of limited amount of warning that would be given.

- The order of disconnection was also discussed at length and noted as another topic to be covered off in the workgroup consultation.
- The consultation questions were categorised and circulated ahead of the workgroup. The workgroup discussed them at length and agreed that the final list would be updated within the draft workgroup consultation before being circulated to members.

Actions Log

Number	Action	Owner	Status
1	To update the workgroup on the timeline and next steps for development on the ODFM replacement	Amy Weltevreden	Open
2	Review draft legal text before next workgroup	All	Open
3	Update workgroup consultation with a summary of Garth Graham's comments on the legal position in relation to CEP	Code Administrator	Open
4	Send 2 doodle polls. First one for short workgroup meeting to review any major changes to consultation document (deleting if not required) and second for workgroup post consultation	Code Administrator	Open
5	Find out if it is possible to create a table showing average ODFM price when used, vs imbalance price in the same period to see if there is a correlation or relationship	Rob Wilson	Open
6	To share Garth Graham's legal comments with ESO legal team and confirm if this changes the ESO view	Rob Wilson	Open
7	To update the legal text as per discussions	Rob Wilson	Open

Participants

Attendees	Company	Position
Nisar Ahmed	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Chair
Kirsten Shilling	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Technical Secretary
Rob Wilson	National Grid ESO	Proposer & Workgroup Member
Andrew McLeod	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Damien Clough	Elexon	Workgroup Member
Dr Isaac Gutierrez	Scottish Power Renewables (UK) Limited	Workgroup Member
Fungai Madzivadondo	Energy Networks Association	Workgroup Member
Garth Graham	SSE	Workgroup Member

Graham Bone	Infinis Energy Services	Workgroup Member
Grant McBeath	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Graz Macdonald	Viridis Power	Workgroup Member
John Smart	SSE	Workgroup Member
Lisa Waters	Waters Wye Associates	Workgroup Member
Matthew Cullen	EON UK Plc	Workgroup Member
Richard Wilson	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
Robert Longden	Cornwall Insight	Workgroup Member
Paul Youngman	DRAX	Workgroup Member
Phil Smith	National Grid ESO	Observer
Bill D'Albertanson	UK Power Networks	Observer
Rachel Beaufoy	National Grid ESO Code Administrator	Observer

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