

Grid Code Review Panel Elections 2020 Elections Report

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Executive Summary

The process to elect Grid Code Review Panel Members and Alternate Panel Members for the period 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022 commenced on 1 September 2020 and concluded on 12 October 2020.

The general arrangements to be followed for an election are set out in the Governance Rules Annex GR.A of the Grid Code. National Grid ESO as the Code Administrator administers each election.

The purpose of this document is to:

- provide a summary of the Grid Code Review Panel election process for 2020
- clarify the approach that was adopted for the election in a number of detailed areas.

Who was able to vote?

- For the purposes of the election arrangements, Grid Code Users are defined as those persons who are a Party to the CUSC Framework Agreement (apart from National Grid ESO) as at 31st August 2020.

What seats were available for election?

- The following seats were available to be Elected:
 - Four (4) Generator seats and two (2) alternate seats
 - One (1) Supplier seat and one (1) alternate seat
 - One (1) Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO) and one (1) alternate seat
 - One (1) Onshore Transmission Owner seat and one (1) alternate seat

What seats were appointed?

- The following seats were appointed into position
 - One (1) National Grid Electricity System Operator (System Operator) and one (1) alternate seat Appointed by the ESO
 - Two (2) DNO seats and two (2) alternate seats Appointed by DNO's

Election Results

Figure 1: Elections Results

Panel Member	Seat	Alternative
Alastair Frew (Drax)	Generator	Not appointed through election
Guy Nicholson (Statkraft)	Generator	Not appointed through election
John Harrower (SSE)	Generator	Not appointed through election
Sigrid Bolik (ITP Energised)	Generator	Not appointed through election

Robert Longden (Cornwall Insight)	Supplier Representative	Not appointed through election
Roddy Wilson (SHE Transmission)	Onshore TO	Ross Kirkwood (Scottish Power Transmission)
Christopher Smith (National Grid Ventures)	Offshore TO	Bryan Rhodes (Frontier Power)
Appointed Seats		
Alan Creighton (Northern Powergrid)	DNO	Matt White (UKPN)
Steve Cox (ENW)	DNO	Graeme Vincent (SPEN)
Rob Wilson (ESO)	ESO	Antony Johnson (ESO)
Gurpal Singh (Ofgem)	Authority Seat	N/A
Jeremy Caplin (Elexon)	BSCCo.	N/A

Elections Process 2020

The Grid Code Review Panel Elections in 2020 did not trigger an actual election as the exact number of nominees needed for each electable seat was received. This meant that there was no need for an election to take place to determine Panel members. We appreciate the time being offered by all the panel members that have put themselves forward and we are keen to understand if we are able to support others putting themselves forwards for future panel roles.

Grid Code Review Panel Election Process and Outcome

Grid Code Review Panel Election

1.1 The Grid Code Review Panel Elections were opened on 1 September 2020. All Grid Code Users were eligible to nominate a candidate to stand in their respective constituent category.

1.2 The Code Administrator engaged Industry ahead of the Elections and produced an [Elections User Guide](#), which was sent to all CUSC Schedule 1 Parties in August 2020. The purpose of this document was to make clear the industry the processes involved in the election period. The Industry mailing lists for Grid Code and CUSC were sent this information.

1.3 The Grid Code and CUSC mailing lists were advised of the planned process and timelines for the election. Please see below table.

Figure 2: Planned Process and Elections Timetable (Published August 2020)

Date	Milestone
Monday 7 th September	We will send out invitations to Grid Code Users (Schedule 1 of the CUSC) to nominate candidates
Friday 9 th October 2020	Nomination Forms to be returned by 5.00pm
Friday 16 th October 2020	We will then circulate the list of candidates and voting papers, or announce the outcome of the Election to Grid Code Users
Friday 13 th November 2020	Each Grid Code User may submit one voting paper which must be submitted to the us no later than 5.00pm
Tuesday 1 st December 2020	We will make known the results of the election no later than Tuesday 1 st December 2020 and newly appointed members will take up their positions at the January 2021 Panel meeting for which the date is to be determined.

1.4 The Code Administrator opened up the nominations process to Industry on 7 September 2020. Each CUSC Schedule 1 party was contacted and directed to electronic copies of the nomination forms to nominate their chosen candidates. The nominations period was open until 9 October 2020.

1.5 The Code Administrator received the exact number of nominations for each electable seat (please see Figure 1).

1.6 Under Governance Rule - [GR.A.11](#), which states “*where there are fewer candidates than seats available or the same number of candidates as seats available, no election will be required and the nominated candidate(s) will be elected*”, the election process was not triggered and the nominations received were henceforth elected.

1.7 Candidates for the appointed seats were successful, and the bodies responsible for the appointment contacted the Code Administrator to advise of the personnel for the forthcoming panel period.

1.8 The Code Administrator Announced the final results of the election to Industry on 16 November 2020 via email, as per [GR.A.11](#).

Industry Engagement

2.1 The Code Administrator committed to providing regular communications to Industry. All relevant communications were sent to everyone signed up to updates for both the CUSC and Grid Code.

Emails were sent to industry as follows:

Date	Email Content
4 August 2020	Introductory email sent to industry
24 August 2020	User guide published
27 August 2020	Code Administrator attended GCRP to publicise election
7 September 2020	Nominations opened
25 September 2020	Code Administrator attended GCRP to publicise election
30 September 2020	Nomination reminder sent – 1 week notice to nominate
8 October 2020	Final nominations reminder sent to Industry
9 October 2020	Email to industry confirming nominations closed
15 October 2020	Email to industry to advised exact number of nominations had been received and that an election would not be triggered
29 October 2020	Code Administrator attended GCRP to advise result of elected seats
16 November 2020	Full results announced to Industry
21 December 2020	Announced the election results and publication of this election report.

Plans in the event an election had been triggered

3.1 In addition, the Code Administrator had planned engagement activities, namely an election podcast and Q&A, which were unfortunately surplus to requirements. The Code Administrator will actively be looking for innovative engagement opportunities in future elections processes.

Schedule 1: The Electorate

Finalising the electorate

4.1 The Code Administrator, as per the Governance, finalised the electorate as CUSC Schedule 1 Parties as of 31 August 2020.

Nominations

4.2 Nominations closed at mid-day on Friday 9 October 2020. Nine nominations were received within the deadline.

Conclusions

5.1 The conduct of the 2020 Grid Code Panel elections was conducted primarily by email, with key documentation available on the Code Administrator's website. As with previous elections, Grid Code Users appeared to be comfortable with the integrity of the election via e-mail and no security or related issues were raised.

5.2 The Code Administrator is satisfied with the integrity of the Grid Code Review Panel Elections and commends the results to Authority.

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