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By email

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Dear Gurpal

Grid Code Review Panel Request Approval of Amended Timetable for GC0151 'Grid Code Compliance with Fault Ride Through (FRT) Requirements'.

The Grid Code Review Panel ("the Panel") on 24 June 2021 considered GC0151 and the associated request for urgency and recommended urgency.

The Authority granted urgency to GC0151 through their [decision letter](#) dated 02 July 2021, following the recommendation from the Grid Code Review Panel ("the Panel") according to timeline in Appendix 1.

Overview of GC0151

The ESO's Head of Networks wrote to stakeholders on 7th May 2021 about "Grid Code Compliance with Fault Ride Through Requirements". In that letter it set out three actions and; in the Appendix to that letter; an interim process that the ESO was proposing be applied by them on Users and Network Operators.

The Fault Ride Through process was subsequently presented by the ESO at the May 2021 Panel meeting where concerns and queries were raised by Panel Members in relation to this process.

In the view of the Proposer, the ESO have, inadvertently, given rise to concerns, by stakeholders, that if they were to follow this uncodified 'voluntary' ESO interim process this would:

- 1) Be placing Users (and in particular Generators) in breach of a relevant **legal requirement**;
- 2) Have a significant **commercial impact** on Users and consumers;
- 3) Have a significant impact on the safety and **security of the electricity system**;
- 4) Apply an **unreasonable timing** obligation on some stakeholders;
- 5) Apply a **discriminatory process** to some stakeholders; and
- 6) Not ensure and **enhance transparency** of the Fault Ride Through situation in Great Britain.

Therefore, a codified process is required to ensure legal compliance and certainty whilst maintaining security of supply and minimising the significant commercial impact on stakeholders as well as providing a reasonably timed, non-discriminatory process and enhanced transparency for stakeholders.

All documentation for this modification can be located via the following link:
<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/industry-information/codes/grid-code-old/modifications/gc0151-grid-code-compliance-fault-ride>

Revised Timetable

At the first workgroup meeting held for GC0151 on 07 July 2021, the Workgroup proposed to amend the timetable that was approved by the Authority with the following amendments:

- **Workgroup Consultation Window** – Shortened from 15 working days to 10 working days.
- **Dates of the workgroup meetings** – amended to avoid having back to back meetings in July 2021 and to allow industry participants time to prepare between meetings.

The Authority should note that the overall deadline remains the same as originally approved and no other milestones have been affected.

GC0151 Workgroup rationale for revised timetable

The Workgroup at its first meeting reviewed the proposed timetable in the light of the Terms of Reference and considered that a fourth workgroup meeting prior to the workgroup consultation being issued would be highly beneficial.

In light of the fact that a series of workgroups were already planned for week commencing 12 July 2021, the Workgroup believed that a shorter consultation would afford the workgroup the requisite time to prepare a more comprehensive consultation document. It was therefore agreed by the Workgroup that an amendment to the timeline prior to the consultation and utilising 5 working days from the consultation period would in this case be appropriate, although not ideal.

Ask of the Authority

As Independent Chair of the Grid Code Review Panel (“the Panel”), I thereby seek further approval from the Authority for the revised timetable. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this letter or the proposed revised timetable.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1 – Timeline approved by the Authority on 02 July 2021

Process	Date
Ofgem Decision on Urgency	2 July 2021
Workgroups begin	5 July 2021
Workgroup report to Panel	6 September 2021
Code Administrator Consultation Commences	9 September 2021
Consultation Close-out for representations	23 September 2021
Final Modification Report available for Panel	5 October 2021
Modification Panel recommendation to Ofgem	7 October 2021
Ofgem Decision expected by	TBC

Appendix 2 – Revised Timeline for Workgroup amended on 07 July 2021

Modification Stage	Date
Workgroup 1	07 July 2021
Workgroup 2	19 July 2021
Workgroup 3	23 July 2021
Showstopper meeting 4	27 July 2021

Workgroup Consultation (10 working days)	30 July 2021 to 16 August 2021
Draft Legal Text	16 August 2021
Workgroup 5	19 August 2021
Workgroup 6	24 August 2021
Final Legal Text	27 August 2021
Workgroup Report issued to Panel (3 working days)	01 September 2021
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	06 September 2021
Code Administrator Consultation (10 working days instead of 1 month)	09 September 2021 to 23 September 2021
Draft Final Modification Report issued to Panel and Industry	27 September 2021
Draft Final Modification Report presented to Panel / Panel Recommendation Vote	05 October 2021
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (1 working day instead of 5)	06 October 2021
Submit Final Modification Report to Authority	07 October 2021
Authority Decision	TBC (as soon as reasonably practicable).
Date of Implementation	One working day after Authority decision