

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

GC0148: Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II

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Key areas of discussion

- Garth Graham (GG) agreed to prepare some text and forward to Code Administration for inclusion in the Workgroup report regarding discussion on the Terms and Conditions and status of approval. GG stated that the formal letter from Ofgem dated 13th July was not approved on behalf of GEMA, noting footnote 1 and the signature of the approval letter as evidence of this. GG confirmed he would be acknowledging this fact by writing to the Grid Code Review Panel to which Ofgem would be party. It was also noted the same issue applied in respect of Grid Code Modification GC0152. ESO advised that we would inform Ofgem of this but it is really an issue between GG and Ofgem, but from an ESO perspective whilst not disagreeing it was seen as a technicality and agree with Ofgem's clarification as provided earlier in the year following the formal publication of their letter on 13th July.
- It was noted that only two comments had been received in respect of the System Defence Plan, System Restoration Plan, Test Plan, Notification Letter and Control Telephony Standard. The ESO did not wish to start updating these documents until a full set of comments had been received and therefore the Workgroup were given until 23rd of November to provide final comments.
- The next iteration of the System Defence, System Restoration and Test Plan will include the GC0148 updates. It is proposed that ESO will update these documents so that the Workgroup has visibility of them for comment. They will then be included within the consultation document which is planned to be issued in late January / February 2022.
- It was noted that there should be two notification letters. One in relation to System Defence Providers and one in relation to System Restoration Providers. This may not seem necessary as any CUSC party would be obliged to meet the full requirements of E&R but this issue will be progressed once Workgroup comments are received.
- It was agreed that the comments received from Mike Kay (MK) and Alan Creighton (AC) should be forwarded round the group so other Workgroup members could add comments to them. This was completed and circulated on 5 November 2021.
- The updated control telephony standard was discussed and the comments from both AC and MK were generally high level with nothing major noted.
- The issue of a virtual control point was noted, and views were sought from the Workgroup on this point noting that the current Grid Code is not explicit in its requirement of having a physical control point. There was a general view that so long as a party could act on and receive instructions from the ESO to the same level of robustness and reliability as a physical control point this could be an acceptable way forward. GG was however much more concerned about this noting that there had been instances of parties being contacted via mobile telephones when travelling which would not be acceptable. The issue requires further clarification. It

was noted that as there has been an increasing trend towards having one control point to control a fleet of plant there may be several developers which are currently not compliant.

- It was noted that resilient communications are required from the ESO to DNO's and to SGU's who are defence service providers and restoration service providers. This point was specifically noted in respect of the Distributed Re-Start Project. Leased lines can be used for this purpose, but it was recognised that a best endeavours basis was not good enough.
- The issue of which parties are SGU's and who is a restoration service provider and who is a defence service provider was raised again. In general, the approach being taken is that any party who is a CUSC Party or who is a non CUSC Party and has a contract to provide a Defence Service or a Restoration Service would be caught under the requirements of E&R.
- Distributed Re-Start was discussed. It was mentioned that it would be useful to have overview of the project solution which would be based on the presentation given in August. The project is due to produce a report in December, but a further presentation could be held if required. Alastair Frew (AF) had some issues with the data requirements noting they were different to those required from Black Start Service providers but would re-check. The Workgroup were given until 15th December to comment on the draft legal text.
- The Storage legal text was also presented which follows the DNO drafting, which follows the approach developed in GC0096 and the European Expert Storage Group. The Workgroup were asked to provide comments back by 15th December.
- The only outstanding area is on low frequency demand disconnection which needs to be progressed with the DNO's. Antony Johnson (AJ) will chase this up as this is now the really large outstanding item.

For further information, please contact the Code Administrator.