THE NATIONAL GRID COMPANY plc

GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL

GRID CODE - OC5 WORKING GROUP
PROGRESS REPORT

1. Introduction

1.1.   This paper reports on progress made by the Grid Code OC5 Review Group

2. Background

2.1.   The terms of reference for the second stage of the review of Grid Code OC5 were agreed by the Grid Code Review Panel (see paper GCRP 01/18) at the GCRP meeting held on 13 September 2001. Since then there have been two OC5 Working Group meetings on 30 October 2001 and most recently on 30 January 2001.

3. Progress

3.1.   As a result of discussions at first meeting in October 2001 the Working Group produced a first draft of Grid Code OC5, specifically including comprehensive references to the Connection Conditions. The majority of these references were required in the Test Assessment table in section OC5.3.3.

3.2.   At the meeting held on 30 January 2002, the proposed text was discussed in detail along with a number of associated issues raised by working group members. As a result of the discussion some areas requiring minor redrafting for clarification of the proposed clauses were identified.

3.3.   This meeting also discussed possible revision of OC5.4.2 (Procedure for Monitoring) and OC5.5.1 (Request for Testing). The proposed changes to OC5.4.2 were related to the addition of provisions for agreeing practical measures with a User with short-term technical difficulties to minimise risks to other Users and add a time scale for reporting. The proposed changes to OC5.5.1 were related to clarification of the routes that might lead to an instruction to test being issued. Although these areas are not within the scope of review agreed at the Grid Code Review Panel, the OC5 Working Group supported a re-draft of these proposals for further consideration.

4. Timetable

4.1.   It is proposed to complete the working group final report including proposed changes to Grid Code OC5 as outlined above, for presentation to the May 2002 Grid Code Review Panel meeting.

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