

Grid Code Review Panel

26 May 2022

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 26/05/2022 **Location:** Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00am **End:** 13:00pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Jennifer Groome	JG	Code Administrator Representative
Banke John-Okwesa	BJO	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
Guy Nicholson	GN	Panel Member, Generator Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Nick Rubin	NR	BSC Panel Representative Alternate
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Rob Wilson	RWi	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Roddy Wilson	RW	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Generator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Christopher Smith	CS	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Steve Cox	SC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Jeremy Caplin	JC	BSC Panel Representative

Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	Company
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator, ESO
Tariq Ajumal	TA	NGESO (Presented Offshore Transmission Network Review – Pathway to 2030)

1. Introductions and Apologies

9018. Apologies were received from Christopher Smith, Jeremy Caplin and Steve Cox.

9019. The Chair reminded Panel Members of the requirement for impartiality and of declaring potential or perceived conflicts of interest.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

9020. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 26 April 2022 were approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments requested by AC and RWi.

3. Review of actions log

9021. The Panel agreed to close Actions **421**, **422** and **423**. AF suggested that the Code Administrator should check and ensure that the wordings of section 16 of the Code Administrator Terms of Reference on the Workgroup Alternative Grid Code Modification (WAGCM) vote process used across all in-flight modifications is correct. **ACTION 424**

4. Chair's update

9022. There were no Chair updates.

5. Authority Decisions

9023. GS advised that the decision on **GC0138** would be published on 10 June 2022.

7. In flight modification updates

9024. JG talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found in the Headline Report within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/260086/download>

GC0139 Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning

9025. JG advised the Panel that the development of the legal text has taken longer than expected and the Workgroup members have requested a time extension. JG presented a revised timetable for this modification to the Panel, noting that the presentation of the Final Modification Report to Ofgem will be extended from 07 November 2022 to 07 February 2023. The Panel agreed to the time extension.

6. Prioritisation Stack / Dashboard

9026. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and agreed to make no changes. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found in the Headline Report via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/260086/download>

9. Workgroup Reports

GC0141 Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9th August Power Disruption

9027. JG presented the Workgroup report for GC0141 to the Panel for approval. This modification seeks to address concerns raised by The Government (BEIS) and the Regulator (Ofgem) following their investigations and review of the incident of 9th August 2019 when some 1 million customers lost their electricity supply as a consequence of unexpected losses of generation, following a correctly cleared fault event on the Transmission System.

9028. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup Terms of Reference have been met and approved that the Modification should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. The Code Administrator will publish the Consultation on 06 June 2022 and this will close on 08 July 2022.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

9029. There were no Draft Final Modifications presented to the Panel.

11. Reports to Authority

9030. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Implementation updates

9031. There were no updates for the Panel.

13. Governance

9032. There were no updates for the Panel.

14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9033. RWi advised that the last meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next meeting would be held on 01 June 2022. The agenda items include: Whole System Technical Code Project Update, CATO/Early Competition, Offshore Co-ordination and an update on RIIO-2 BP2 Consultation.

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

9034. No updates for Panel.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9035. JG advised that the last meeting was cancelled and that the next meeting would be on held 14 June 2022.

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

9036. There were no updates for Panel.

17. Critical Friend Quarterly Update

9037. There were no updates at this Panel.

18. Horizon Scan

9038. The horizon scan is available in the Grid Code Review Panel presentation pack within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website accessible via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/250576/download>

17. Blockers to Modification progress

9039. JG advised the Panel that the most common cause for delays was drafting and finalising of legal texts. RWi responded that some modifications require multiple sets of legal texts and this is usually a time-consuming task, especially where there are multiple alternatives involved.

9040. AC suggested that, in certain workgroups the use of sub-groups has helped progress quicker with legal text drafting but that this comes with the disadvantage that the non-voting members who actively participate in, and drive the development of the legal text, miss out on voting so, although a pragmatic approach, it is not ideally a recommended long-term solution. There was also a suggestion that commencing the drafting of legal text much earlier on in the Workgroup process could minimise delays.

The presentation can be found within the Grid Code Panel papers pack accessible via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/232416/download>

19. Electrical Standards

9041. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Forward Plan Update / Customer Journey

9042. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

Offshore Transmission Network Review – Pathway to 2030

9043. Tariq Ajumal (TA) from NGESO delivered a presentation to the Panel on the Offshore Transmission Network Review. TA advised the Panel that there is an ongoing 'review cycle' and, a working draft of the PT2030 Industry code, standard and licence recommendation

report has been shared with Transmission Owners, Ofgem and internal ESO colleagues. Following this, the ESO will commence with content refinement from late-May into early-June with the aim to publish the report along with the Holistic Network Design by the end of June 2022 after which stakeholders will be invited to review the content and provide feedback.

More details on this can be found in the Grid Code Review Panel presentation pack within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

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National Grid ESO's second RIIO-2 Business Plan (BP2)

9044. RWi advised that the RIIO2 team will be attending the next GCDF meeting and Panel Members interested in responding to the consultation send an expression of interest to this email: box.ESO.RIIO2@nationalgrideso.com

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Code Administrator Annual Report

9045. JG advised that the Code Administrator published the ESO Code Administrator Annual Report for the period of 2021-2022 to provide further context and transparency on the Code Administrator's role and activities across codes. The report, which is the third one to date, includes detailed insight into the Code Administrator's activities, key metrics and available modification data. The Annual Report can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/250576/download>

9046. GS advised that the Authority will not carry out the annual Code Administrator Code of Practice cross code survey this year due to on-going energy codes reform transitioning plans.

Whole System Technical Code Update

9047. RWi advised that the WSTC Steering Group had written to the Panel asking if they could write to Ofgem to express their support for the on-going digitalisation project. RWi stated that the Steering Group's letter to the Panel and a proposed draft letter for the Panel to send to Ofgem had been forwarded to the Code Administrator and will be circulated to Panel Members for comments and approval. **ACTION 425**

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 30 June 2022 on Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 15 June 2022.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 22 June 2022.