

Meeting minutes

National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standards (NETS SQSS)

SQSS Panel

Date: 11/05/2022	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00 AM	End: 12:00 PM

Participants

Attendee		Attend / Regrets
Jennifer Groome (JG) Chair	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Rachel Beaufoy (RB) Panel Secretary	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) Code Administrator	Attend
Alan Creighton (AC)	Network Operator	Attend
Cornel Brozio (CB)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	Attend
David Lyon (DL)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	Attend
Can Li (CL)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Rob Wilson (RW)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Roddy Wilson (RWI)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	Attend
Gurpal Singh (GS)	Authority Representative	Attend
Ayman Attya (AA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	Attend
Le Fu (LF)	National Grid Electricity System Operator	Attend
Garth Graham (GG)	Generation Representative	Attend
Antony Johnson (AJ)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Xiaoyao Zhou (XZ)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Bless Kuri (BK)	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET)	<i>Regrets</i>

Mike Lee (ML)	Offshore Transmission Owner (OFTO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Simon Lord (SL)	Generation Representative	<i>Regrets</i>
Terry Baldwin (TB)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<i>Regrets</i>
Diyar Kadar (DY)	Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)	<i>Regrets</i>
Bieshoy Awad (BA)	National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO)	<i>Regrets</i>

Discussion and details

1. Introductions and apologies

The Chair opened the Panel meeting by making introductions and noted the apologies received.

2. Approval of Panel Minutes from the Panel in December 2021

Panel Members approved the minutes for the previous Panel meeting on 22 March 2022. These are also available on the National Grid ESO website:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/247386/download>

3. Actions Log

The Panel reviewed and updated the Actions Log.

4. Authority update

a) Energy Code Reform

BEIS and Ofgem published a joint response to their consultation on Energy Code Reform on 6 April. The response set out the following key decisions:

- Ofgem will be given a new role in setting the strategic direction for energy codes
- Code administrators and code panels will be replaced by code managers who will be appointed and licensed by Ofgem
- Ofgem will have new powers to issue directions to central system delivery bodies
- Ofgem will be able to make direct changes to codes in certain circumstances

The scope of the new governance framework extends to the 10 current electricity and gas codes and the SQSS, as well as central system delivery bodies.

Ofgem's new roles and responsibilities will be set out in primary legislation when parliamentary time allows. This could potentially be next year. In the meantime, Ofgem will continue to work alongside BEIS and with industry stakeholders to prepare for implementation of the reforms. They noted that they expect to publish an open letter on our approach to implementation, transition activities, and stakeholder engagement later this year.

b) Future System Operator

The government and Ofgem have published a response to their Future System Operator consultation in which they share their commitment to proceed with the creation of an expert, impartial Future System Operator (FSO).

The new Operator will:

- have a duty to facilitate net zero while maintaining security of supply, and an efficient, coordinated and economical system
- take on all the main existing Electricity System Operator (ESO) roles and the longer-term elements of the Gas System Operator (GSO), enabling more coordinated, strategic and whole systems planning
- be a public corporation, inside the public sector, but with operational independence from government
- be funded by consumers through price control arrangements regulated by Ofgem, but with the operational freedom to manage and organise itself to effectively deliver its roles and objectives
- have a duty to provide advice on request to government and Ofgem to inform key policy decisions
- take an increasingly significant role in shaping the energy system, including driving competition across the energy sector

c) Review of Modification Register

No comments.

5. Draft Final Modification Report:

GSR028 – Making the SQSS Gender Neutral

This modification is to remove all gender specific references and terminology within the ESO administered Codes and make them gender neutral.

The Panel agreed for minor suggested changes to the Draft Final Modification Report to be made.

The Panel recommended unanimously that the Proposal should be implemented, in accordance with a timeline set by the Authority [Post Panel note: The GSR028 Final Modification Report was submitted to the Authority on 24 May 2022].

6. Other

Draft modification - Review of Demand Connection Criteria to Align with EREC P2/7

This modification is proposed to review the demand connection criteria in Section 3 of the NETS SQSS to resolve the discrepancies with EREC P2/7. This includes the review of the group demand definition and demand security contribution assumptions from embedded generation, demand side response, storage and active network management schemes.

The Proposer presented the Proposal for this new modification which is planned to be raised formally in July. Panel members gave feedback on the Proposal and agreed that workshops should be set up for interested parties prior to the modification being raised to further understand and refine the Proposal.

7. **AOB**

Review for loss of infeed risk associated with offshore DC converters

An ESO Panel member shared plans to raise a modification soon in this area.

Frequency Risk and Control Report – next edition

An ESO Panel member updated that there is likely to be a second FRCR later this year that will deal with reducing inertia.

Key Dates

- The next SQSS Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on:
13 July 2022
 - Papers Day for the next SQSS Panel meeting is:
5 July 2022
 - The SQSS Modification Submission deadline for the next Panel is:
28 June 2022
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