

Grid Code Review Panel

25 August 2022

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 25/08/2022 **Location:** Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00am **End:** 12:00am

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator Representative
Banke John-Okwesa	BJO	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Christopher Smith	CS	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
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	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Apologies

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Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Guy Nicholson	GN	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nick Rubin	NR	Panel Member, BSC Panel Representative
Steve Cox	SC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative

Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	Company
Shazia Akhtar	SA	Code Administrator, ESO
Stephen Baker	SBa	National Grid ESO (Presented new Modification GC0158)

1. Introductions and Apologies

9115. Apologies were received from Alan Creighton, Guy Nicholson, Nick Rubin and Steve Cox.

9116. The Chair reminded Panel Members of the requirement for impartiality and of declaring potential or perceived conflicts of interest. No declarations were received from Panel Members.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

9117. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 28 July 2022 were approved subject to the incorporation of an amendment requested by NH.

3. Review of actions log

9118. The Panel agreed to close Action **427**.

4. Chair's update

9119. There were no Chair updates.

5. Authority Decisions

9120. GS advised that, due to the complexity of [GC0141](#) it will take longer to reach a decision on this report. An expected decision date will be provided around the end of September/early October.

6. New Modifications

[GC0158 - Reversing unimplemented aspects of GC0068](#)

9121. Stephen Baker (SBa) from National Grid ESO delivered a presentation on GC0158 which replaces the previously withdrawn modification [GC0126](#). This seeks to reverse all **unimplemented** aspects of [GC0068 'Grid Code new and Revised Unit Data and Instructions'](#). SBa proposed that as the modification will make no actual changes to the current Grid Code, the Panel should consider whether it can proceed under the Self-Governance route and go straight out to Code Administrator Consultation.

9122. AF expressed his view that, as GC068 was an Ofgem decision, the Panel did not have the authority to overrule this and un-implement it. AF view was that it would need to follow the Standard Governance route and go back to Ofgem for a decision.
9123. RWi and RL explained that Ofgem have the ability to intervene and reject the Panel's recommendation of Self-Governance if they wish to do so and stated that in their view that this needs to be Standard Governance. With this safeguard in place, they were happy for the modification to follow the Self-Governance route.
9124. The Panel concluded by majority that the Modification met the Self-Governance criteria and can proceed to the Code Administrator Consultation.
9125. RL questioned whether there was a process to progress unimplemented aspects of approved modifications. RL also felt that implementation dates in these scenarios should be more clearly caveated and better communicated to Industry. RWi confirmed that there was currently no process in place. This was a unique modification and the learning that they had taken away from this was not to raise a modification/get a modification approved again that is dependent on something else happening, which in this case was the go-live of the Electricity Balancing System (EBS).
9126. The Chair suggested that the Code Administrator take this away as a light touch action to try to identify any interdependencies throughout the modification process. **Action 428.**

7. In flight modification updates

9127. ML 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>

[GC0117 Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Stations requirements](#)

9128. ML advised that the Workgroup have requested a 2-month extension to the timeline to carry out a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) of the proposed solutions (internally within the Workgroup). Consequently, the Workgroup Report will now be presented to the November 2022 Panel rather than September 2022 and the Final Modification Report would be issued to Ofgem by 10 February 2023. The Panel agreed to the revised timeline.

[GC0154 Incorporation of interconnector ramping requirements into the Grid Code as per SOGL](#)

9129. ML highlighted that the CBA for this Workgroup will be going out to tender in the next few weeks.

8. Prioritisation Stack / Dashboard

9130. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack. The Chair suggested removing [GC0141](#) from the stack as it is currently awaiting an Ofgem decision. No further changes were made.
9131. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found in the Headline Report via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/264911/download>

9. Workgroup Reports

9132. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

GC0157: Grid Code Housekeeping modification

9133. ML explained that this modification seeks to make minor corrections in the Grid Code of any errors identified from previous implementations. An amended housekeeping process that will be used by the ESO going forwards was also provided for information.

9134. ML advised that the Code Administrator Consultation opened on the 08 July 2022, closed on the 08 August 2022, and received 1 non-confidential response from the Proposer in support of the modification. No legal text issues were identified.

9135. The Panel held their determination vote and unanimously agreed that the Original Proposal was better than the baseline and should be implemented.

Post Panel Note: The GC0157 Final Self-Governance Modification Report was circulated to Panel on 25 August 2022 to check their votes. The 15-day Appeals Window will open on 07 September 2022 to 5pm on 28 September 2022.

11. Reports to Authority

9136. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Implementation updates

9137. There were no updates for the Panel.

13. Governance

9138. There were no updates for the Panel.

14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9139. RWi advised that the last meeting was held 03 August 2022 and covered the following items:

- Slope Tolerances and possible future grid code amendment;
- Update on the Workstream for Early Competition; and an
- Update on Digitalising the Whole System Technical Code Project.

9140. The next meeting will be held on 07 September 2022 and there are currently 2 items on the agenda:

- Dynamic System Monitoring (DSM); and
- Connections (Queue Management).

9141. RL questioned whether Queue Management was more of a CUSC item. RWi agreed, but explained that they are trying to reach as broad an audience as possible, as this was an issue that everyone was likely to be interested in. A recording of the meeting along with the material discussed is available on the website [here](#).

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

9142. GV advised that the last meeting was held on the 04 August 2022 and that the Accelerated Loss of Mains Programme will be closing at the end of August 2022. DNOs will be looking at what the next stages are, as well as addressing any remaining non-compliant Users. GV also noted that the EREC P2 consultation closed at the end of July, and the responses are being considered.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9143. ML advised that the last meeting was cancelled and that the next meeting would be held on 13 September 2022.

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

9144. ML advised that an STC modification to improve cross-code working and in particularly consequential changes to STCPs was raised by NGET. [CM084: Clarify STCP modification approach for cross-code changes](#) will be going to Work Group Consultation on 29 August 2022.

17. Blockers to Modification progress

9145. ML advised that this was last reviewed in May 2022, where the key blocker to the progression of modifications was the development of legal text. This has still been a key factor over the last three months but is now more specifically around sub-groups having to go away and develop the legal text, before bringing it back to the Workgroup. The Code Administrator will now start factoring this into existing timelines.

9146. ML also highlighted recent delays due to requirements for further analysis. To tackle this, the Code Administrator will start working with Proposers to question if any analysis is required earlier on in the process, so that more realistic timelines can be set from the start.

9147. RL noted that historically this analysis has either been provided by the Proposer or the ESO. If they will be asking the Proposer whether any further analysis is required, then maybe they should also think about how this is funded. Especially if external analysis is required.

18. Horizon Scan

9115. ML advised that the Early Competition modifications will start to be raised from September 2022 and this has now been removed from the Horizon Scan.

9116. ML also noted that they will now be doing a six-monthly horizon scan as part of the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP). Once this is finalised, it will be shared with the Panel.

19. Electrical Standards

9117. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Forward Plan Update / Customer Journey

9118. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

Update on the Code Governance Review

9119. GS provided an update on the Code Governance Review and stated that Ofgem had met with Panel Chairs in August and were planning to meet with Code Administrators next month. They will also be publishing a 'Call for Input' at the end of September/early October seeking views on Codes Consolidation, Code Managers, Licence Conditions and the Stakeholder Advisory Forum.

Updates to the Urgency and Self-Governance Guidance Documents

9120. NH explained that Ofgem had updated the [Urgency](#) and [Self-Governance](#) guidance documents on 02 August 2022. These were very minor changes to reflect the coming into existence of the Retail Energy Code (REC) and abolishment of SPAA and MRA codes. He confirmed no changes to the two sets of criteria themselves.

Update – 2022 Grid Code Review Panel Elections

9121. ML stated that the Code Administrator Team had validated the CUSC Schedule 1 List and sent out an Election Guide. ML shared the election timeline with the Panel and highlighted that nomination forms would be going out on the 05 September 2022.

9122. GV questioned whether alternatives are normally elected into position or appointed by the Panel members.

9123. SA explained that the candidates who receive the highest number of votes will be elected into the Panel seats. The candidates who receive the next highest votes will then fill the alternative seats. If there are not enough candidates to fill the alternative seats, Panel Members will then be allowed to appoint their own alternatives.

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 29 September 2022. This will be in Faraday House as well as via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 14 September 2022.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 21 September 2022.