

Grid Code Review Panel 26 January 2023

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 26/01/2023 **Location:** Faraday House
Start: 10:00 **End:** 14:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator Representative
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
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
Jamie Webb	JW	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	Panel Member, BSC Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Ross Kirkwood	RK	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Licensee
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative <i>Note: Sigrid attended Panel for the first half of the meeting and was then taken over by Alternate Steve Elliott</i>
Darshak Shah	DS	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	
Steve Elliott	SE	Observer

1. Introductions and Apologies

- 9358. Apologies were received from Steve Cox and no declarations of interest were noted.
- 9359. The Chair introduced the Panel, for the benefit of new members, and set out expectations on meeting etiquette and roles.
- 9360. ML talked through Panel responsibilities and ways of working, for the benefit of all Panel members. This included voting requirements and papers day.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

- 9361. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 15 December 2022 were approved with the incorporation of minor amends submitted by AC.

3. Review of actions log

- 9362. The Grid Code Review Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 15 December 2022. These can be found on the Actions Log.
- 9363. The Panel were advised that further feedback is required on action 430 and that an update will be provided at February Panel.
- 9364. Action 432 also required further clarity and JW agreed to gain further understanding and feed back to the Panel before the next Panel Meeting.

4. Chair's update

- 9365. No update from the Chair.

5. Authority Decisions

- 9366. Ofgem provided an update on Modifications that have been decided upon since the last Grid Code Review Panel meeting.

Decisions since last Grid Code Review Panel

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Decision
GC0148: Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II	Under the NCER, there are a number of articles which have a completion date of 18 December 2022 and 18 December 2024. The aim of this Modification is to outline the work that needs to be completed within GB to ensure compliance with NCER and address some other related items which neatly fit within the Emergency and Restoration Code arena.	GC0148 was sent back on 24 January 2023.

9367. The Panel noted that Code Admin had sought legal opinion on the terms of the send back and decided to wait for that opinion before agreeing next steps which should be done offline in the interest of expediency.

Other updates

9368. GS informed the Panel that Consumer Scotland had inherited some of the statutory functions of Citizens Advice Scotland and that the Authority had directed all code manager licensees to ensure that this was reflected in the codes.

6. New modifications

9369. No new Modifications were presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

9370. ML talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link: [Grid Code Review Panel Meeting \(Faraday House\) - 26.01.2023 | National Grid ESO](#)

[GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning](#)

9371. Panel were asked to consider a timeline update to allow for further review of Legal Text. Panel approved the request

9372. Panel discussed the cross-code impact of this modification and agreed that the ESO should inform the STC Panel accordingly. **Action 433**

[GC0148: Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II](#)

9373. The Panel were asked to consider the GC0148 send back and noted the requirement on the Panel to deliver the Authority direction. The Panel were asked to take into consideration an industry member's concerns around the legality of the terms of the send back which, in their view, appeared to ask the panel to identify a new solution to the defect.

9374. Some Panel members considered that the send back was simply to look at textual omissions and that the Workgroup should be directed to deal with this. Consideration was given as to whether the send back process allowed for an alternative to be raised. The Panel agreed that the Governance Rules are silent on this. It was agreed that ML and NH would check the governance on this. **Action 434.**

9375. Some panel members considered that the send back letter asked for a solution change (rather than clarification) and therefore contravened governance rules.

9376. JH also considered that there is no legal derogation route against the implementation of the EU Emergency and Restoration Code and therefore it is not possible to ask for a derogation route to be included.

9377. *Sigrid Bolik left the meeting and was replaced by alternate Steve Elliot*

[GC0154: Incorporation of interconnector ramping requirements into the Grid Code as per SOGL Article 119](#)

9378. The Panel were asked to consider the timeline extension in order to allow for the completion of the Cost Benefit Analysis. The Panel agreed that this would be beneficial and approved the extension to the timeline by two months, progressing to Workgroup Consultation in March 2023.

[GC0155: Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements](#)

9379. The Panel were advised that the Workgroup required more time to review the draft Legal Text and thus an extension of two month was being requested. The Panel agreed to this extension.

8. Discussion on Prioritisation

9380. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Prioritisation Stack](#)

9381. The following changes were made:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
GC0148	Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II	<i>In line with previous practice, and noting that this was an Authority direction that required to be addressed as soon as possible, the Panel agreed that this send back should be placed at the top of the prioritisation stack.</i>	Move to position 1

9. Workgroup Reports

9382. No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

9383. No Draft Final Modifications were presented to the Panel

11. Reports to Authority

9384. There were no reports to the Authority.

12. Implementation updates

9385. There were no implementation updates for the Panel

13. Governance

9386. There were no further updates for the Panel

14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9387. JW advised Panel that the GCDF was held on 11 January 2023. The meeting papers and presentation can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Development Forum \(GCDF\) - 11.01.2023 | National Grid ESO](#)

9388. JW advised the Panel that the key subjects were the Interpretation of MZT (Minimum Zero Time) and MNZT (Minimum Non-Zero Time) within the Grid Code for bi-directional units and also an overview of approved Grid Code modification – GC0141.

9389. JW also informed the Panel that the GCDF had considered the introduction of guidance documents to assist smaller industry parties interpreting the Grid Code. The Panel considered the advantages and disadvantages of this concluded that there was a high

risk of misinterpretation of guidance documents and that they could also become outdated as they are ungoverned documents. The Chair noted that a brief descriptive document that signposted the reader to the relevant sections of the codes might be helpful.

9390. JW advised the Panel that the February Grid Code Development Forum had been cancelled and that the next meeting would take place in March.

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

9391. There were no updates.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9392. ML stated that the JESG meeting had been held on 13 December 2022. The meeting materials can be found via the following link: [JESG Meeting - 13 December 2022 | National Grid ESO](#)

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

9393. RR advised the Panel that first BSC Issue group 105 which is looking into consequential impact of P448/GC160 modification was held on 24th Jan 2023. Workgroup discussed the impacts to cash-out from P448 solution and decided that there is a need to review different scenarios (i.e. market long/short) to be able to reach a conclusion on whether change was needed. Agreed that P448 shouldn't be time-limited but to revisit this at the end of the Issue process to see if any process concerns had been identified which might change their view. WG is also looking into the BSCP that was changed by P448 and its interaction with gas market

17. Challenges to Modification progress

9394. There were no updates

18. Horizon Scan

9395. There were no updates

19. Electrical Standards

9396. ML confirmed that, following the December Grid Code Review Panel meeting, there had been no further comments on the Electrical Standards for EDL Instruction Interface - Valid Reason Codes. This would, therefore, be implemented on 1 February 2023.

20. Code Administrator Update

9397. There were no updates

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

9398. There was no AOB

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 23 February 2023 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 8 February 2023.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 15 February 2023.