

SQSS Panel 16 March 2023

SQSS Panel Minutes

Date: 16/03/2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 11:30

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Jess Rivalland	JR	Panel Chair
Andrew Hemus	AH	Panel Technical Secretary
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Panel Member, National Grid ESO Representative
Cornal Brozio	CB	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative
David Lyon	DL	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Garth Graham	GG	Alternate, Generator Representative
Jamie Webb	JW	Panel Member, National Grid ESO Representative
Le Fu	LF	Panel Member, NGET Representative
Roddy Wilson	RW	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative
Shilen Shah	SS	Alternate Authority Representative

Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
Anthony Johnson	AJ	Alternate National Grid ESO Representative
Banke John-Okwesa	BJ	National Grid ESO
Qi Zhong	QZ	National Grid ESO
Kwaku Nti	KN	National Grid ESO (Presented slides on GSR032)
Llewellyn Hoenselaar	LH	National Grid ESO (Presented slides on GSR032)
Kelly Larkin	KL	National Grid ESO (Presented an update on FRCR)
Yuankai Bian	YB	National Grid ESO (Presented an update on FRCR)

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Simon Lord	SL	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Bless Kuri	BK	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from Simon Lord and Bless Kuri.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

The meeting minutes from the SQSS Panel held on 9 November 2022 were approved.

3. Review of actions log

The SQSS Panel reviewed the open actions from the meeting held on 9 November 2022, which can be found on the Actions Log.

4. Authority Decisions

There are no SQSS Modifications awaiting a decision from Ofgem.

5. New modifications

The following new Modification Proposal was presented to Panel:

GSR032: Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard

DL asked if there are additional requirements on OFTO's and who is going to pay for those requirements, the prospective requirements may partly exist, but it was unclear who will review these and pay for any enhancements as this is not in the licence.

LH and KN explained they would need to take this one away.

AJ commented that the moment the STC does not permit local offshore generation to participate in System Restoration, but looking into the future when more generation is offshore there would be a requirement for this generation to participate in System Restoration.

AC commented that in setting initial requirements retrospective application would not be realistic and a challenge. DL confirmed this detail would be included in the next stage.

AJ had no doubt that new plants would have restoration capability, but retrospective application would not be easy. This will become clear through the STC drafting and that the ESO is very aware of OFTO licencing issues.

GG queried an obligation on OFTO's that legacy plant could not adhere to. AJ agreed that there is no point in having an obligation on OFTO's with connected plant unable to deliver the restoration capability required.

CB queried whether this requirement is best placed in the SQSS.

DL provided feedback that Black Start requirements could result in plant failures if plant is asked to operate outside of standards and asked if OFTO's would be held harmless. AC asked for the GC0156 Future System Sub-Group Report to be shared with Panel members.

TJ ESRS is a package of measures talking about system resilience. There are changes happening now within other codes that could impact SQSS.

GG advised the OFTO community to look at [CMP398: GC0156 Cost Recovery mechanism for CUSC Parties](#) and [GC0156 Facilitating the Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard WAGCM 1](#) in relation to any OFTO costs associated with System Restoration.

KN stated that the key elements of this modification proposal were taken from GC0156 Future System Report and taken for consistency.

AC Asked if there was TO's representation on GC0156 which KN confirmed there was.

AJ shared that the STC modification [CM089 - Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard](#) has started, which will flow through to the SQSS.

DL asked for clarification on legacy treatment. GG expanded on this asking for clarification on the definition of legacy, particularly whether the proposer is talking about design, committed, constructed, or commissioned plant.

CB agree with GG point that retrospective cost should be considered in the CUSC and that the SQSS should be concerned with technical restoration of the network.

AC commented that the SQSS defines how the network is planned and operated and sought confirmation about the System Restoration impact on the SQSS. AJ responded that there it is linked to SQSS consequential change so the criteria can be met. AC stated the SQSS relates to business-as-usual operation and System Restoration does not come under this. AJ agree it was not a licence condition. BA shared his view that the SQSS should be able to support System Restoration as you don't just plan for business as usual and SQSS should be able to support System Restoration. AC said the scope of the SQSS is very clear and we need to be clear if the proposal is to expand the scope of the SQSS.

Panel asked for the Terms of Reference (ToR) to be developed and revised and for the question of whether this change is within the scope of the SQSS to be answered. More details on the initial report and meeting minutes and feedback on the STC modification as it progresses was requested.

A meeting has been scheduled for 30 March 2023 to discuss approval of modification. This was revised post meeting to 04 April 2023.

7. In flight modification updates

GSR029: Review of Demand Connection Criteria to Align with EREC P2/7

Timeline change pending approval post Panel. Panel member asked if the modification is working in alignment with the Grid Code changes. Chair to send out details post Panel to Panel members. Panel member asked for any consequential Grid Code change to be clarified.

GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

Panel approved the proposal title change from “Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners & Transmission Service Providers” to the above title.

8. Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR) update

The ESO presented an update on the next iteration of the FRCR Methodology and Report and to seek approval for submission to Ofgem.

Several Panel members had concerns with the lack of transparency around the implementation and phasing of the FRCR Methodology and asked for a written commitment within the report to give 7 days’ notice of changes which detail how and when the implementation phasing will take place.

Several Panel members commented that the FRCR consultation was only open for 10 working days and referenced the CACoP guidance that sets 15 working days for as an Industry standard for Code Administrators. A Panel member asked if there was going to be an annual FRCR consultation please could it be open for 15 working days in future.

As the report had not been circulated to Panel members prior to the Panel meeting approval for the report to be submitted to Ofgem will take place by email. This will also, as requested by Panel members and agreed by the Panel give the ESO time for details of notice period and phasing to be added to the report.

9. Standing Items

None

10. Any Other Business (AOB)

The next SQSS Panel meeting, 10 May 2023 at 10:00am via Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 17 April 2023.

SQSS Panel Papers Day is 02 May 2023.