

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0161 – Workgroup Meeting 1

Date: 12/06/2023

Contact Details

Chair: Jonathan Whitaker, National Grid ESO jonathan.whitaker@nationalgrideso.com

Proposer: Usman Farooq, National Grid ESO usman.farooq@nationalgrideso.com

Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 1 was to agree the timeline and terms of reference for the modification, and to discuss the solution.

Introduction and Urgent Code Modification Process Overview

The chair gave an overview of the agenda and introduced the workgroup members, then briefly explained the urgent code modification process and the expectations of Workgroup members, prior to agreeing the modification timeline. The chair mentioned that the timeline may change slightly, dependent on initial modification progress, and agreed to confirm this in due course.

Terms of Reference

The chair shared the Terms of Reference with the Workgroup. One workgroup member had a query about whether distributed generation should be considered in the Terms of Reference. Following further discussions with the Workgroup, it was decided that distributed generation is not in the scope of this modification. Another Workgroup member queried whether interactions with the Transmission License should be considered as part of this modification. This will be raised at the next Panel meeting to consider the addition of this to the Terms of Reference.

Proposer Presentation

The proposer delivered a presentation on the proposed changes to OC6 to allow site protection, and asked for the views of the Workgroup on changes to the following two clauses within OC6.

- OC6.1.5 - The proposer had initially suggested the removal of a statement within the code, however several Workgroup members queried this approach and suggested that a change to the wording would better suit this modification. It was discussed that the wording needed to make clear that the provision of site protection is not guaranteed, and that the code clearly needs to refer to the definition of protected sites, as under

ESEC. It was also discussed that this modification does not cover all aspects of Demand Control, and that this needs to be clear in the legal text.

- OC6.2.1 – The proposer initially suggested the removal of part of this section of the code. One Workgroup member queried the effect of this change with the absence of a change in the Transmission License. It was agreed by the Workgroup that there was no benefit of changing this section of the code.

There was additional discussion within the Workgroup regarding a discrepancy with ESEC and OC6 blocks for demand disconnection, but it was clarified by the proposer that the purpose of this modification is only to look at changes to OC6 to facilitate site protection, and that demand disconnect rotation will be covered in a subsequent modification. This is to ensure urgent timescales are met.

Cross Code Impacts

A Workgroup member shared that there is a planned Distribution Code urgent modification to mirror this one, and that a joint working group has started with DNOs. They are looking to ensure changes are aligned with the Grid Code as far as reasonably practicable.

AOB

The proposer raised a question over whether the modification name could be changed to remove reference to demand disconnect rotation, as this is something that is planned for a subsequent modification, with GC0161 focusing only on changes to OC6 to allow site protection. The chair confirmed that this change is possible if agreed with panel; the chair will meet with the proposer to agree next steps. There were no objections from the Workgroup in regard to the name change.

Next Steps

The chair summarised the next steps as follows:

- Share papers for next working group including draft legal text ASAP
- Share draft of Workgroup report with workgroup members by 13 June

Actions

For the full action log, [click here](#).

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
1	WG1	UF	Draft revised legal text for OC6.1.5.	NA	WG2	Open
2	WG1	UF	Check with legal on whether text in OC6.2.1 can remain as it currently is.	NA	WG2	Open
3	WG1	JW	Amend Terms of Reference to capture impact on Transmission License and send to Panel for approval.	NA	WG3	Open

4	WG1	UF/JW	Proceed with modification name change.	NA	WG3	Open
5	WG1	JW/LT	Share draft of Workgroup Consultation with the Workgroup prior to the next meeting.	NA	WG2	Open

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Jonathan Whitaker	JW	Code Administrator, ESO	Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Code Administrator, ESO	Technical Secretary
Usman Farooq	UF	ESO	Proposer
John Zammit-Haber	JZH	ESO	Proposer
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Alternate
Alastair Frew	AF	Drax	Workgroup Member
Andrew Colley	ACo	SSE Generation	Alternate
Andrew McLeod	AM	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Brian Morrissey	BM	SSEN Distribution	Workgroup Member
Chris McCann	CM	Energy Networks Association	Workgroup Member
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member
Grace March	GM	Sembcorp	Workgroup Member
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Observer
John Knott	JK	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Mark Ajal	MA	SSE Renewables	Observer
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator, ESO	Observer
Paul Murray	PM	SSEN Distribution	Alternate
Richard Wilson	RW	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority Representative