

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0161 – Workgroup Meeting 2

Date: 20/06/2023

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 2 was to refine the solution and potential alternatives, and to review the draft Workgroup Consultation.

Objectives and Timeline

The Chair introduced the purpose of the Workgroup and went through the agenda.

Terms of Reference

The chair shared the amended Terms of Reference with the Workgroup for their input. No Workgroup members opposed the addition to the Terms of Reference, which reflected consideration of interactions with the Transmission License. A Workgroup member requested that further information regarding Distribution Code Modifications should be shared prior to Workgroup 2.

Review of Draft Legal Text

The proposer shared the new intention not to amend any text for OC6.2.1 as a result of discussions from Workgroup 1. This was agreed with the Workgroup.

It was then agreed by the Workgroup to make the legal text in OC6.1.5 more prescriptive, referring specifically to Demand Disconnection stages referred to in OC6.5.3(a), rather than Demand Control, to make it clear that Voltage Reduction is not included in the scope of this modification. One Workgroup member noted that the new legal text would give no reassurance to Users on whether protection would be provided, however it was clarified by the proposer that the modification was to remove the prevention of site protection during an OC6 event, rather than to provide an obligation for Network Operators to protect sites.

The proposer also asked for the opinions of the Workgroup on another piece of legal text for addition into OC6.5, referring to the ESEC protected sites list. The location of this legal text was discussed with the Workgroup and it was agreed that it should be added in as a new clause in OC6.5.3(e), moving the current clause OC6.5.3(e) to OC6.5.3(f). It was also

discussed that this legal text should specifically reference Demand Disconnection stages referred to in OC6.5.3(a), rather than Demand Control, again to make it clear that Voltage Reduction is not being referred to. Some Workgroup members raised that there may be links within other codes to the existing clause OC6.5.3(e), and queried whether the new text can be added into the existing clause OC6.5.3(d) to prevent knock-on impacts of this change. This will be investigated with Legal prior to the next Workgroup.

Review of Draft Workgroup Consultation

The chair displayed the Draft Workgroup Consultation document for Workgroup members to review. Some Workgroup members expressed a request to change the “Why Change?” section of the modification to make it clearer that the purpose of the modification was to remove the barrier preventing site protection, rather than to make this an obligation of Network Operators.

One Workgroup member had made some other suggested changes to the document prior to the Workgroup meeting. Some members suggested that these changes went into too much detail on the Workgroup Considerations. Another member agreed with this, however reiterated the importance of capturing key points of debate and the narrative of the discussion.

The proposed changes to this document will be made prior to the next Workgroup.

Next Steps

The chair summarised the next steps as follows:

- Chair to circulate papers for Workgroup 3, Legal Text and the updated Workgroup Consultation Draft
- Workgroup to provide comments on Legal Text and Workgroup Consultation Draft to Grid.Code@nationalgrideso.com by 5pm on 22 June 2023

Actions

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
6	WG2	JW/CM	Catch up regarding DCode Modifications and share information with Workgroup	NA	WG3	Open
7	WG2	JW/UF	Review changes to Legal Text and circulate legal text for comments	NA	22/06/23	Open
8	WG2	JW	Papers for Workgroup 3 and Workgroup Consultation Draft to be circulated	NA	22/06/23	Open
9	WG2	Workgroup	Provide comments on Legal Text and Workgroup Consultation prior to next meeting	NA	22/06/23	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
Brian Morrissey	BM	SSEN Distribution	Workgroup Member
Chris McCann	CM	Energy Networks Association	Workgroup Member
Deborah Spencer	DS	Code Administrator, ESO	Observer
Grace March	GM	Sembcorp	Workgroup Member
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Observer
John Knott	JK	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Kaleigh Grainger	KG	ESO Legal	Observer
Paul Murray	PM	SSEN Distribution	Alternate
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority Representative