

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Stations requirements Meeting 17

Date: 23/05/2023

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Key areas of discussion

- The Workgroup discussions are summarised according to agenda items:

Workgroup Objective and Action Review

- The Chair introduced the Workgroup objectives and outcomes intended for the meeting and advised that additional slides and the updated slide pack would be circulated post workgroup.
- The Chair walked through the timeline based on conversations following the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) check-in on 25 April 2023.
- The Chair advised that the focus for future meetings would be to refine the solution following consultation and agreed with the Workgroup a new timeline; Workgroups in July and August with the Workgroup Report intended to go to the August Panel, the Code Administrator Consultation to industry between August and September, back to Panel in October to then be sent to Ofgem in November.
- A Workgroup Member raised a question regarding whether another Workgroup Consultation was required, clarification was provided that a second Workgroup Consultation could take place if necessary, but the Workgroup agreed that this wasn't required as there would be an opportunity to go to industry with the Code Administrator Consultation.
- The Chair advised that new invites would be sent in line with the proposed timeline and requested Workgroup Members review and advise if they are unable to attend.
- The Chair reviewed the open actions and clarified **Action 66** was made up of three documents; Operational, Planning and Scheduling, had been consolidated into one document.
- A Workgroup Member raised questions around **Action 70** requesting clarification that if these were generator costs, then was there a requirement to have a similar table for the DNOs costs? Why would there be BEGA application fees and was there a need to add lines for other compliance issues e.g., BSC and CUSC activities and management?
- The ESO rep provided the response via email circulation to all Workgroup members addressing the points raised.

- Ofgem representative confirmed that from that due to the lack of feedback for the –Generator costs, ESO/Ofgem had agreed that calculated estimates could be taken to enable some responses to be generated.
- The ESO rep confirmed that a questionnaire had been sent out for completion and return and only minimum (6) responses had been received. This prompted the ESO rep to conduct their own Industry Cost Impact Assessment which has resulted in where the stands modification now. It was agreed that ESO would conduct an Industry Cost Impact Assessment on best endeavors, based on the intelligence ESO had to hand. The ESO rep affirmed that it had done all it could to be as clear and transparent as possible regarding costs.
- The Chair suggested that **Action 70** should remain pending completion and once discussions around CBA had taken place, the Workgroup can revisit the status/close the action.

Review of Terms of Reference

- The Chair walked through the Terms of Reference (ToR) which would be revisited once the draft Workgroup Report had been circulated.
- Workgroup Members required clarification on ToR H, I and K.
- (H) – **“Any interaction with generator licensing thresholds or requirements”** The Proposer confirmed that this had been discussed and any interaction with the Generator licensing thresholds or requirements had been highlighted and that the licensing requirements were not being changed at this stage.
- (I) **“The impacts for stakeholders including NGESO, iDNOs, TOs, DNOs and generators.”** A Workgroup member mentioned that it needs to be clear in the Workgroup Report how compliance arrangements between the ESO and DNOs would work in the future.
- Another Workgroup member questioned whether the TOs were set up to deal with far smaller projects, whilst this may not be a material concern, it needs to be summarised and clarified to the customer whether they are connecting with a DNO or a TO.
- The Proposer responded that in context of compliance the Workgroup needs to be mindful that we should only be concerned with incremental costs as there is already compliance costs irrespective of this change.
- The ESO rep confirmed that question around ESO/DNO compliance responsibilities is being discussed at the June Industry Technical Codes Group (ITCG), and DCode Panel with feedback to be provided.
- (K) – **“The implications associated with implementing any changes retrospectively so that they apply to existing connectees rather than just for new connectees;”** The ESO rep provided further clarity on this ToR and the rationale to why the ESO were not in favour of retrospectivity.

Solution Recap

- Whilst the ESO rep talked through the three solutions, WAGCM2 was formally being withdrawn after discussion with the ESO Control Room concluded that this solution is not achievable from an operational perspective and in essence provided the same solution as the original proposal.

Additional CBA thoughts

- The ESO rep gave an overview on the CBA and discussion points from the previous walk-through session on the three packages which had been analysed. Further discussions are taking place between the Control Room and the Modelling team around whether just greater visibility of embedded generation would deliver the potential benefits detailed in the CBA rather than full BM Participation. Discussions are also taking place in relation to whether the potential

cost savings from a BM Price Stack perspective might be realised sooner than stated in the CBA.

- The ESO modeling team to continue their work with the data available to them and feedback as to the findings of whether the information is available to them to conduct a retrospective CBA. It was noted that this CBA would not be required if no Workgroup members put forward a solution that included retrospectivity.

AOB

- It was acknowledged that there was no representation from Elexon and this will be addressed.

Next Steps

- Modification timeline to be amended

Actions

Action Number	Workgroup raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
66	WG15	SS/PD	To follow up the support documentation query in action 26 with ASA		Closed
67	WG15	GG	To share email highlighting benefits of harmonization from GC0103		Closed
68	WG15	DH/RR/BJO	To pull together CBA framework for discussion and gap analysis		Closed
70	WG16	DD/DH	Layout what the CBA is seeking to address against the aims of the modification; the costs that will flow from the changes to industry parties	ASAP	Open
71	WG16	RR	To catch up with other DNO members who were not at meeting 16 to get their views on the proposed changes to the Original Proposal and WAGCM2		Closed
72	WG16	RR/TJ/DH	Re Action 71, provide feedback following discussions with workgroup members that could not attend meeting 16		Closed
73	WG17	All	Workgroup to read through the document to ensure this meets the requirement of Action 66	ASAP	Open
74	WG17	TJ/DH	To circulate any relevant updates to GC0117 Workgroup post the ESO Compliance Team presentation to the ITCG and DCode Panel taking place on the 1 June 2023.	ASAP	Open
75	WG17	DH/TJ/MK/GV	Clarify what exactly is required regarding the CBA analysis and the Ask is to go to the DNO community in relation to capturing the potential additional costs to DNO's	ASAP	Open
76	WG17	SK/Team	Investigate whether the ESO has the information required to conduct a retrospective CBA if required	ASAP	Open
77	WG17	RGA	To follow up with Exelon for representation	ASAP	Open

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator, ESO	Chair
Rashpal Gata-Aura	RGA	Code Administrator, ESO	Tech Sec
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Proposer
Mike Kay	MK	P2P Analysis	Workgroup Member
Paul Drew	PD	Ofgem	Authority Representative

Paul Youngman	PY	Drax	Workgroup Member
Richard Wilson	RWi	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
Richard Woodward	RW	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Workgroup Member
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Workgroup Member
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Tony Johnson	TJ	ESO	Workgroup Member
David Halford	DH	ESO	ESO Representative
Oluwabukola (Bukky) Daniel	DO	EDF	Observer
Julie Richmond	JR		Observer
Yun Lei	YL	ESO	Observer
Sundeep Klair	SK	ESO	Observer
Rebecca Knight	RK	ESO	Observer