

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0161: Changes to OC6 to allow for site protection – Workgroup Meeting 4

Date: 07/07/2023

Contact Details

Acting Chair: Jonathan Whittaker, National Grid ESO jonathan.whittaker@nationalgrideso.com

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Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 4 was to review the Workgroup Consultation responses, review the Workgroup report, ensure the Terms of reference were met and hold the Workgroup vote.

Timeline Review

The Chair shared the Timeline with the group advising that the next step would be to issue the Workgroup report to Panel.

A Workgroup Member pointed out that if there are any outstanding issues relating to the workgroup report these will need to be addressed at the end of this meeting. It was decided that if any further Workgroup was needed a short session would be set up to address any points of concerns before the report is issued to Panel. There were no questions from the group.

Consultation Responses

Three Workgroup Consultation responses were received, and these were highlighted by the Chair, each Workgroup Member gave a quick update on the chosen response.

Draft Workgroup Report

Details of the report were shared by the Chair who highlighted several areas for Workgroup input. These were discussed and agreed on.

A Workgroup Member pointed out that the name of the modification was agreed at Grid Code Panel (29 June 2023) to be slightly changed and this needed to be reflected in the document, the Chair made the necessary changes, and all members were satisfied with these.

A Workgroup member raised a point on the wording in the document around utilisation of protected sites, they thought this needed changing as it did not reflect what the legal text said and was misleading. There was some discussion with the proposer and agreed with the members point. The legal text was reviewed and the wording in the Consultation document was changed to reflect the legal text.

Terms of Reference Review

The Chair advised the group that they wanted to run through the Terms of Reference highlighting where these had been referenced in the Workgroup report and to ensure everyone agreed with this ahead of the Workgroup Vote.

During section (f) a Workgroup Member raised a point in relation to the System Defense plan and if they may be an interaction with it, was this something that ESO needed to investigate? That GC0161 would not impact on the System Defense plan as this may lead to a statutory one-month consultation period.

A Workgroup Member pointed out that during the Grid Code Panel meeting (29 June 2023) it was mentioned that there was an EBS issue, and a month's Consultation would be needed. An ESO Observer responded by saying that because this section of code was referenced in the regulated sections of annex to the Governance Rules there would need to be a one-month consultation. A Workgroup member pointed out that there are two separate documents being discussed both would need a month consultation, therefore we would need to check with an ESO SME that the change does impact on the entirely separate document which is the System Defense plan.

An ESO observer shared the annex of the Governance rules with the Workgroup, the first section related to EBR, and it was confirmed that this Mod will not impact this section. The second section related to the system Defense plan, and it was highlighted that this is where the impact was meaning a one-month Code Administrator Consultation would be required.

The group agreed that a one-month Code Administrator Consultation would take place due to the finding above.

The Workgroup agreed that the terms of reference had been met during Workgroup discussions and that they are reflected in the Workgroup report.

Workgroup Voting

The Chair asked each member to in turn to give their voting preference and voting statements were also provided.

AOB

A Workgroup member raised the point of ESO advising industry of any potential further modifications being raised going forward.

The Proposer responded advising that a second modification was under way focusing on OC6.54 and OC6.55. A Workgroup member highlighted that might be worthwhile advising industry as soon as possible that this modification will be coming at the end of July to ensure stakeholder engagement over the summer holiday period.

The proposer acknowledged the Members comments and went on to say that they would be requesting urgency for the next modification hoping to implement it ahead of the winter period.

Next Steps

The Chair summarised the next steps as follows:

- Code Admin to update the Draft Workgroup Report and circulate to the Members.
- Draft Workgroup Report to go to Panel Tuesday 11 July 2023.
- It was agreed that an additional Workgroup would not be needed.

Attendees

| Name | Initial | Company | Role |
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| Jonathan Whitaker | ML | Code Administrator, ESO | Chair |
| Deborah Spencer | 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 | AC | SSE | Alternate |
| Andrew McLeod | AM | Northern Powergrid | Workgroup Member |
| Chris McCann | CM | Energy Networks Association | Workgroup Member |
| Garth Graham | G | SSE Generation | Workgroup Member |
| Grace March | GV | Sembcorp | Workgroup Member |
| Graeme Vincent | GV | SP Energy Networks | Alternate |
| Mark Ajal | MA | SSE Renewables | Observer |
| Milly Lewis | ML | Code Administrator, ESO | Observer |
| Richard Wilson | PM | UK Power Networks | Workgroup Member |