

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 100th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 1st June 2023
4 More London / Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks	DNO(Chair)
Chris McCann	CMC	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Andy Hood	AH	National Grid Electricity Distribution	DNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish and Sothern	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
John Mason	JM	Last Mile	IDNO
Peter Wilkinson	PK	Centrica	BM Generator
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	BM Generator
Bieshoj Awad	BA	NGESO	OTSO
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority
TungHing Sum	TS	Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice
Antony Johnson (Part)	AJ	NGESO	Guest (Presenter)
Tanmay Kadam (Part)	TK	NGESO	Guest (Presenter)
Gideon Miti (Part)	GM	NGESO	Guest (Presenter)

1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to June's Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) held via teleconference. General introductions were made, the meeting was chaired by MW.

Apologies were received from PT (AH representing NGED), and GN prior to the meeting.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 6th April 2023 - DCRP 23 02 02

2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the group and reviewed by members of the panel. Minor editorials were received, and the minutes were approved on that basis.

These minutes will be published on the Dcode website.

Action: CMC

2.2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Panel Presentations

3.1 NGESO – Compliance of Embedded Generation (BEGA)

NGESO presented to the panel a set of slides outlining a proposed process of checks to be considered to provide alignment between the Distribution Code and Grid Code. Specifically, G99 compliance elements for type C & D generators.

Compliance checks are confirmed by the DNO issuing a FON to National Grid ESO, though NGESO have concerns these checks are not being done and have proposed this process to ensure compliance. Part of this work will assess the terminology used across both DNO and Grid Code processes.

The chair then opened the floor for the panel to discuss the proposal in greater detail, TE asked for clarity - are BEGA sites only within scope, and how site management will be structured. NGESO confirmed that only sites with BEGA are in scope, and that the DCode requirements on generators will remain in place.

NGESO stated that there are historic reasons for the differences in the approach to RfG requirements between EREC G99 and the Grid Code, and that all licenced sites need to meet the relevant requirements. And that un-licenced sites will need to comply with all mandatory requirements as set out in the codes.

The panel discussed implementation and timeline, it was proposed that immediate compliance will be required for all new connections, and that any material change to existing sites would also be in scope. NGESO confirmed compliance will be checked against individual generation devices and not the site as a whole.

The panel then requested further clarity on the implications for large, medium and small power stations and also if the preferred approach will be through a code modification, or agreement between parties?

This work will be progressed by the ENA Network Codes Steering Group. All material presented will be forwarded to members for assessment.

Action: CMC

Panel members requested further clarity on the differences between the codes with respect to the RfG and noted that if there are deficiencies in the current issuing of FONs these need to be addressed. As these are not code defined the use of a standard template needs to be confirmed.

MW stated that the scale of this perceived issue needs to be fully understood before any changes are made.

AC added that there are valid reasons why the delivery of FONs to NGESO are delayed and agreed the issue needs to be understood by the Network Codes group before any changes.

4. Grid Code Issues

GV provided a high-level update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 25th May 2023.

The main discussion point at that meeting was the urgent OC6 modification. Urgency was requested from Ofgem, if approved GC0161 will be progressed under the urgency framework.

GC0161	Harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB – Grid Code panel have raised this under the ‘urgent’ modification process.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard – Code Administrator survey is currently open and will close 9 th June.
GC0148	Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II – A vote was held at Grid panel on the content of the Final Report to Authority.

5. DCode User Issues

No significant update.

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/19/09 - EREC P24 Issue 2

Work is ongoing with the drafting of EREC P24 and EREC P29. Once complete a consultation paper will be drafted for members comments.

6.2 DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange workgroup

The trial period is ongoing. Member companies are collating information and fill in the schedules for a review planned later in the year.

6.3 DCRP/MP/22/05 - Customer Islanding

Drafting of the legal text is progressing, the workgroup is currently assessing amending diagrams in EREC G99 to provide clarity on Customer Islanding requirements.

6.4 DCRP/MP/23/01 - EREC P28 Workgroup

The workgroup is developing a set of responses to stakeholder comments about the current wording of EREC P28 and continuing to discuss the coverage required in an Engineering Report being developed.

7. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed

No consultations to approve this meeting.

8. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

8.1 DCRP/MP/22/02 – Electricity System Restoration Standard

Public consultation is currently open, will close 16th June. Consultation responses are currently being collated.

9. Reports to Authority - Submissions

9.1 DCRP/MP/22/06 – EREC G12 Issue 5

A copy of EREC G12 was circulated to the panel prior to the meeting. EREC G12 was approved by the panel under the Annex 2 approvals process.

EREC G12 Issue 5 will be published across the relevant platforms and a revised version of the DCode issued 5th June 2023.

Action: CMC

10. Loss of Mains Change Program

10.1 EREC G81 Parts 1 – 7

The panel discussed EREC G81 and agreed the set of documents will be revised in-line with the current TAS framework for revising EREC documents.

Contact TAS members to confirm review of EREC G81 set of documents in line with the TAS framework.

Action: CMC

10.2 DCode Summary Paper

A copy of the Summary Paper was circulated to the panel. Comments are being collated and work will progress with producing a revised version.

10.3 Constitution and Rules of the DCRP

A short paper proposing changes to the Constitution was shared with the panel. These included proposals previously agreed by the Authority for DCode modification DCRP/MP/21/07, updates to reflect membership numbers for all DNOs, and amendments to neutralise the text from a gender perspective. The panel agreed a revision to the document.

CMC to draft a TC copy of the constitution document inclusive of the amendments for review at the August panel meeting.

Action: CMC

10.4 DCode Modification Gantt Chart

A copy of the Gantt Chart was circulated to members to provide clarity on the ongoing and planned modifications relating to the Distribution Code of GB.

11. Discussion Items

11.1 ALoMCP – Review of LoM Letter

MD provide a verbal update on the letter being drafted for guidance on the closure of the ALoMCP.

Member comments on the drafting are being collated and a final draft will be circulated.

Action: MD

11.2 NGESO OC6 Modification

The panel discussed the approach to this work. It was proposed to progress the DCode equivalent modification in step with NGESO's urgent mod (GC0161). The panel approved the DCode modification this will be progressed in-line with the timeframe for GC0161.

SS to provide Ofgem's approach to the decision timeline for DCode Urgent modifications.

Action: SS

NGESO are looking to develop this work through a joint working group between NGESO and the DNOs. CMC will contact panel members for DNO nominations to join a joint workgroup.

Action: CMC

11.3 Whole System Technical Code

This modification will be progressed over the summer of 2023.

11.4 Joint ESRS

No significant update.

12. AOB

None raised.

13. Date of next Meeting

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The next scheduled meeting of the DCRP will be held Thursday 03 August. All members should have received invitations for all remaining 2023 meeting dates, as shown below.

14. DCRP Meeting Dates for 2023

- DCRP/23/04 – Thursday 03 August 2023
- DCRP/23/05 – Thursday 05 October 2023
- DCRP/23/06 – Thursday 07 December 2023