

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0154 – Workgroup Meeting 16

Date: 11/09/2023

Contact Details

Chair: Catia Gomes, National Grid ESO catia.gomes@nationalgrideso.com

Proposer: Louise Trodden, National Grid ESO Louise.Trodden@nationalgrideso.com

Key areas of discussion

Objectives and Aims of the meeting

The Chair provided an introduction and went through the code modification process overview which can be found in the slide pack. The Chair explained that the Agenda had changed slightly in that the objective of the meeting would be to look at the Legal Text, refine the Workgroup Report with a short presentation from Afry at the Interconnectors' request.

The Chair also pointed out that the Workgroup vote would not take place but would go ahead on the meeting held on Thursday, 14 September 2023. The Chair then produced a slide detailing Workgroup Members eligibility to vote and confirmed the slide would be updated for the next meeting to include attendees of Workgroup meeting 16.

SF explained that he would be late to the next meeting but would like to vote. The Chair suggested holding the vote at the end of the next meeting giving SF time to join.

Review of Actions Log

The Workgroup discussed the actions and agreed to close actions 10, 12 and 17. The Proposer confirmed there was no material or information to share with the Workgroup and was happy for the actions to be closed.

Terms of Reference

The Proposer shared the terms of reference with the Workgroup and briefly talked through the lettered points. The Proposer expressed in their own opinion whether they thought that terms of reference had been met believing that points (a) and (d) needed further discussions with the remaining points being covered off in the Workgroup Report. The Proposer confirmed for ease of reference they had noted the pages from the Workgroup Report where the terms of reference have been covered. The Workgroup agreed they were comfortable with the terms of reference in its current form.

Draft Legal Text Review

The Proposer shared the Legal Text which can be found in the slide pack and confirmed they had worked with a Workgroup Member to refine the Legal Text. The Workgroup were given a few minutes to consider and the Proposer explained that one version had been created for both solutions and that the Legal Text would remain the same with only the figures amended when approved by Ofgem. It was also decided to strip out references to SOGL.

The Chair explained that when presenting the Legal Text to Ofgem, there would be two sets, one for each solution and also explained that this is the first baseline text and there is currently no wording to this effect in the Grid Code.

One Workgroup Member suggested an amendment to the Legal Text within the bullet point to include the word "operational" in between the words "Maximum Rate" and to include "Operational Tripping Schemes" after the words "Externally Interconnected System Operator".

The Proposer agreed to share the Legal Text with the Workgroup giving them the opportunity to share with their legal teams.

Review of Workgroup Report

The Chair shared the Workgroup Report with the Workgroup and began by running through the structure of the Report to ensure the Workgroup understood its format. Discussions were held around the structure of the Report and its confusion with how the headings are titled and believed that it should be more clearly worded. The worry from the Workgroup was that industry would construe the Executive Summary section of that of the Workgroup and not the Proposer. The Chair explained they were unable to amend the structure of the report and that the Report was a precedent document but would feedback their concerns. The Chair reassured the Workgroup that Ofgem is familiar with the Report and would therefore understand the Executive Summary would be that of the Proposers.

The Workgroup then began working through the Report tidying up some amendments queried by a Workgroup Member. Also the following suggestions and amendments were made:

- Interconnectors to insert their views under “What is the impact if this change is made”, one or two paragraphs but must be that of discussions held in the Workgroup.
- It was agreed the word “often” could be replaced to “daily” in the sentence “*NGESO daily encounters scenarios where cross border markets react to the same price signals simultaneously, leading to rapid changes in interconnector flow and frequency deviations*”. However, a Workgroup Member requested where the evidence was for this comment. Discussions were held around what data/evidence the Workgroup Member needed to see, with the Proposer interjecting that various examples had been shown previously with the Workgroup of their internal analysis. A Workgroup Member pointed out that it was within Workgroup 7 (January 2023) that slides were shared with the workgroup
- A workgroup Member queried whether the date 31st January 2022 was correct when An ESO representative shared an update to the Workgroup of the outputs from a meeting with the EU TSOs. The Proposer agreed to double check this date offline.
- Workgroup Member suggested making a note in the report that there wasn't enough time to carry out another CBA for interconnectors.
- On reviewing the consultation summary the Chair explained that the responses received were quite lengthy and that they had worked through to summarise the responses to the best of their ability. The Chair reassured the Workgroup that full responses would be sent to Ofgem for their review.
- The Chair requested that Workgroup Members provided views on ENSTOE with the Chair also to include wording around work being rushed and had not been heard by the Chair of the ENSTOE ISA Working group.

Afry Presentation

SB and RB of Afry joined the Workgroup to give a presentation on their commentary on the existing CBA relating to IC ramping proposals. They stated to the Workgroup that they were an independent firm and had commissioned the report based on the data taken from the CBA. A copy of the report can be found as annex to the Workgroup Report.

A Workgroup Member raised their concerns about the timing of the Report, Afry's experience in being involved and was not aware that such report was being commissioned. They also queried with the Workgroup what the purpose of the analysis was. Discussions were held around the carrying out of the Baringa analysis. The interconnectors felt that the figures were not right and that it was analysis ran by ESO. The Proposer counterargued that they felt that the Baringa analysis was very much a Workgroup analysis who were involved in attending the Workgroup at the beginning of Workgroups and that Baringa had held off completing the survey until they received information from the interconnectors to carry out the study but this was not received.

The Chair closed off the presentation and queried with the Proposer whether the study carried out by Afry affected their Proposal. The Proposer confirmed that the Proposal would remain the same.

Next Steps / AOB

Share with the Workgroup updated Workgroup Report, Legal Text, Terms of Reference, voting statement and Afry's Report.

The Chair shared the voting template with the Workgroup and explained to the Workgroup how the voting process works. The Chair confirmed that the voting template would be shared giving Workgroup Members an opportunity to populate before the next meeting.

Actions

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status	Action number
10	WG	ESO	Provide feedback on next meeting with EU TSO's (based in London)	Ongoing	Closed	10
12	WG12	ESO	ESO to investigate whether further material on EUTSO engagement can be shared with the Workgroup	ongoing	Closed	11
17	WG15	ESO	Proposer to contact Workgroup Members and ESO Legal and refine the Legal Text	11 September 2023	Closed	

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Catia Gomes	GC	National Grid ESO	Chair
Tammy Meek	TM	National Grid ESO	Technical Secretary
Louise Trodden	LT	National Grid ESO	Proposer
Antonio Del Castillo Zas	ADCZ	National Grid ESO	ESO Workgroup SME
Benjamin Marshall	BM	HVDC	Workgroup Member
Jack Grant	JG	BritNed	Workgroup Member
James Hill	JH	Ofgem	Observer
Lijia Qiu	LQ	Nationalgrid Ventures	Workgroup Member
Mertcan Agir	MA	Ofgem	Observer
Munti Nguyen	MN	NEMO Link	Workgroup Member Alternate
Patrick Murphy	PM	Eleclinks	Workgroup Member

Rodrigo Barzana	RB	Afry	Observer
Scott Field	SF	NeuConnect	Workgroup Member
Simon Bradbury	SB	Afry	Observer
Thomas Ireland	TI	ESO	ESO Workgroup SME
Vince Hammond	VH	National Grid Ventures	Workgroup Member Alternate