

# Code Administrator Meeting Summary

## Meeting name: GC0162: Changes to OC6 to amend the operational timings for the delivery of the additional demand reduction above 20% – Workgroup Meeting 5

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Date: 21/09/2023

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### Contact Details

Chair: Lizzie Timmins, National Grid ESO [elizabeth.timmins@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:elizabeth.timmins@nationalgrideso.com)

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## Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 5 was to assess Workgroup Consultation response, Review the Draft Workgroup Report, and Review Proposed DOC6 Legal Text.

### Objectives, Actions Update, Timeline

The Chair outlined the objectives for the meeting. The Chair proposed closing all the actions, which the Workgroup agreed with.

### Review Workgroup Consultation Responses

The Chair presented the summary of the Workgroup Consultation responses, which can be viewed in the GC0162 Workgroup papers on the ESO website.

A Workgroup member asked the Ofgem representative if there were any other 'scenarios' the Authority would like the Workgroup to consider and asked that they confirm this prior to Workgroup 6 (**Action 21**).

### Draft Legal Text

Minor amendments to the legal text in OC6.1.5 and OC6.5.5, as suggested as part of a Workgroup Consultation response, were agreed by the Workgroup. The Proposer agreed to amend the legal text in OC6.1.5 and OC6.5.5 (**Action 22**).

### Review Draft Workgroup Report

The Chair presented the Draft Workgroup Report. Amendments to the interactions section, what is the issue section, legal text section, Workgroup consultation summary section, and Workgroup considerations section were accepted by the Workgroup, with some very minor alterations.

An ESO representative explained how the text ‘separate instructions in sequence’ from the Company to the DNOs would work in practice. ‘Separated by several minutes’ was added to the text in the Workgroup considerations section of the Workgroup report, to make it clear that the instructions are separate.

The Workgroup discussed how The Company and DNOs could communicate on the expected timeframes for DNOs to enact Demand reduction. It was agreed that this communication should happen in advance of events, and an ESO representative agreed to discuss this further with DNOs.

The Workgroup discussed the drafting of a new section in the Workgroup report that reflected a scenario where ‘Demand Control under OC6.5 was instructed, and during that enactment, another event on the system triggered LFDD’. It was agreed to amend the reference to specifically 5% to ‘additional percentage’, to be less specific. It was agreed by the Workgroup to review this section of text further offline, ahead of the next Workgroup.

**Review Proposed DOC6 Legal Text**

The Workgroup reviewed the proposed DOC6 Legal Text and confirmed that the document will be consulted on in the coming weeks. There were no comments made by the Workgroup. Given the consultation is in a few weeks, the Workgroup was made aware that they have time to comment on the document offline.

**AOB**

The Chair confirmed that GC0161 has been approved and will be implemented on 02 October 2023. The corresponding changes to the Distribution Code were effective from 15 September 2023.

**Next Steps**

The chair summarised the next steps as follows:

- Draft Workgroup Report to be shared with the Workgroup for comments before the next Workgroup.
- Next Workgroup is on 03 October 2023 where the Workgroup Vote will be completed.

**Actions**

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
12	WG2	JZH	Confirm with control room whether quicker than anticipated demand reduction would cause operational issues	NA	WG5	Closed
18	WG4	JZH	Clarify meaning of OC6.5.3 with the ETG	NA	WG5	Closed
19	WG4	AC/MK/CM	Confirm whether changes to DOC6 are required urgently	NA	11/09/23	Closed

			or if they can be done in another cycle			
20	WG4	JZH	Provide clarity on explanation relating to adverse implications due to the increased switching time, for the Workgroup Consultation	NA	11/09/23	Closed
21	WG5	SS	Confirm if there are any other scenarios the Authority would like the Workgroup to consider in the Workgroup Report	NA	WG6	Open
22	WG5	UF	Amend the legal text in OC6.1.5 and OC6.5.5.	NA	WG6	Open

**Attendees**

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Code Administrator, ESO	Chair
Jonathan Whitaker	JW	Code Administrator, ESO	Technical Secretary
Usman Farooq	UF	ESO	Proposer
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Alternate
Alastair Frew	AF	Drax	Workgroup Member
Andrew McLeod	AM	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Bill D’Albertanson	BD	UK Power Networks	Alternate
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Alternate
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Alternate
Grace March	GM	Sembcorp Energy	Workgroup Member
Gwyn Jones	GJ	National Grid Electricity Distribution	Workgroup Member
John Zammit-Haber	JZ	ESO	SME
John Knott	JK	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Mike Kay	MK	Energy Networks	Alternate
Richard Wilson	RW	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority Rep