

# Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

## 23 November 2023

### Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

**Date:** 23/11/2023      **Location:** Faraday House  
**Start:** 10:00 AM      **End:** 11:40 PM

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Jamie Webb	JWe	Acting Independent Grid Code Review Panel Chair
Jonathan Whitaker	JW	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Graeme Vincent	GS	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Noel McGoldrick	NH	Alternate, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	Panel Member, BSC Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Ross Kirkwood	RK	Alternate, Onshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Terry Baldwin	TB	Panel Member, National Grid ESO

### Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Darshak Shah	DS	Panel Member, Generator Representative
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair

### Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	
Bernie Dolan	BD	ESO - Presenter

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Elana Byrne	EB	ESO, Code Administrator - Observer
Gabriel Diaz	GD	ESO - Presenter
Steve Baker	SB	ESO, Technical Codes Team - Presenter
Thomas Roe	TR	ESO, Technical Codes Team - Observer
Tony Johnson	TJ	ESO, Technical Codes Team/Presenter - Related Electrical Standards and documentation Update

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## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

9915. Apologies were received from Alastair Frew, Darshak Shah, David Monkhouse, Matthew White, and Trisha McAuley. No declarations of interest were noted.

## 2. Minutes from previous meetings

9916. The Panel held a discussion regarding the minutes from the Panel meeting held on 26 October 2023. It was agreed that the minutes would be amended and approved via email following the meeting.

*Post-Panel note: the minutes were later approved via email, subject to amendments by AC.*

## 3. Review of actions log

9917. JW gave an update on the open actions. Actions 441, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448 and 449 were closed, with actions 440 and 442 remaining open.

9918. RL also queried whether final legal text was checked with the Proposer in relation to action 448. JW and JWe clarified that is already a part of the existing process.

## 4. Chair's update

9919. The Chair advised that TM will not be back prior to January and noted that the ESO is intending to resource Panels through senior management, and will review this in January if required. It was also advised that there is provision in the Governance Rules for Panel members to chair the meetings if no chair is available.

## 5. Authority Decisions

9920. GS advised that GC0156 is with Ofgem for decision, and that they are now looking to publish a decision on 30 January 2024 for all ESRS modifications. It was advised that the delay is due to the complexity of the modifications.

9921. JH flagged that Generators may need to do some modifications prior to the implementation date of the ESRS modifications and noted that a further delay may put these timelines at risk.

9922. GS agreed to make the Ofgem Policy team aware of this.

9923. RL noted that it would be useful for stakeholders to be assisted by the ESO regarding their obligations if the ESRS modifications are approved.

## 6. New Modifications

9924. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

## 7. In flight modification updates

### GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

9925. JW presented the updated timeline for GC0159, which resulted from a delay in legislation.
9926. AC queried the short turnaround for the Workgroup Report submission date. LT clarified that the Workgroup Vote was planned for 24 November 2023, and that the Workgroup Report was on track to meet the Panel papers date.
9927. The Panel agreed the revised timeline.

## 8. Prioritisation Stack / Dashboard

9928. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack.
9929. JW noted that GC0159 may need to be moved due to the enabling legislation now being published. JW also noted that some modifications may need to be paused in the coming months due to workload pressures, so asked the Panel to review the prioritisation stack in this context.
9930. RL queried whether the Code Governance team is fully resourced, and asked why the workload pressures were occurring, querying whether there were new modifications upcoming.
9931. JWe clarified that the Code Governance team are fully resourced, however are expecting a large number of FSO implementation modifications, in addition to several connections related modifications resulting from Connections Reform.
9932. RL thanked JWe for the information, and queried whether a change in prioritisation would make a material impact on the modifications.
9933. AC queried the timing of the FSO work; JWe clarified that this was currently planned for around April 2024, alongside the connection related modifications. AC also queried whether there was anything within Connections Reform that would change the technical requirements of connectees. JWe clarified that the Connections modifications are currently being developed, but agreed to investigate the query (**Action 450**).
9934. GV queried whether these modifications would be related to the [Electricity networks: connections action plan](#). JWe confirmed this and noted that information relating to the modifications would be disseminated as soon as possible.
9935. RR queried which modifications would be paused. JWe clarified that at future Panel meetings they would confirm which modifications may be paused if required, and would ask for Panel input on this.
9936. RL queried whether TCMF and GCRP could be on different days next year, since they have clashed on occasion.  
*Post-Panel note: There are currently no clashes in planned TCMF and GCRP dates for next year.*
9937. AC noted that GC0159 should move up the Prioritisation Stack, which was agreed by GV and RL. It was agreed by the Panel to move GC0159 to between GC0163 and GC0164.
9938. RL queried the status of GC0103; JW agreed to come back to this when discussing challenges to modification progress.
9939. The prioritisation stack can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Review Panel Meeting – 23.11.2023 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

## 9. Workgroup Reports

9940. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

## 10. Draft Final Modification Reports

### GC0162: Changes to OC6 to amend the operational timings for the delivery of the additional demand reduction above 20%, with a focus between 20% and 40%

9941. JW presented the Draft Final Modification Report to the Panel.
9942. The Panel held their recommendation vote and agreed unanimously that the Original better facilitated the Grid Code objectives than the Baseline.
9943. JW advised that the Final Modification Report was due to be submitted to Ofgem by 5pm on 23 November 2023.

## 11. Reports to Authority

9944. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 12. Implementation updates

9945. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 13. Governance

9946. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9947. TB advised that the the last meeting was held on 01 November 2023, and covered the following items:
- EDT Data Submission – Contingency Trial with SSE
  - Digitalised Whole System Technical Code – ASR (Alignment, Simplification & Rationalisation) Workstream
  - Proposed changes to the Grid Code in the treatment of Embedded Small Power Stations with a Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement (BEGA)
9948. The meeting papers and presentation can be found via the following link:  
[Grid Code Development Forum \(GCDF\) - 01.11.2023 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)
9949. The meeting on 22 November 2023 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items, so the next meeting is planned for 10 January 2024.
9950. RL queried whether there were any issues with any of the agenda items from the November meeting; TB clarified that there was feedback given in some cases, and that the Proposer had taken feedback on board from the meeting.

## 15. Standing Groups

### Distribution Code Review Panel Update

9951. GV advised that the next meeting is on 07 December 2023, and that there had been no Distribution Code Review Panel meeting since the last Grid Code Review Panel meeting.

### Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9952. JWe advised that the meeting planned for 14 November 2023 was cancelled. The next meeting is due to take place on 12 December 2023.

### Holistic Network Design (HND) Subgroup

## ESO

- 9953. TB gave an update on the HND subgroup, noting that there are several modifications being developed.
- 9954. GV queried whether the technical subgroup had been paused; TB confirmed this and noted that the ESO are progressing with modifications that were suggested as part of the subgroup.
- 9955. RL queried whether one of the ESO strategists could give the Panel an overview of HND at a future meeting (**Action 451**).

### 16. Updates on other Industry Codes

- 9956. NH queried the status of P451, asking if there was a delay. RR clarified that the Final Modification Report was scheduled to go to Ofgem in December 2023.

### 17. Challenges to Modification Progress

- 9957. JW presented a table outlining challenges to modification progress, noting that several modifications had been impacted due to delays in Analysis, Legal Text and Legislation.
- 9958. JW noted that updates will be given regarding GC0117 and GC0139 at future Panel meetings to provide more information to the Panel.
- 9959. JW gave an update on GC0103, noting that a sub-group was set up to determine feasibility of harmonisation of RES standards. This has so far taken more time than expected and has required significant resource. The TOs have engaged consultants to map elements of their RES documents, and this work is required for the modification to progress.
- 9960. RL noted that the scale of this may incur significant cost.

### 18. Horizon Scan

- 9961. JW noted several upcoming modifications on the Horizon Scan. There were no questions from the Panel regarding this.

### 19. Electrical Standards

- 9962. TJ noted that a meeting has been held regarding the outstanding GC0156 Control Telephony Standard, Communications Standard and the Distribution Restoration Zone Control Standard. Minor changes to the Control Telephony Standard and Communications Standard were agreed at this meeting, leaving just the Distribution Restoration Zone Control Standard outstanding.
- 9963. TJ noted that the RES cannot be implemented until the ESRS modifications have been implemented.
- 9964. RL queried whether the Panel needed to vote on the RES documents. JW clarified that the standards would be implemented if there were no objections from the Panel in the 20 day consultation period, except the System Test Plan, which would be sent to Ofgem for approval.
- 9965. AC queried whether the 20 day consultation period should restart whenever comments are made on the documents. This was confirmed by JW.
- 9966. GV queried whether the standards had to be implemented directly following the 20 day consultation period, or if they could wait until a decision has been made on GC0156; TJ confirmed that he believed there was provision for this to be delayed within the Governance Rules.
- 9967. JW agreed to circulate a summary of the status of all GC0156 RES documents to the Panel (**Action 452**).

## 20. Any Other Business (AOB)

9968. BD presented on new parameters for storage, noting that they were hoping to submit a new modification to the December 2023 GCRP meeting. The slides that were presented can be found in the November 2023 Panel papers.

## 22. Close

9969. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

**The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 14 December 2023 on Teams.**

**New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 29 November 2023.**

**Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 06 December 2023.**