

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Workgroup Meeting 1

Date: 09/01/2024

Contact Details

Chair: Catia Gomes (Catia.Gomes@nationalgrideso.com)

Proposer: Joseph Henry (Joseph.Henry2@nationalgrideso.com)

Key areas of discussion

Introductions and Code Process Overview

The Chair welcomed the group and introductions were completed. The Chair outlined the Code Modification Process, clarified the Workgroup membership and Workgroup voting rules.

Objectives and Timelines

The Panel-agreed timelines were shared and agreed.

Terms of Reference

The Panel-agreed terms of reference specific to this modification were shared and agreed.

Proposer presentation and form template

The background and rationale for the modification were shared with the group. The Proposer highlighted the scope for this modification and noted that the Workgroup consider this an initial LOA (Letter of Agreement), with further developments in this area to be considered in subsequent modifications being planned (it's suggested the Workgroup Report notes the recommendations of the Connection Action Plan to explain this).

Workgroup discussions covered several points of principle about the LOA and reviewed the draft template shared by the Proposer and suggestions from the Workgroup submitted to date. Topics discussed were:

- Legal status of the LOA, additional validation checks by ESO and LOA's relationship to M3 milestone obligations and queue management
- Inclusion of a site plan with LOA (not including cabling routes for consistency with M3 milestone)
- Guidance on minimum acreage for different technology types (to feature in the Workgroup Report/guidance note, not codified within the CUSC)
- Clarity LOAs on projects involving multiple landowners, challenges from other developers, and the relevance of a landowner withdrawing agreement
- Wording of the draft LOA, standardisation of the LOA and the need for disclaimers to avoid obligations on landowners
- Suggestions to review distribution LOA examples for guidance on a transmission LOA
- Whether the LOA should be a standard template or allow variations

Next Steps

- Chair to share the updated LOA template with the Workgroup with feedback required on the template by Thursday 11th January.
- Proposer to discuss suggestions to date with the ESO legal team Thursday 11th January.
- Workgroup 2 on 15th January has been extended in duration.

Actions

For the full action log, click here.

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
1	WG1	JH	Discussions to be held between the ESO and Transmission Owner Workgroup members about a subsequent modification for STCP 18-1 as a result of CMP427		WG2?	Open
2	WG 1	JH	Check with ESO legal team about having a standardised LOA template and the legal standing of the LOA		WG2	Open
3	WG 1	JH	Proposer to speak to ESO legal team as to alterations to LOA received to date (wording) and creating the draft legal text wording to codify the LOA	E.g. use of terms such as 'authorise', DNO examples	WG2	Open
4	WG 1	JH	ESO to discuss creating a guidance note to support the LOA		WG2?	Open
5	WG 1	CG	Code Governance to share the updated draft LOA template for the Workgroup to feedback on		WG2	Closed
6	WG 1	DG, DE	Distribution LOA example wording to be shared with Code Governance and the Proposer		WG2	Open

Commented [JH(1)]: Scheduled for Thursday

Commented [JH(2)]: Discuss on catch up at 2pm

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Catia Gomes	CG	Code Governance, ESO	Chair
Elana Byrne	EBy	Code Governance, ESO	Tech Sec
Joseph Henry	JH	ESO	Proposer

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Folashade Poppola	FP	ESO	ESO Rep
Liam Cullen	LC	Ofgem	Authority Rep
Alex Ikonic	AC	Orsted	Workgroup Member
Andrew Yates	AY	Statkraft	Workgroup Member
Bill Scott	BS	Eclipse Power Network	Workgroup Member
Claire Hynes	CH	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member
Dennis Gowland	DG	Research Relay Ltd	Workgroup Member
Dhaval Parmar	DP	BP Exploration	Workgroup Member
Deborah McPherson	DM	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member
Ed Birkett	EB	Low Carbon	Workgroup Member
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member
Greg Stevenson	GS	SHET	Workgroup Member
Helen Stack	HS	Centrica	Workgroup Member
Hooman Andami	HA	Elmya Energy	Workgroup Member
Joe Colebrook	JC	Innova Renewables	Workgroup Member
Richard Woodward	RW	NGET	Workgroup Member
Sam Aitchison	SA	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member
Andrew Colley	ACo	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member Alternate
Dave Elvin	DE	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member Alternate
Fiona Casey	FC	SHET	Workgroup Member Alternate
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member Alternate
Ben Clarke	BC	Bute Energy Ltd	Observer
Dhaval Parmar	DP	BP Exploration	Observer
Emma Hart	EH	ESO	Observer
Grazina Macdonald	GM	Waters Wye Associates	Observer
Kyran Hanks	KH	Waters Wye Associates	Observer

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