

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Workgroup Meeting 2

Date: 15/01/2024

Contact Details

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

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

Key areas of discussion

i) Modification scope and Workgroup 1 actions

The Proposer reminded the Workgroup of the scope for the modification and covered responses to key questions and actions raised from Workgroup 1 (those questions are detailed in the meeting slides).

This included:

- Updates on obligations of the LOA for developers and ESO checks on submitted LOAs.
- Discussions on the site map to be included with the LOA.
- Minimum acreage guidance (discussed in more detail later in the meeting, see below).
- The timeframe for LOA validity and its position relative to Queue Management milestones.
- The challenge of multiple landowners for a project or LOA withdrawal (not in scope for this modification).
- The value of a standard template or permitting template variants of the LOA.

ii) Review of draft LOA

A version of the draft LOA containing collated Workgroup feedback was shared and reviewed along with two DNO template LOAs for comparison. These were discussed with suggested changes and follow-up questions/actions noted. The ESO took this feedback away and will provide an updated version of the draft templates for further discussion in WG3.

iii) Minimum energy density guideline table

The Workgroup discussed the development of a table suggesting minimum energy densities per acre for each technology type. The Workgroup were asked to help provide these values ahead of consultation so the Workgroup could take industry feedback into account.

iv) Terms of Reference and Timeline

The Terms of Reference and timeline were checked with the Workgroup by the Chair. No issues were raised.

v) AOB

New Workgroup members were confirmed (KH, DP) and a new Workgroup observer was introduced (BM).

Next Steps

- Chair to share the following with the Workgroup for feedback by 2pm on Tuesday 16th January:
 - A template for indicative energy densities.
- Chair to share the following with the Workgroup for feedback before/within Workgroup 3 on Wednesday 17th January:
 - An updated draft LOA.
 - The draft Workgroup Consultation document (any suggestions for further Workgroup Consultation questions required in Workgroup 3).
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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	Closed
2	WG 1	JH	Check with ESO legal team about having a standardised LOA template and the legal standing of the LOA		WG2	Closed
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	Closed
4	WG 1	JH	ESO to discuss creating a guidance note to support the LOA		Ongoing	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	Closed
7	WG 2	JH	ESO to produce the legal text for WG approval		WG4	Open

8	WG 2	FS	ESO to consider LOA point of contact for checks/enquiries	i.e., landowner/agent or developer only	WG3	Open
9	WG 2	FS	ESO to discuss the checking of Scottish land registrations and unregistered land		WG3	Open
10	WG 2	JH	ESO to consider acceptable forms of signature for LOA and signature verification (timestamping)		WG3	Open
11	WG 2	JH	ESO to consider separate versions of template A for landowner and agent		WG3	Open
12	WG 2	JH	ESO to explore the disclaimer/non-contractual wording	Wording shared by BS as starter wording	WG3	Open
13	WG 2	JH/FS	ESO to consider what forms of site map are acceptable and the defined areas on the map		WG3	Open
14	WG 2	JH/FS	ESO to apply necessary changes to template B to align with changes to template A		WG3	Open
15	WG 2	FS	ESO to consider whether technology type and minimal acreage is/is not included in the LOA template		WG3	Open
16	WG 2	Workgroup	Workgroup to share indicative figures for the energy density table	Template form supplied by ESO on 15.01	WG3	Open
17	WG 2	JH	ESO to confirm that restorative compensation projects are in scope as a technology type		WG3	Open
18	WG 2	JH, FD, EH	ESO to consider the implementation date suitability	i.e., 10+ working days post decision or day of decision	WG3	Open
19	WG 2	ESO & Workgroup	LOA template to be updated and shared with the Workgroup for feedback by/in WG3		WG3	Open
20	WG2	ESO	Consider if the changes are to be applied retrospectively		WG3	Open

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
Folashade Poppola	FP	ESO	ESO 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
Kyran Hanks	KH	Waters Wye Associates	Workgroup Member
Richard Woodward	RW	NGET	Workgroup Member
Sam Aitchison	SA	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member
Alex Howison	AH	Low Carbon	Workgroup Member Alternate
Andrew Colley	ACo	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member Alternate
Dave Elvin	DE	Island Green Power	Workgroup Member Alternate
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member Alternate
Barry Matthews	BM	Orron	Observer
Ben Clarke	BC	Bute Energy Ltd	Observer
Emma Hart	EH	ESO	Observer