

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0164 Workgroup 1

Date: 18/12/2023

Contact Details

Chair: Deborah Spencer (Code Governance) deborah.spencer@nationalgrides.com

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Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 1 was to agree the timeline, Terms of Reference and start to review legal text.

Introduction and Code Modification Process Overview

The Chair gave an overview of the agenda, a brief explanation of the code modification process and explained the expectations of Workgroup members. Workgroup members then introduced themselves to the group.

Timeline

The Chair shared the timeline with the group, a member raised a concern regarding the timing of the Workgroup Consultation date (22 January 2024 to 12 February 2024), advising they believed the drafting of legal text circulated was based on GC0156 baseline and not the current Grid Code baseline. The Proposer confirmed this.

Given that a decision date was expected on 30 January 2024 for GC0156, the member advised it might be better to wait for that decision and proceed with consultation after this date.

It was agreed to add additional Workgroups to allow the group time to cover all legal text changes.

Terms of Reference

The Chair shared the Terms of Reference with the Workgroup, no comments were made by members. The Chair explained that Terms of Reference can be modified and updated throughout the modification process.

Proposer Presentation

The Proposer began their presentation by sharing the background of the modification and its proposal to simplify the current Operating Code No.2.

Slides relating to today's Workgroup can be found on the website page for GC0164 [here](#). The following points were discussed:

- A Workgroup member expressed their concern with removing text from the OC2 stating that removing the detail may be open for interpretation. The Proposer responded advising the intention is to simplify the text and would like member's support.
- A Workgroup member highlighted that when looking into the definitions, consideration should be given to the impact it may have on other codes. The Proposer agreed and said it is not the intention for any amendments to have material impact and if amending the definitions is too large of a task then this could be carried out separately.

Legal Text

The Chair shared the Workgroup Comparison Document with the group, which can be found in the Workgroup 1 Papers on the website [here](#). Key points addressed were as follows:

- OC2.1.1: Workgroup members discussed the definition of User and its meaning with outages. It was then clarified that the scope clearly states the User in point OC2.2.1. It was also agreed for the Proposer to consider inserting the word “planned” before “outages,” Proposer to consider further offline.
- OC2.1.2: Discussions were held around the use of the word “generator” being undefined in the text. The Workgroup looked at the definition and considered tweaking this might have unintended consequences for another part of the code that uses the definition.

A Workgroup member queried whether the definitions were intended for the Operating Code only or for the overall Grid Code, the Proposer responded noting the definitions have been developed for the Operating Code but should fit within the meaning of the Grid Code, and the current amendments to the definition of Generator did not.

A Workgroup member highlighted that the suggested amendment in the definition of Generator, in particularly ‘Active Power injected in the NETS’ could have unintended consequences. The group went on to discuss whether the term “reactive power” should also be included. The Workgroup agreed that the Proposer would consider this section further offline.

- OC2.1.4: Discussions were held around the insertion of the word ‘calendar year’ with a Workgroup member highlighting they currently operate to a planning year which coincides with the financial year. The Proposer agreed to check offline.
- OC2.1.5: The Workgroup discussed the amended point around the word ‘Operator’ and queried whether this should be Owner. The Proposer agreed to revise offline.
- OC2.1.6: The Workgroup discussed the defined term Business Day and queried which Country Business Day would this apply to. A member responded that the definition implies a Business Day where the bank is open in the city of London.
- OC2.1.7 (deleted numbered point): A Workgroup member raised a query around its deletion. It was suggested that the exercise of simplifying text is not to change obligations on operators. Members noted that the removal of point 2.1.7 may remove the option, and should the numbered point be reinserted it would either need to be left in its original state, or the Proposer should quantify what is meant by small. A Workgroup member suggested highlighting this point to Workgroup members on GC117 to either have it removed or to investigate the regional difference. Proposer to consider reinserting OC2.1.7
- OC2.2 Scope: members advised to consider splitting out Interconnector Owners from HVDC Converter Owners if the definition of the former does not cover the latter.
- OC2.3: A Workgroup member suggested the Proposer consider the new insertion of text. Whilst they understood the purpose was to simplify, there needed to be consideration around the use of defined words “Plant” and “Apparatus,” and whether reference is needed to HVDC, DC and converter station separately. Members also questioned the legality of not being able to cross reference paragraphs in the new text.
- OC2.3.1.2.1: the Workgroup discussed that clarification was needed for the new text around obligations applying to interconnectors owner, and interconnector owners who own external interconnector circuits.

A Workgroup member also pointed out consistency around the use of the term “future plan.” The Proposer agreed to look at the point offline.

Next Steps

- Proposer to consider legal text changes as agreed with member during Workgroup 1
- Update timeline and present to Panel in January 2024
- Circulate Summary and actions.

Actions

For the full action log, click [here](#).

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
1	WG 1	Proposer	Consider legal text changes offline as agreed in Workgroup 1		WG 2	Open

WG1	Chair	Revise Timeline and share with members for approval.	WG2	Open
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Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Deborah Spencer	DS	Code Governance, ESO	Chair
Tammy Meek	TM	Code Governance, ESO	Tech Sec
Frank Kasibante	FK	ESO	Proposer
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Power Grid	Workgroup Member
Andrew Colley	ACY	SSE	Workgroup Member
Andy Keegan	AK	National Grid	Workgroup Member
Dion Saunders	DS	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Networks	Workgroup Member
Harry Burns	HB	EDF Renewables UK	Workgroup Member
Dr Isaac Guthierrez	IG	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member
Michael Preston	MP	K2 Management	Observer
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Paul Richardson	PR	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Richard Wilson	RW	UKPN	Workgroup Member
Stewart Wylie	SW	SSEN Distribution	Workgroup Member