

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Workgroup Meeting 4

Date: 19/01/2024

Contact Details

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

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

Key areas of discussion

Review of the action log

- Actions discussed and updated (see below).
- Re: action 15 regarding technology types included on the LoA – Workgroup agreed to include a question on this in the Workgroup Consultation.
- Re: action 24 regarding standardization of templates – the Workgroup agreed to include a question on this in the Workgroup Consultation.
- A Workgroup member suggested that those that will sign the document (landowners/agents) are not being directly consulted on the proposal. The Chair confirmed that industry consultations are via the CUSC distribution lists, involving the parties that will be responsible for the LoA (i.e., developers).

Review of the draft LoA

- Changes submitted by the Workgroup were reviewed by the Proposer, accepted and presented back for Workgroup agreement of the templates.
- The Proposer shared the viewpoints of the ESO legal counsel for language in the templates.

Review of Workgroup consultation document and questions

- The Proposer took the Workgroup through the collected changes submitted from the Workgroup.
- Reference ‘business days’ for implementation vs working days (as per CMP382).
- ESO’s Connection team agreed to review implementation internally after the consultation.
- Changes to the ‘what is the issue’ section were made for better context, not to alter the defect.
- Topic of exclusivity to be discussed as part of a subsequent modification.
- Timestamping was noted as important to discuss and agree a position on as a Workgroup.
- The Land Density Energy Table was discussed, with format and values suggested and agreed by the group for the example to feature in the consultation (and encourage responses).

- The Workgroup suggested that a definitive stance on withdrawal of a LoA would be useful.
- The Proposer and ESO team were not able to commit to timings for the guidance note but agreed to be working on it with implementation in mind.
- Consultation questions were discussed and agreed by the Workgroup.

Next Steps

- Workgroup Consultation to be made public, responses gathered and shared with Workgroup members.
- Workgroup Report to be drafted with a summary of the consultation responses for Workgroup review.

Actions

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

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
4	WG 1	JH	ESO to discuss creating a guidance note to support the LOA	Guidance note timings TBC (update post consultation)	Ongoing	Closed
7	WG 2	JH	ESO to produce the legal text for WG approval		WG5	Open
8	WG 2	FS	ESO to consider LOA point of contact for checks/enquiries	i.e., landowner/representative or developer only.	WG3	Closed
9	WG 2	FS	ESO to discuss the checking of Scottish land registrations and unregistered land	ESO to assess risk of unregistered land to the validation process	Ongoing	Open
10	WG 2	JH	ESO to consider acceptable forms of signature for LOA and signature verification (timestamping)	Details to feature in the ESO guidance note, not codified	WG3	Closed
11	WG 2	JH	ESO to consider separate versions of template A for landowner and agent		WG3	Closed
12	WG 2	JH	ESO to explore the disclaimer/non-contractual wording	Wording shared by BS as starter wording	WG3	Closed
13	WG 2	JH/FS	ESO to consider what forms of site map are acceptable and the defined areas on the map	Referred to in consultation	Ongoing	Open
14	WG 2	JH/FS	ESO to apply necessary changes to template B to		WG3	Closed

			align with changes to template A			
15	WG 2	FS	ESO to consider whether technology type and minimal acreage is/is not included in the LOA template	Featured as a Workgroup Consultation question - review	Ongoing	Open
16	WG 2	Workgroup	Workgroup to share indicative figures for the energy density table	Template form supplied by ESO on 15.01	WG3	Close
17	WG 2	JH	ESO to confirm that restorative compensation projects are in scope as a technology type		WG3	Close
18	WG 2 (Update in WG3)	JH, FP, EH & Authority rep	ESO and the Authority to review when implementation would be possible	Update from LC – ESO to advise (Panel can recommend shorter implementation).	WG3/4	Close
19	WG 2	ESO & Workgroup	LOA template to be updated and shared with the Workgroup for feedback by/in WG3		WG3	Close
20	WG2	ESO	Consider if the changes are to be applied retrospectively	Covered in the consultation document	WG3	Close
21	WG3	ESO	Wording in the consultation document to be checked so as not misrepresent alignment between distribution and transmission LoA	Updated	WG4	Close
22	WG3	JH, FP, EH	Reference added to the energy density table for ESO's approach to emerging technologies for LOAs	Reference to feature in the Workgroup Report for ESO to periodically review tech types	WG4	Close
23	WG3	EH	Consider a statement/declaration in the LOA to support reviewing applications on unregistered land		WG4	Open
24	WG3	ESO	ESO to consider/confirm the approach to non-template LoAs	Update needed following Workgroup Consultation responses.	WG4	Open
25	WG3	ESO	Wording on exemptions to be included in the Workgroup Consultation document		WG4	Closed

26	WG3	ESO & the Authority rep	ESO and the Authority to review when implementation would be possible	Duplicate of Action 18	WG4	Closed
27	WG3	ESO	Review a deadline for submission once a LOA is signed	Linked to validity question in the consultation	WG4	Open
28	WG3	JH	Confirm whether BEGA, BELLA applications are in scope for CMP427		WG4	Closed
29	WG3	EH	Confirm ESO approach to non-templated LoAs	Duplicate of Action 24	WG4	Closed
30	WG4	Workgroup	Figures to feature in the energy density table to be shared with the ESO	Duplicate of Action 16	Fri 19 th Jan by 3pm	Closed
31	WG4	Workgroup	Suggestions for land registry software to be shared with ESO		Ongoing	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
Liam Cullen	LC	Ofgem	Authority Rep
Alex Ikonic	AI	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
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
Fiona Casey	FC	SHET	Workgroup Member Alternate
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE Renewables	Workgroup Member Alternate
Ben Clarke	BC	Bute Energy Ltd	Observer