

Meeting summary

Grid Code Development Forum – 6 March 2024

Date: 06/03/2024 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 09:00 **End:** 10:20

Participants

Attendee	Company	Attendee	Company
Terry Baldwin	National Grid ESO (Chair)	Sean Gauton	Uniper Energy
David Halford	National Grid ESO (Tech Sec)	Mike Kay	P2 Analysis
Paul Bainbridge	National Grid ESO (Presenter)	Ross Strachan	EDF Renewables
Fyali Jibji-Bukar	National Grid ESO (Presenter)	Cahir O'Neill	ESB
Folasade Adenola	National Grid ESO (Presenter)	Paul Crolla	Muirhall Energy
Tanmay Kadam	National Grid ESO (Presenter)	Ross Strachan	EDF Renewables
Deborah Spencer	National Grid ESO	Julie Richmond	Scottish Power
Lizzie Timmins	National Grid ESO	Bukky Daniel	EDF Renewables
Ife Garba	National Grid ESO	Ruth Kemsley	EDF Renewables
Graeme Vincent	SP Energy Networks	Maryam Begum	Cummins
Garth Graham	SSE		

Agenda and slides

A link to the Agenda and Presentations from the March GCDF can be found [here](#)

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Please note: These notes are produced as an accompaniment to the slide pack presented and provide highlights only of discussion themes and possible next steps.

Meeting Opening – Terry Baldwin (GCDF Chair) & David Halford (GCDF Tech Sec), NGESO

The meeting was opened, with an overview of the agenda items that will be covered.

Presentation: Fax Machine Replacement – Update – Jim Hunt / Paul Bainbridge, NGESO

An update was provided in relation to the replacement of Fax Machines currently used for communication between the ESO Control Room and Users.

Discussion themes / Feedback

It was asked what contingency arrangements would be in place in a scenario where a user could not access the portal?

Part of the contingency would be for a user to call the Control Room should access to the portal not be possible, but we consider any other possible contingency arrangements as part of the proposed solution.

The question was asked by the presenter on what the attendee's option was in relation to ensuring the ESO contact all users that would be impacted by this change?

It was suggested that faxing users with the details of the presentation and any other relevant information would be a good starting point. The presenter agreed that this was an excellent idea, and this will be discussed with the project team.

It was noted by the GCDF Chair, that code changes will be required to the Grid Code, STC, & CUSC in order to update current references to fax machine in respect to the move to the portal.

An attendee noted that it might be beneficial from an efficiency point of view to combine the Workgroups required to facilitate the code changes. This was noted and will be considered when the modifications are raised.

A question was raised in relation to whether there will be a period of overlap where fax machines and the portal will be used? Currently, there will be generators going through the compliance process where there will be a requirement for them to have a fax machine as part of their agreement.

Ideally, we would like to move all users across to the new portal as quickly as possible but acknowledge that there will be a period of transition. This is something that we will need to consider once the new portal is live to ensure that the fax machine requirement is removed from any users that are currently in the connection queue process.

Presentation: Overview of the approved code modifications for the implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) – Folasade Adenola / Fyali Jibji-Bukar, NGESO

Following the approval of the code modifications in relation to the implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard, an overview of the approved modifications and the impacts to Users was shared.

Discussion themes / Feedback

It was asked when the draft Guidance Document and meetings with impacted users would commence in respect of the approved CUSC modification, CMP398, which will introduce a codified cost recovery mechanism to prevent affected parties from being commercially disadvantaged by the implementation of the new obligations. It was noted that it's important for the guidance to be published and discussions to start taking place prior to parties starting to incur costs.

We acknowledge the importance of producing this guidance and commencing discussions with affected parties, with draft guidance to be made available W/C 11th March, where we will invite feedback on the guidance. Following this we will confirm when discussions between affected parties and the ESO will take place.

It was asked if this guidance would be exclusively related to the cost recovery mechanism, and if so, is there any further guidance available that give an overview of the changes, and the new obligations?

A document has been created by the Assurance Activities Sub-Group which details the various activities that will need to be completed by affected parties which can be found [here](#).

Presentation: Proposed changes to the Grid Code in the treatment of Embedded Small Power Stations with a Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement (BEGA) – Tanmay Kadam, NGESO

Following the feedback from the presentation at the November 2023 GCDF, an update was shared detailing proposed changes to the Grid Code in respect of the compliance process for Embedded Small Power Stations with a Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement (BEGA) prior to a submission of a Grid Code Modification Proposal.

Discussion themes / Feedback

It was asked if the presentation could be amended to give a description of the GC0148 modification which is quoted. *The presentation has been updated to include the description and has been uploaded to the GCDF webpage.*

A question was raised in relation to Frequency Response tests, and whether there is any clear guidance in terms of acceptance criteria when these tests are required?

It was acknowledged that although this requirement is not part of the proposed changes that have been presented, the ESO will take this away to discuss further.

Once the GC0148 requirements have been incorporated into the G99 compliance process, is it correct the ESO would not be completing any compliance assessments for Embedded Small Power Stations with a BEGA?

The ESO would ensure the Control Point/Control Telephony requirements as completed, with the ESO requiring the Power Generating Module Document to ensure the generator is compliant against the relevant G99 requirements.

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The dates for the 2024 GCDF sessions are available on the [GCDF webpage](#)

Attendees were reminded that the GCDF can be used by any industry party to present potential Grid Code changes and future agenda items are welcomed.

The Chair thanked the attendees and presenters for their contributions and closed the meeting.

The next GCDF will be held on the 3rd April 2024 with the 27th March 2024 being the deadline for agenda items and presentations.

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Action Item Log

Action items: In progress and completed since last meeting.

ID	Agenda Item	Description	Owner	Notes	Target Date	Status