

Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

22 February 2024

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 22/02/2024 **Location:** Faraday House
Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 11:45 PM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Jonathan Whitaker	JW	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Darshak Shah	DS	Panel Member, Generator Representative
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Ross Kirkwood	RK	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Terry Baldwin	TB	Panel Member, National Grid ESO

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Generator Representative

Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	
Catia Gomes	CG	ESO Code Administrator, GC0159 Chair
Elana Byrne	EB	ESO Code Administrator, GC0103 Chair
Gavin Baillie	GB	Authority, Energy Code Reform Consultation Presenter
Nadia Hall	NH	Authority, Energy Code Reform Consultation Presenter

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

10090. Apologies were received from Matthew White and Sigrid Bolik. No declarations of interest were noted.

2. Minutes from previous meetings

10091. The minutes from the Panel meeting held on 25 January were approved subject to the incorporation of amendments from AC.

3. Review of actions log

JW gave an update on the open actions, as follows:

10092. **Action 451** – action to remain open, with further update to be given at April 2024 Panel.

10093. **Action 452** – action closed.

4. Chair's update

10094. The Chair advised that documentation regarding the Connections Delivery Board is now on the ENA website.

10095. The Chair advised that the previous meeting covered an overview of progress and actions relating to the Connections Action Plan and noted that urgent Connections modifications were expected in the coming months, mostly relating to the CUSC. The Chair also advised that GC0117 was mentioned during the meeting to ensure alignment on data processes. The meeting also covered a proposal to develop a strategic Connections Process Advisory Group to develop longer term Connections Action Plan recommendations to ensure they are aligned with strategic planning and wider market reform.

5. Authority Decisions

10096. NH advised that GC0154 is with Ofgem for decision, and that the expected decision date has been revised to 15 March 2024.

10097. NH also advised that a decision on GC0156 was made on 05 February 2024 to accept the Original proposal.

6. New Modifications

10098. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

GC0103: The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes

10099. EB advised that analysis is currently ongoing regarding the possibility of harmonisation of the Relevant Electrical Standards, noting that the November 2023 Autumn Statement has recommended that an ENA-led forum meet to discuss harmonisation of equipment standards. EB advised that it is currently unclear on how this will interact with GC0103, noting that it has not been possible to provide an updated timeline.

10100. Several Panel members discussed the benefit case of GC0103 and queried whether harmonisation would be possible because of the potential implications for safety rules. One Panel member noted that the Winser report strengthens the case for GC0103, and it was also advised that a modification will be required to make any changes to the Grid Code recommended as part of the ENA forum.

10101. The Panel agreed to receiving a timeline update in due course and requested regular updates on the progress of the modification until that point.

GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning

10102. JW presented the updated timeline for GC0139, noting that more time is required to complete the analysis and continue work on the legal text.

10103. AC reassured the Panel that significant work was ongoing within the subgroup for this modification.

10104. The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel papers.

GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

10105. CG presented the updated timeline for GC0159, noting that they have not been able to hold Workgroup meetings due to quoracy issues, which has led to a delay in the timeline. CG advised that the legal text has been revised to consider GC0156 impacts, as requested at the Grid Code Review Panel on 14 December 2023.

10106. The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel papers.

GC0167: Material and Non Material Grid Code Changes

10107. JW presented the withdrawal of GC0167 to the Panel, noting that the withdrawal window was opened for 5 business days from 26 January 2024 and that no parties came forward to become the Proposer for this modification.

10108. The Panel approved the withdrawal of GC0167.

8. Prioritisation Stack / Dashboard

10109. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack. DS queried whether GC0155 should be moved up the prioritisation stack, however the Panel agreed to not make any changes.

10110. The prioritisation stack can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Review Panel Meeting - 22.02.2024 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

9. Workgroup Reports

10111. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

10112. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

11. Reports to Authority

10113. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Implementation updates

10114. There were no updates for the Panel.

13. Governance

10115. There were no updates for the Panel.

14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

10116. TB advised that the the last meeting was held on 07 February 2024, and covered Guidance notes for System Oscillation Assessment of Inverter Based Resources. TB noted that there had been some discussion at GCDF regarding how easy it is to find guidance notes, and that this has been fed back to Code Governance. DM noted that the guidance notes can be difficult to find, querying whether requirements could be added into the compliance process.

10117. TB noted that stakeholders were informed at GCDF that the new guidance doesn't introduce any new obligations that aren't codified and advised that the guidance notes were designed to not be prescriptive on how compliance must be met. RB noted that it needs to be obvious to Users how they demonstrate compliance. AC noted that it should be clear in the documents that demonstrating compliance does not have to be done in a particular way. TB requested that stakeholders engage with compliance engineers early in the process if they require further clarification.

10118. GV noted that the guidance notes were not available in the suite of Grid Code related documents on the website, advising that this may cause confusion. TB agreed to address this.

10119. The meeting papers and presentation can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Development Forum \(GCDF\) - 07.02.2024 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

10120. The next meeting is planned for 06 March 2024, with 28 February 2024 being the deadline for agenda items. AC noted that a presentation on GC0156 is planned for this date, to make obligations clear to stakeholders.

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

10121. AC advised that the previous Distribution Code Review Panel meeting covered the following items:

- Digitalisation of Grid Code, including a discussion of integration of the Distribution Code, if required.
- Engineering Recommendation G5, relating to harmonics; work on this document is still ongoing.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

10122. JW advised that the JESG meeting on 13 February 2024 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next meeting is due to take place on 12 March 2024.

CUSC Overview

10123. JW presented a slide to the Panel relating to CUSC modification changes from January 2024. This can be found in the [Grid Code Review Panel papers](#).

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

10124. RR noted that they are expecting a BSC modification consequential to GC0156 and advised that they are working with the ESO regarding this. They also noted the Market Wide Half Hourly Urgent CUSC modifications, however advised that these are not expected to impact the Grid Code. RR advised that they would be conducting System

Integration testing in March, which would be open until April. They also advised that modification P441 will have a consequential impact on the Distribution Code.

17. Challenges to Modification Progress

10125. JW presented a table outlining reasons for timeline delays for modifications, noting various legislation, analysis, and legal text delays. Details of this can be found in the [Grid Code Review Panel papers](#).

18. Horizon Scan

10126. JW presented the horizon scan, advising the Panel that several new Grid Code modifications are expected. Details of this can be found in the [Grid Code Review Panel papers](#).

19. Electrical Standards

10127. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Any Other Business (AOB)

Update on Consultation on the Implementation of Energy Code Reform

10128. GB and SW delivered a presentation relating to the [Consultation on the Implementation of Energy Code Reform](#), noting that the Consultation is open until 23 April 2024. They advised that as part of this, they are consulting on a proposal to consolidate nine of the existing codes into three codes across electricity and gas, excluding consolidation of the BSC, REC and SEC.

10129. GB and SW noted that there will be a joint consultation on Code Manager Selection and Licensing with the Authority and DESNZ.

10130. RL queried where the resources and expertise will be drawn from to enable the Code Manager function, noting that multiple stakeholders currently have this expertise.

10131. SW noted that they are creating an expert working group. They noted that the upcoming consultation will cover proposals in how code managers are selected, with a range of options available. They noted that there could be a competitive process to appoint code managers, to ensure that they have the required capabilities.

21. Close

10132. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 21 March 2024 on Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 06 March 2024.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 13 March 2024.