

Meeting minutes

Meeting name: Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

Date: 26/09/2024 Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 10:00 AM End: 11:15 AM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Sarah Carter	SC	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Darshak Shah	DS	Panel Member, Generator Representative
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Donald Eide	DE	Alternate, Authority 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
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	Panel Member, BSC Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Ross Kirkwood	RK	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Shazia Akhtar	SA	Observer, ESO Code Administrator
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Generator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative

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Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Stuart McLarnon	SM	NESO, Presenting NESO Electrical Standard Updates
Vicky Allen	VA	NESO, Presenting EDL Instruction Interface Valid Reason Codes Update

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

10603. TM introduced SC as the new temporary Panel secretary and noted apologies from Matthew White.

10604. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meetings

10605. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 22 August 2024 were approved subject to the incorporation of amendments from RR.

3. Review of actions log

10606. SC gave an update on the open actions, as follows:

10607. **Action 456 and 459** are recommended to remain open. The Panel agreed.

10608. **Action 462** - In relation to whether a Workgroup consultation is required, for all modifications which progress to Workgroup. ESO Legal have advised this is at the discretion of the Workgroup as per GR.20.13 to consult. However, the Panel has powers to request such consultation too under GR.20.20. The Panel agreed to close this action.

10609. **Action 463** - The Self Governance Vote is not likely to have a situation where Vote 1 and Vote 2 do not align; if this is expected by the Panel, ESO Legal have advised that the Panel should request that the Authority make a decision through Standard Governance, in advance of commencing the vote. This guidance has also been added to the Panel recommendation/determination vote process flow diagram. The Panel agreed to close this action.

10610. **Action 464** - Regarding the GC0159 Authority Policy guidance, ESO Legal have advised they do not believe there are any further implications on the CUSC and STC modifications. The Panel agreed to close this action.

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4. Chair's update

10611. The Chair advised there were no updates this month.

5. Authority Decisions

10612. GS advised that:

- The Authority would be opening a 6-week consultation in October on their **GC0117** draft decision letter ahead of publishing their final decision. The expected decision dates for both **GC0117** and **GC0172** was the 06 December 2024.
- The Authority published their consultation decision on the implementation of Energy Codes Reform on the 22 August 2024. This confirms the Authority's approach to the implementation and upcoming next steps. The government's response to their joint consultation with DESNZ is anticipated to be published in the autumn.
- The final two sessions of the Modification Process Workgroup also took place in September, which discussed items such as, skill set requirements for a Code Manager, how decisions would be made, the effectiveness of the code modifications 'flowing through' to system bodies under the current framework, the Authorities new power to direct system bodies and how cross-code working arrangements could be improved.
- The sessions also considered whether or not an updated process should place a limit on the number of alternative modifications able to be raised and looked at detailed operational elements of the SAF (Strategic Advisory Forum). It also looked at the significant code review process, including possible roles for the code manager. Lastly, it discussed the role of the Competition and Markets Authority appeal route on Ofgem code modification decisions.
- The Authority's publishing moratorium for the Christmas/New Year period will run from 13 December 2024 to 3 January 2025.

6. New Modification Updates

10613. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification Updates

GC0166: Introducing new Balancing Programme Parameters for Limited Duration Assets – Timeline Update

10614. SC explained that that the Proposer needed an additional 4 months to enable them to complete the Workgroup consultation and subsequent Workgroup meetings, this is due to the modification being more complex, than initially thought. The timeline revision was approved by the Panel.

GC0174: Removal of obligation to provide EU Transparency Availability Data as specified in OC2.4.7

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10615. SC explained the background to the modification and that, after two rounds of nominations, only two Workgroup nominations had been received. SC also advised the Panel of the three possible options available them on how the modification could progress.
10616. CN explained NESO's preference as Proposer of the modification would be for the modification to continue as Self-Governance but proceed straight to Code Administrator Consultation, as this would still allow industry input. CN stated that NESO legal had also confirmed that they were comfortable that Users that submit REMIT data are meeting the European Transparency Regulations (ETR) standards and that the REMIT obligations do not sit in the Grid Code.
10617. The Panel concluded, by majority, that as concerns previously raised by Panel members in relation to **GC0174** still needed to be addressed, **GC0174** should proceed as a Limited Membership Workgroup under Governance Rule G.R.20.5 (c).
10618. RL offered to join the Limited Membership Workgroup, to ensure that it was quorate with three Workgroups members. The Panel unanimously agreed to this request and appointed RL as Workgroup member on **GC0174**. AF also agreed to join as an observer.

8. Workgroup Reports

10619. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

10620. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Prioritisation Stack

10621. SC presented the prioritisation stack to the Panel, noting that no new modifications had been raised, and Panel members did not raise any requests to move or amend the order. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found via the following link: **[Grid Code Prioritisation Stack - September 2024](#)**

11. Reports to the Authority

10622. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Implementation Updates

GC0171: Improving the clarity and transparency of the Compliance Process for Small Generators with a Bilateral Embedded Generator Agreement (BEGA)

10623. SC advised that **GC0171** was implemented on 05 September 2024 but noted that an email had been circulated to the Authority by an industry participant, requesting that the implementation be reversed. SC explained that the Code Administrator Team were

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comfortable with the modification/implementation process that was followed and are in discussion with all parties involved. The Chair advised that she was content that the governance process had been robust.

10624. RW suggested that it would be beneficial if any issues or concerns raised regarding any modifications at GCDF, could also be brought to the Grid Code Review Panel. CN and SC agreed to do this going forward as well as adding it to their critical friend checks.

10625. CN offered to provide a general update at a future Panel on the wider work going on in relation to Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement (BEGA's), to which the Panel concurred - **Action 465**

13. Governance

10626. There were no updates for the Panel.

14. Grid Code Development Forum

10627. CN advised Panel that the GCDF was held on 04 September 2024 and covered the following topic:

- Proposed changes to User Data Submissions feedback period (STCPI9-3)

10628. The meeting papers and presentation can be found via the following link: **[Grid Code Development Forum \(GCDF\) - 04.09.2024](#)**.

10629. CN advised that the next GCDF meeting is planned for 02 October 2024, and the deadline for agenda items is 25 September 2024, with the final agenda items to be confirmed, but will include:

- Proposed Introduction of a Metering Polarity Standard to the Grid Code
- Fax Machine Replacement – Update
- EDT (Electronic Data Transfer) Contingency Process – Update.

10630. DS requested that a link to the GCDF meeting materials be added to the slides - **Action 466**

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

10631. AC advised there had not been a meeting since the last Grid Code Review Panel meeting.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

10632. SC advised that the JESG meeting planned for 10 September 2024 was cancelled and the next meeting was due to take place on 08 October 2024.

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

10633. The Panel papers and Headline report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

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- [28 August 2024 STC Panel - Cancelled](#)
- [23 August 2024 CUSC Panel](#)
- [11 September 2024 SQSS Panel](#)

10634. RR advised that:

- In relation to the BSC, there was a consequential modification for **GC0156** P480 which was presented to the Panel this month, but they have deferred making a decision on it and have asked Elexon for additional information.
- On the Market Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) programme, there has been a change request to amend the timeline of the 'Go live' date. This is under consultation between the 23 September 2024 and 04 October 2024. Following this, there will be a clearer view of the revised timeline but is expected to be 2026.
- Regarding the Market Facilitator, P481 will enable Elexon to be the market facility delivery body. RR advised there is no impact on any other codes, and that they are working closely with ESO in developing enduring Market Facilitator arrangements and roles.

17. Challenges to Modification Progress

10635. There were no updates for the Panel.

18. Horizon Scan

10636. There were no updates for the Panel.

19. Electrical Standards

10637. VA presented to the Panel members a housekeeping change to the EDL Instruction Interface - Valid Reason Codes document, with the ask to remove 4 Reason Codes that are not in use. This will ensure document accuracy and prevent confusion. The Panel members were asked to feedback any comments by 5pm on 24 October 2024, with implementation on 07 November 2024 (if no comments are received).

10638. SM presented an overview of the changes proposed to seven electrical standard documents, post 'NESO day 1'. This included changing NGESO/ESO to NESO, altering branding, updating hyperlinks, links to title pages and removing dead links. The documents will be circulated when finalised following Day 1.

20. Code Administrator Update

10639. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

10640. SC advised Panel members that work for NESO day 1 was ongoing including updates to all the codes and they would be visible on the new website from 01 October 2024.

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10641. SC reminded the Panel to complete the Grid Code Review Panel nomination forms by 5pm on 04 October 2024.
10642. NH informed the Panel members that this would be his last Grid Code Panel Review meeting and wanted to thank everyone for all their help and support and asked the Panel members to extend the same welcome and help to his replacement Scott Bull. The chair, on behalf of the Panel thanked NH for all his hard work and support on the Panel, advised that he will be greatly missed, and that Scott Bull will be welcomed on the Panel.

22 Close

10643. 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 24 October 2024 in Faraday House.

New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 09 October 2024.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 16 October 2024.