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# Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) 30 January 2025

## Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

**Date:** 30/01/2025      Location: Faraday House  
**Start:** 10:00 AM      End: 12:50 PM

## Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Adegboyega Akomolafe	AA	Alternate, Generator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alice Johnston	AJ	Alternative, Authority Representative (Observer)
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member, NESO
Darshak Shah	DS	Alternate, Generator Representative
David Monkhouse	SB	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Fraser Scott	FS	Alternate, Onshore Transmission Owner
Graeme Vincent	GC	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Lewis Morgan	LM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	BSC Panel Representative
Richard Wilson	RW	Alternate, Distribution Network Operator
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative

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## Apologies

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

## Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Rhiannon Whitty	RW	NESO, GC0177 Proposer
Stuart Brace	SB	NESO, Presenter – Electronic Data Transfer Exceptions process
Stuart McLarnon	SM	NESO, Presenter – Electrical Standards

## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

10726. Apologies were received from Matthew White, Scott Bull and Sigrid Bolik.

10727. The Chair welcomed the group, followed by individual introductions to accommodate the new Panel members, and an overview of the Chair's expectations of Panel members.

10728. No declarations of interest were received.

## 2. Minutes from previous meetings

10729. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 28 November 2024 and 12 December 2024 were approved, with the incorporation of minor amendments proposed by AC.

## 3. Review of actions log

10730. LT gave an update on the open actions as follows:

10731. **Action 456 and 465** were recommended to remain open. The Panel agreed.

## 4. Chair's update

10732. The Chair advised that there were no further updates this month.

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## 5. Authority Decisions

10733. GS advised that the **GC0117** Impact Assessment Consultation had been delayed until the middle of February, with the expected decision date to be 25 March 2025.
10734. GS advised that work on **GC0172** was in progress with an expected decision date of 12 February 2025.
10735. GS noted that the expected decision date for **GC0159** would be published on 31 January 2025.
10736. On Energy Code Reform (ECR), GS advised that the Consultation on code manager selection will close on 30 January 2025 and that, alongside this, Ofgem has launched the section processes for the first two code managers with Elexon and the Retail Energy Code Company (RECCo) invited to become code manager candidates for the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and for the Retail Energy Code (REC) respectively, subject to the outcome of an eligibility assessment process.
10737. GS noted that Ofgem expects to publish its consultation on a preliminary Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) and accompanying governance changes in the coming weeks.
10738. GS added that the ECR project had hit another milestone. On 29 January 2025, the Secretary of State designated the majority of codes and certain central systems as 'qualifying' for the purposes of Schedule 12 of the Energy Act 2023. Schedule 12 of the Energy Act provides Ofgem with transitional powers for the purpose of establishing the new governance framework, which allows Ofgem to modify licence conditions, energy codes and contracts.
10739. One Panel member queried whether expectations of Panel members arising from the Strategic Direction Statement could be circulated once the consultation is opened (**Action 467**).

The Chair emphasised that, as the ECR programme was now gathering momentum, it was important that the Panel was up to speed on transitional arrangements. Accordingly, she asked that Ofgem provide an update to the Panel at a suitable date in the near future.

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## 6. New Modifications

### **GC0177: Planning and Operational Compliance Contacts**

10740. RW delivered a presentation on GC0177, which aims to mandate the submission of updated Planning and Operational Compliance contact details by Users as part of the Compliance Process and Compliance Repeat Process.
10741. The Panel discussed whether Connection Conditions / Compliance Process was the appropriate place to add this requirement, and a suggestion was made in relation to adding it to the Planning Code 'Week 24' process instead.
10742. RW noted that the 'Week 24' was more technically focused and therefore the Connection Conditions / Compliance Process was the better option.
10743. The Panel agreed, by majority, that GC0177 should follow the Self Governance Route and unanimously agreed that it should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

## 7. In flight modification Updates

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

10744. LT explained that the Proposer needed additional time, as limited Workgroup member availability resulted in rescheduling of 2 meetings, impacting progress.
10745. The Panel approved the amended timeline as submitted in the Panel papers.

### **GC0176 - Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code**

10746. LT presented the updated Terms of Reference for GC0176 to the Panel, noting that amendments had been made, taken from suggestions from a Panel member and the Distribution Code Review Panel, with whom this will be a joint workgroup.
10747. The Panel approved the amended points within the Terms of Reference as submitted in the panel papers.

## 8. Workgroup Reports

10748. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

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## 9. Draft Final Modification Report

### **GC0175: Removing references to “Fax” or “Facsimile” within the Grid Code**

10749. LT presented the Draft Final Modification report for GC0175 to the Panel, noting that 5 responses were received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation.
10750. LT noted that several typographical and minor amendments were raised as part of the Code Administrator Consultation.
10751. The Panel agreed that some of the changes were typographical under GR.22.4(i), and in conjunction with the Proposer agreed that further changes were minor under GR.22.4(iii) and instructed the Code Administrator to make the changes. Details of the changes made will be added to Annex 4 of the Final Modification Report, including whether they were deemed to be typographical or minor.
10752. The Panel held their recommendation vote and agreed unanimously that the original proposal better facilitates the Grid Code objectives. The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 10 February 2025.

## 10. Prioritisation Stack

10753. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack with one Panel member querying whether GC0168 should be higher. Several Panel members noted the importance of the modifications above it, so it was agreed by the Panel that no changes would be made. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found via the following [link](#)

## 11. Reports to the Authority

10754. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 12. Governance

10755. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 13. Grid Code Development Forum

10756. CN advised that the meeting on the 08 January 2025 had been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.
10757. The next meeting is scheduled for 05 February 2025 and has the following items to be discussed:
- Proposed changes to User Data Submissions Feedback Period (STCPI9-3)
  - Changes to OC6 to allow for site protection of pre-designated protected customers for Automatic Low Frequency Demand Disconnection
  - Rationalising Balancing Code 4 (BC4) and Balancing Code 5 (BC5) from the Grid Code

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## 14. Standing Groups

### Distribution Code Review Panel Update

10758. AC advised there had not been a meeting since the last Grid Code Review Panel meeting.

### Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

10759. LT advised that the JESG meeting took place on 14 January 2025 and that the next meeting was due to take place on 11 February 2025. [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#)

## 15. Updates on other Industry Codes

10760. LT advised that the Panel papers and Headline report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

- 11 December 2024 **[STC Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)**
- 13 December 2024 **[CUSC Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)**
- 20 December 2024 **[CUSC Special Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)**
- 20 December 2024 **[STC Special Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)**
- 06 January 2025 **[CUSC Special Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)**

10761. RR advised that there is a Market Half Hourly Settlement open day on the 25 March 2025 <https://www.mhhsprogramme.co.uk/news-articles/sign-up-to-our-mhhs-open-day-25-march-2025> and she also advised that updates on the Market Facilitator could be found at the following link [Subscribe to our Newsletter and Circulars - Elexon BSC](#)

## 16. Challenges to Modification Progress

10762. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 17. Horizon Scan

10763. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 18. Electrical Standards

10764. SB gave a presentation on the Electronic Data Transfer Exceptions Scenarios Process and highlighted areas in the documents that had been written or amended to reflect this new functionality.

10765. The Panel members were asked to feedback any comments before 5pm on 03 March 2025. The Chair reminded the Panel to focus on substantive points and not to comment on document formatting.

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10766. SM provided an update on the NESO Electrical Standards documents to advise the relevant changes suggested by Panel Members had been made but emphasised that these were only the ones in line with re branding. He noted that any other comments would be kept for considerations in a later modification.

## 19. Code Administrator Update

10767. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 20. Any Other Business (AOB)

10768. There were no updates presented to Panel.

## 21. Close

10689. 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 27 February 2025 on Teams.**

**New Modification Proposals were to be submitted by 12 February 2025.**

**Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 19 February 2025.**