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Code Administrator Meeting

Summary

Workgroup Meeting 2: GC0176 – Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code

Date: 26 March 2025

Contact Details

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Proposer: Frank Kasibante, frank.kasibantel@nationalenergyso.com

Key areas of discussion

The purpose of Workgroup 2 was to review actions and review the legal text amendments made since the previous Workgroup.

Actions

The Chair went through the actions.

- Action 1 was closed as the legal text had been provided and updated within the Papers for the Workgroup, there were no objections to closing this action.
- Action 2 remained open because the Authority Representative was not present at the meeting to provide their view on the letter circulated as part of the Workgroup Papers, and Workgroup members still had queries regarding this.
- Action 3 was closed, and the changes to the timeline was discussed to see if it could be accelerated without compromising the quality of the work. The Chair noted that they had added an additional Workgroup within the timeline, and that it would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Terms of Reference

The Chair mentioned that the term "Restoration" has been corrected to "Rotation" within the Terms of Reference that were submitted in the March 2025 Grid Code Review Panel Papers. It was noted that an update on this would be provided in the next meeting based on whether the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) agreed with the change.

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Proposer's update

The NESO SME shared a summary slide of the legal text updates made since the last Workgroup. The NESO SME also went through the outstanding issues, the Amended Definitions and the Additional Definitions.

There was a discussion regarding the new notices; the Workgroup did not reach a final agreement on the exact wording or repetition of the notices during the meeting, and it was suggested that this should be taken back internally for further feedback. However, there was general agreement on the creation of the notices.

For the Amended Definitions, a Workgroup member raised a point about the 4–6% being based on the system peak and ongoing discussions about what those values should be in the future. They suggested that the wording should specify that it is based on the system peak to avoid different interpretations. The NESO SME agreed to consider this further.

Draft Legal Text

The Chair presented the various legal documents, and the NESO SME discussed each change made.

OC6.5.3

- The Workgroup members agreed that the terminology should be updated and that the separation of Demand Disconnection and Voltage Control was appropriate.

OC6.5.4

- The discussion included whether the additional 20% Demand reduction should come from load blocks and how this should be specified in the text.
- It was suggested that the text should be amended to specify that the additional 20% Demand reduction will come from load blocks, not fast load blocks.

OC6.5.5

- The Workgroup had no further comments.

OC6.9.5 and OC6.9.6

- The Workgroup discussed revising the wording of the system notice related to exemptions on license obligations during a Demand Control Rotation Protocol (DCRP) situation.

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- Ofgem's preference for handling exemptions through post event derogations led to concerns from DNOs, and further discussions with Ofgem were planned to address these, along with NESO conversing with their Legal team.
- Gaining wider DNO input was suggested; the Chair noted that this could be done as part of the Workgroup Consultation.

OC6.9.7

- The Workgroup agreed that defining "Demand Control Rotation Period" as a specific term in the Grid Code would be beneficial for clarity and consistency.

Demand Control Rotation Protocol (DCRP)

- The Proposer discussed that it is no longer necessary for the DCRP Summary to be listed in the General Conditions. However, it should still be an Associated Document that is stored with other Guidance Notes. The Workgroup agreed with this approach.
- There was a mention of the System Defence Plan and whether it would be brought to the Workgroup before going to the Grid Code Review Panel through the RES governance process. It was decided that the necessary steps would be taken to reach out to the relevant parties and understand the governance process required for any amendments.
- There was a discussion about the Governance process and who has the ultimate right to decide whether to continue with DCRP or switch to the Electricity Supply Emergency Code (ESEC). The flexibility of DCRP was seen as beneficial, but there was a need to ensure that DNOs are not unfairly impacted by prolonged use of DCRP without appropriate exemptions.

Next Steps

- The Chair confirmed that a summary of this Workgroup Meeting and the action points will be shared with the Workgroup.
- Workgroup 3 will reconvene on 15 April 2025 to provide legal text updates with Papers sent out on 08 April 2025.

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The Proposer suggested considering consultation questions early on and bringing them to the next Workgroup meeting.

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Action Number	Workgroup	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
01	WG1	Proposer	Update legal text based on Workgroup feedback, to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of definitions, including addition of DCRP. OC6.9 further amendments. Modifying OC6.5.3 to reflect 4 fast blocks for each DNO, and identifying voltage reduction as a separate tool. Clarify what will be in scope of a 'housekeeping' review of OC6.5 Identify whether a change is required to OC6.5.1 Review General Conditions and Governance Rules amendments. 	WG2	Closed
02	WG1	SS	Consider whether the Legal Text in OC6.9.5. is applicable within the bounds of the existing licence rather than through primary legislation. <i>Update: LT to arrange call with SS to discuss this prior to the next Workgroup.</i>	WG2	Open
03	WG1	LT	Discuss possible changes to the timeline with Proposer and Ofgem	WG2	Closed
04	WG2	RS	Provide update on System Defence Plan	WG3	Open
05	WG2	AM/AC	Liaise to ensure that there are no misunderstandings about the ability to meet the 2-5 minute requirement with fast load blocks in OC6.5.3	WG3	Open
06	WG2	FK	Confirm Grid Code defined terms in OC6.5.3 and OC6.9.7	WG3	Open

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Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Lizzie Timmins	LT	NESO Code Administrator	Chair
Jess Rivalland	JR	NESO Code Administrator	Technical Secretary
Frank Kasibante	FK	NESO	Proposer
Rebecca Scott	RS	NESO	NESO SME
Andrew McLeod	AM	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup member
Can Li	CL	Green Gen Cymru	Workgroup member
Damian Clough	DC	SSE Generation	Alternate
Jeevan Dhaliwal	JD	Energy Networks Association	Observer (DCode Administrator)
John Knott	JK	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup member
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Observer (DCode Administrator)
Paul Murray	PM	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	Workgroup member
Paul Turner	PT	Electricity North West Ltd	Workgroup member
Richard Wilson	RW	UK Power Networks	Workgroup member