

Minutes

Meeting name	Grid Code Review Panel
Meeting number	7
Date of meeting	Wednesday 18 October 2017
Location	Hilton Hotel, Warwick

Attendees

Name	Initials	Role
John Martin	JM	Chair (Code Administrator)
Trisha McAuley	TM	New Independent Chair (transition meeting)
Chrissie Brown	CB	Panel Secretary and interim Code Administrator Representative (Code Administrator)
Naomi Davies	ND	Code Administrator
Gurpal Singh	GSH	Authority Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Kate Dooley	KD	Panel member
Guy Nicholson	GN	Panel member
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel member
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel member
Nick Rubin	NR	BSC Panel Representative
Kyla Berry	KB	Panel member
Steve Cox	SC	Panel member
Robert Longden	RL	Panel member
Lee Fu	LF	Panel member (alternate)
Robert Wilson	RW	Presenter -

1 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Damian Jackman (DJ) and Graeme Vincent (GV) advance apologies noted.

Trisha McAuley (TM) was welcomed to the Panel as the new Panel Chair effective from November 2017 onwards. Nadir Hafeez (HF) was also welcomed as an ongoing Observer from the Authority.

Kate Dooley (KD) dialled into the Panel meeting via Webex.

All presentations given at this Grid Code Review Panel meeting can be found in the Grid Code Panel area on the National Grid website:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Electricity-codes/Grid-code/Panel-information/Meetings/2017>

2 Approval of previous meeting Minutes

1228. The minutes from the September Panel meeting held on Wednesday 20 September were approved subject to comments received from NR ref para 1.2.10 and are now available on the National Grid website.

3 Review of Actions

1229. **Action 20:** Recognition that this action was still outstanding and requires clarity as a matter of urgency to ensure compliance with European law. The Panel agreed that additional clarity is required from the Authority around when the new baseline should be submitted and how the process is to be adhered to as an ongoing process moving forward. The Authority stated that they would provide a further update at the November Panel meeting.
1230. **Action 16:** RW confirmed that three responses had been received and the challenge was not only how to anonymise the data for publication (at the request of the respondents) but also how to outline any wider implications for Grid Code and National Grid. CB confirmed that the responses would be circulated as soon as possible.
1231. **Action 31:** The Panel noted that there was no date against the action and that the outstanding report still needs to come back to Panel. KB agreed to take this action forward and committed to ensuring that this action would be completed at the November Panel meeting.
1232. **Action 29:** NR highlighted how Project Terre is impacted by EBS and the specific interest from a BSC point of view.

4 New Modifications

1233. **GC0105 System Incident Report:** GN presented his modification and presentation to the Panel and, following comment, recognised the need for improvements to the wording, the structure of the requirements and whether the items currently listed are fit for purpose going forward. KB queried whether the findings in the report should only be reported back to the GCRP and/or whether there is a more appropriate reporting mechanism. The Panel acknowledged how the report facilitates transparency and visibility on behalf of the System Operator. KB raised a concern as to what the information would be used for and feed into.
1234. The Panel accepted the GC0105 Modification Proposal as a standard modification (i.e. for the self-governance process to apply). GN took an action to make the necessary updates incorporating comments outlined within the meeting. The Panel then took an action to feed in any further comments by close of play on Friday 3 November 2017. In addition National Grid took an action to comment on the requirements outlined to state whether they could provide the information requested once the first two actions had been completed.
1235. CB stated that following all of the steps above the legal text for the modification would be submitted to the NGET legal team for review ahead of Code Administrator Consultation and that a revised timetable would need to be drafted for the next Panel meeting.

1236. GN noted that the last system incident report was last issued in January 2016. He requested that NGET consider whether they would provide a report in the interim as a goodwill gesture. It was noted that should the next annual report be published as agreed in October 2018 this would result in an information gap in excess of 33 months.

ACTION 43: GN to re-circulate amended proposal to the Panel incorporating all relevant feedback from GCDF and Panel.

ACTION 44: Panel to comment on revised modification by COP 3 November 2017

ACTION 45: KB to determine feasibility of producing an earlier report to October 2018

ACTION 46: Code Administrator to draft amended timetable and submit self-governance letter to the Authority

1237. **GC0106 SOGL Data Exchange** and update on **GC0095 TSOG**: RW highlighted the difference between 'Guideline' and 'Network code' stating that whilst the former is incomplete insofar it lacks a methodology it does have the same legal standing as a Network Code. AF stated that he had assumed that the whole of SOGL was to be dealt with via one Workgroup rather than being split across separate modifications addressing separate, specific articles. RW confirmed that GC0106 is the first modification being brought forward for SOGL as it is the most urgent with the greatest user impact. The Panel expressed a need to understand and have foresight of which articles are being covered by which modification.

ACTION 47: KB work with European Delivery Manager to provide the Panel with Forward Work Plan for SOGL

1238. Panel members recognised the need to review what is already being done and for Grid Code changes to reflect only what is absolutely necessary. A Panel member stated that previous TSOG mapping constituted changes to confidential National Grid documents/operating procedures and questioned whether this would be the case now.

1239. CB noted the number of extensions that are being requested of the Panel and suggested that with this modification whether she could trial a new way of working. She stated that she recommended that the initial meeting be held where the timetable would be developed in conjunction with the Workgroup. The Panel agreed to trial the approach.

ACTION 48: Code Administrator to return to November GCRP with a GC106 timeline and an updated joint Terms of Reference (DCRP)

ACTION 49: Proposer to submit proposal to next Distribution Code Review Panel (*noting that the next DCRP is on Thursday 19th October*)

5 Current Modification Updates

1240. **GC0100/0101 – EU Connection Codes GB Implementation Mod 1 & 2.** CB informed the Panel that the last Workgroup convened on 5 October with the vote due

on alternatives scheduled for w/c 23rd October. CB outlined that whether the potential alternatives develop into formal alternatives will inform the overall timeline and could present a risk to it.

ACTION 50: Code Administrator to circulate voting outcomes to GCRP as soon as possible after Alternative Vote

1241. **GC0102 – EU Connection Codes GB Implementation Mod 3.** CB confirmed the intention for the Workgroup Consultation to be published tomorrow (19th October). She noted that there is two day legal text review scheduled on 16th and 17th November. In signposting Panel members to GR.20.23, CB asked Panel to review the Workgroup recommendation to re-assign the DCC elements of the Terms of Reference to GC0104. AF remarked that there are currently three Workgroups dealing with the same defect (ie. non-compliance with ENC). Panel agreed with this more general view of the defect and agreed with the recommendation to re-assign DCC elements to be covered by GC0104. The Terms of Reference for GC0102 and GC0104 are to be revised to reflect this.

ACTION 51: Code Administrators (Grid Code and Distribution Code) to amend Terms of Reference for both GC0102 and GC0104, and re-circulate to Panel

1242. The Panel discussed and approved a twenty working day consultation period as recommended by the Workgroup acknowledging the complexity and volume of material to be circulated and reviewed. This is currently planned over the Christmas period.
1243. **GC0036 - Review of Harmonics Assessment Standards and Processes:** GC0036 was discussed earlier in the action log updates (minute 1231) RW stated that GC0079 had not officially been raised with D-Code but noted that the ENA website was now the repository for all new Workgroup material.
1244. **GC0096 – Energy Storage:** The Panel noted the submission of the draft Workgroup Consultation to the Panel. RW highlighted that the Workgroup now recognises the main challenge to be the demand from elsewhere, maintaining that the original scope needs to be adhered to in order to complete the work. CB noted that given the complexity, the Workgroup has requested two weeks to review the Consultation before it is disseminated to industry. GN highlighted the issues of inconsistent definitions across the codes which may result in excess of four thousand changes to the Grid Code alone. Given these challenges, CB stated that Code Administrator is not currently in a position to propose a new timetable but would work with the Proposer of the modification to develop a timetable that is robust and submit it for their review at the November Panel meeting.

ACTION 52: Code Administrator to return to the November Panel with a revised timetable

1245. **GC0097 – Project TERRE:** CB talked through Pr3. NR re-asserted that the delay on the Grid Code modification is presenting a risk to the BSC work. The Panel agreed that a more detailed update is required from the Workgroup in terms of progress of work against scope at the next meeting in order for the extension to be granted.

ACTION 53: More detailed request required to be submitted for November Panel

1246. **GC0099 – Establishing a Common Approach to Interconnector Scheduling:** CB reported that the work is on track with no current risks to highlight.
1247. **GC0103 – The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes:** KB raised concerns regarding the lack of clarity on what this modification is trying to achieve. Citing GR.20.4, KB asked the Panel to consider whether the appointment of a more technical workgroup chair would provide this clarity and determine the true scope of the modification. The request was supported by the Panel.

ACTION 54: Code Administrator in consultation with the GCRP to appoint new independent chair

6 Draft Final Modification Reports

None reported

7 Electrical Standards

1248. CB referred Panel to the two electrical standards circulated to Panel Members for comment (TS1 (RES) and PS(T)010 (RES)). AF questioned whether the email signified the start of the 20 working day consultation in respect of PS(T)010 RES. This was confirmed by the Code Administrator. The Panel recognised the need for a housekeeping modification on the Grid Code General Conditions on completion of the full review of the Relevant Electrical Standards.

8 Governance

1249. CB highlighted the publication of the Code Administrator Codes of Practice review and the impending request from the ENA for comments from industry members on the robustness of the Practice rather than the performance of the code administrators.

9 Workgroup Day and GCDF

1250. CB confirmed that the next Workgroup Day will be held on 2 November. She stated that she would expect GC0106 to be discussed on the day, the Panel agreed with this approach.
1251. NR provided a short update following the Charging Delivery Board meeting in respect of a specific point raised by Ofgem regarding electric vehicles and how or whether their proliferation will result in issues for the transmission system to address (Grid Code). Panel members recognised that the Open Networks Forum is keeping a watching brief.

10 Workgroup Reports

None reported

11 Reports to Authority

None reported

12 Standing Items

1252. **Code Summary:** CB referred Panel members to the Code Summary document. No additional comments were made by Panel.
1253. **Pre-Panel Calls:** CB updated the Panel regarding the most recent Pre-Panel call stating that there was less interest this month. KB suggested that Panel could help to engage industry by disseminating details for next month's Pre-Panel Call. Panel members agreed.

ACTION 55: Panel Members to disseminate invite and information from Code Administrator ahead of November's Pre-Panel call.

1254. **Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG):** CB confirmed that JESG is due to be held in London on 19 October and reviewed the agenda that had already been publicly circulated. At this point KB asked for feedback from Panel Members on the overall value of JESG. Both AF and AC commented that issues such as those affecting Connection Codes and Generators had been picked up by Grid Code modifications which caused some re-alignment away from JESG. It was commented that JESG was originally the only source of information for European-related matters but this is now spread across other industry forums.
1255. **Forward Work Plan:** the value of Elexon mapping all EU Changes as progressed by National Grid Code Administrator, Elexon and ENA was acknowledged by the Panel. There was a consensus that this would be useful for all 'in progress' (and long term, all 'lurking') mods across the codes.

ACTION 56: Code Administrator to disseminate Horizon scanning document to November Panel

13 Impact of any other Code Modifications or Developments

None raised

14 Any other business

1256. Electricity Market Regulatory Sandbox: raised by NR on behalf of BSC and highlighted as an opportunity for Grid Code parties to trial new regulatory ideas and ways of working.

ACTION 57: NR to circulate link to the relevant BSC Panel Paper

1257. JM confirmed his impending departure from the Code Administrator and Chair role, adding that his new role in the Regulation part of the business may result in his return to the Panel in a difference capacity. JM confirmed Teresa Thompson as his replacement, confirming the value she will add to the role.

15 Next meeting

1258. The next GCRP is scheduled to convene at National Grid House on **Wednesday 15th November.**