

Code Administrator Meeting 4 Summary

GC0134 Removing the telephony requirements for small, distributed and aggregated market participants who are active in the Balancing Mechanism.

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Key areas of discussion

The workgroup reviewed the revised draft Workgroup Consultation document

- Amended the executive summary to clarify the barrier to participation in the balancing mechanism that is discussed in this proposal.
- Revised the section covering the backup measures that could be imposed for contingency operation.

The workgroup discussed the viability of several potential options for contingency operation in emergency / safety situations

- Discussed using techniques similar to Telecommand for participants that fall below the 10MW or 50MW threshold to control the plant under emergency conditions outside of office hours, among other possibilities. The viability, the pros and cons of this and other approaches were discussed.
- Consideration was given to the potential level of risk that might result in the event that participants below the proposed thresholds could not be accessed by the ESO.
- Consideration was also given to how many parties would currently qualify at the proposed thresholds.

The workgroup edited the workgroup consultation questions to ensure that the correct areas were covered. New questions were added to:

- Explore other possible technologies or solutions that might be available as alternatives to fixed telephony.
- Explore alternative options for contingency despatch.

- Address the cost/risk/benefit of the proposal.

No Alternatives raised

- The workgroup was asked whether any member wanted to raise a Workgroup Consultation Alternative request – none was raised.

Action Log

Number	Action	Status
	All actions from the previous meeting were closed. No new actions were added.	

Participants

Attendees	Company	Position
Nisar Ahmed	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Chair
Kirsten Shilling	Code Administrator National Grid ESO	Apologies
Peter Dennis	Ecotricity	Proposer and Workgroup Member
Phil Smith	National Grid ESO	Workgroup Member & Acting Technical Secretary for Kirsten Shilling for this meeting
Mark Bingham	National Grid	Workgroup Member
John Walsh	National Grid	Workgroup Member
Robert Longden	Cornwall Energy	Workgroup Member
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