

Grid Code Review Panel

28 April 2022

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 28/04/2022	Location: Faraday House
Start: 10:00am	End: 11:15pm

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Jennifer Groome	JG	Code Administrator Representative
Banke John-Okwesa	BJO	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Guy Nicholson	GN	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Rob Wilson	RWi	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Roddy Wilson	RW	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Operator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
Christopher Smith	CS	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative

Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Nick Rubin	NR	BSC Panel Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Generator Representative
Steve Cox	SC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies

8990. Apologies were received from Christopher Smith, Nick Rubin, Steve Cox and Sigrid Bolik.

8991. The Chair reminded Panel Members of the requirement for impartiality and of declaring potential or perceived conflicts of interest.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

8992. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 27 March 2022 were approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments requested by AC and RW.

3. Review of actions log

8993. The Panel agreed to close Action **420**. AF noted that, at the last meeting, it had been agreed that the Code Administrator need to check and review the Terms of Reference template being used for all on-going Grid Code modifications to ensure that it is the most up to date version that reflects all recent code governance changes. JG agreed to take this action and revert to Panel at the next Panel meeting. **ACTION 421**

4. Chair's update

8994. There were no Chair updates.

5. Authority Decisions

8995. GS advised that the decision on **GC0138** would be published on 31 May 2022.

8996. GS provided an update on the [Government response to the Energy Code Reform](#) as outlined below:

- As a result of Energy Codes Reform, Ofgem will have a new strategic function. This function will require primary legislation which the government will introduce once parliamentary time allows.
- A Future System Operator (FSO), an expert, impartial body with a duty to facilitate net zero whilst also maintaining a resilient and affordable system will be created. The FSO will be publicly-owned to ensure that it is independent – not only of asset ownership and other commercial energy interests, but also from day-to-day operational control of government.
- To ensure clear strategic direction of codes alongside the FSO, the Authority will engage with stakeholders and establish and regulate code managers.

For more details on the Government and Ofgem response to the Future System Operator consultation, the full report can be accessed via this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1066720/future-system-operator-consultation-govt-response.pdf

8997. Some Panel members expressed that specific information as to timelines, how the future Code Managers would be set up and the role of stakeholders and the stakeholder advisory forums would be useful to have. GS advised Panel members that Ofgem will publish an open letter in this regard later in the year. RWi noted that similar questions were raised at

the recent FSO and Energy Code Reform consultation response webinars run by BEIS and Ofgem and took an action to circulate the material from these webinars to the Panel. **ACTION 422** There was a suggestion that the Authority should set up periodic webinars or forums to disseminate information as available.

Post Panel note: RWi circulated the webinar report to the Panel on 28 April 2022.

6. New modification

8998. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

8999. JG talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found in the Headline Report within the Grid Code Panel papers pack on the National Grid ESO website via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/247461/download>

GC0139 Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning

9000. JG advised the Panel that two Workgroup meetings were pushed back due to delays with the development of legal text. JG presented a revised timetable for this modification to the Panel, noting and highlighting that the date changes will have no knock-on effect on the overall timeline. The Panel agreed to the changes. AC advised that a subgroup he participated in the workgroup meetings had been working on developing and finalising the legal text and they have made good progress.

GC0148 Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II

9001. JG advised the Panel that the Workgroup would need a one-month extension and, in effect, the Workgroup Report will be presented to the Panel on 30 June 2022 and not 26 May 2022. JG presented a revised timetable for this modification to the Panel and requested approval for the timeline extension. The Panel agreed to a delay to 30 June 2022 and approved the updated timeline. RWi noted that there was a unanimous response from the Workgroup Consultation to transfer Distribution Restart from this modification to be considered as part of **GC0156**.

GC0141 Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9 August Power Disruption

7. JG advised the Panel that there is a need for an additional Workgroup meeting in May to hold a Workgroup Vote. The timeline was extended post-workgroup consultation to allow for quality review of the legal text. JG explained that the WAGCMS had been repackaged and finalised to a total of 14 WAGCMs each giving a set of options such that Ofgem will be able to make a single decision. It is planned to present the workgroup report to the panel meeting in May.

8. Prioritisation Stack / Dashboard

9002. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and agreed to make no changes. The updated Prioritisation Stack can be found in the Headline Report via the following link:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/249561/download>

9. Workgroup Reports

9003. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

9004. There were no Draft Final Modifications presented to the Panel.

11. Reports to Authority

9005. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Implementation updates

9006. There were no updates for the Panel.

13. Governance

9007. There were no updates for the Panel.

14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9008. RWi advised that the last meeting was held on 06 April 2022. At this meeting, the Virtual Energy System (VES) team shared updates on the VES project. The team was invited to provide updates at subsequent meetings. Further information on the VES can be found [here](#).

Also, the Whole System Technical Code (WSTC) team shared a brief overview of the WSTC project to date, next steps in relation to the project scoping paper that was presented to the Steering Group on the 16 March and an update on current progress of engagement with the Industry. Further information can be found [here](#).

9009. RWi noted that the GCDF meeting scheduled for 10 May 2022 was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The GCDF meeting on 1st June 2022 will include an agenda item on the ESO's draft RIIO BP2 submission covering 2023-2025 for which the BP2 team have also scheduled a launch webinar on 4th May 2022. RWi took an action to circulate the link to register for the event to the Panel members. **ACTION 423**

Post Panel note: RWi circulated the National Grid ESO: RIIO-2 BP2 Submission & Consultation Launch event registration [link](#) to the Panel on 28 April 2022.

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

9010. AC noted that the Distribution Code EU Brexit modification was being finalised for submission to The Authority. AC also noted that the public consultation on EREC P2 and EREP 130 are being developed, although these are more relevant to SQSS and have no direct impact on the Grid Code.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9011. JG advised that the last meeting was held on 26 April 2022. The next meeting scheduled 10 May 2022 was cancelled.

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

9012. There were no updates for Panel.

17. Critical Friend Quarterly Update

9013. JG stated that, between 12 January 2022 and 11 April 2022, the Code Administrator had received 1 Grid Code Modification proposals and 8 CUSC Modification proposals. The required Critical Friend checks were carried out and required communications were sent to the Independent Chair, the Panel and industry within agreed timescales (i.e. on the next working day after Modification Proposal Submission Date).

18. Horizon Scan

8990. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

19. Electrical Standards

8991. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Forward Plan Update / Customer Journey

8992. There were no updates at this Panel meeting.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

Farewell to Jeremy Caplin

8993. The Chair advised that the BSC representative for the Grid Code Panel Jeremy Caplin has now stepped down from Panel duties and will be replaced by Nick Rubin. The Panel expressed its sincere thanks to Jeremy for his contributions and support to the Grid Code Panel over the years and wished him all the best in the future.

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 26 May 2022 on Microsoft Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 11 May 2022.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 18 May 2022.