

Grid Code Review Panel Elections 2022 Elections Report

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Executive Summary

The process to elect Grid Code Review Panel Members and Alternates for the period 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2024 commenced on 5 September 2022 and concluded on 10 October 2022.

The general arrangements to be followed for an Election are set out in the [Governance Rules Annex GR.A](#) of the Grid Code. National Grid ESO as the Code Administrator administers each Election.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide a summary of the Grid Code Review Panel Election process for 2022; and
- Clarify the approach that was adopted for the Election in a number of detailed areas.

What seats were available for Election?

- Four (4) Generator seats and two (2) alternate seats;
- One (1) Supplier seat and one (1) alternate seat;
- One (1) Offshore Transmission Owner and one (1) alternate seat;
- One (1) Onshore Transmission Owner seat and one (1) alternate seat

The Alternate Panel Members attend the Grid Code Review Panel in the event that a Panel Member is unable to attend throughout the year

Who was eligible to nominate/vote?

- CUSC Schedule 1 Users, or Materially Affected Parties (as designated by Ofgem), on 31 August 2022 (apart from National Grid ESO), were entitled to nominate and vote in the 2022 Grid Code Review Panel Members and Alternates Election.

The Election results are as follows:

Figure 1: Election Results

Panel Member	Seat	Alternate
Alastair Frew (Drax)	Generator	Not appointed through Election
Darshak Shah (BP)	Generator	Not appointed through Election
John Harrower (SSE)	Generator	Not appointed through Election
Sigrid Bolik (Siemens)	Generator	Not appointed through Election
Robert Longden (Cornwall Insight)	Supplier	Not appointed through Election
Christopher Smith (National Grid Interconnector Holdings)	Offshore TO	Not appointed through Election
Ross Kirkwood (SP Energy Networks)	Onshore TO	Richard Woodward (NGET)

Election Process 2022

The 2022 Grid Code Review Panel nominations process did not trigger the voting process to commence, as the exact number of nominees needed for each Electable Panel Member seat was received, along with one nomination for the Alternate Onshore TO seat. As the Election process ceased to appoint all the Alternate Members, each Elected Panel Member shall be entitled (but not obligated) to nominate their own Alternate Member.

Grid Code Review Panel Election Process and Outcome

The process to Elect Grid Code Review Panel Members and Alternate Panel Members for the period 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2024 commenced on 5 September 2022.

On the 5 September 2022 the Code Administrator opened the Election nominations window, for a period of four weeks. All Grid Code Users were eligible to nominate a candidate to stand in their respective constituent categories. To facilitate this, links to the following documents were sent to Parties via email and published on the Code Administrator’s website:

- The Electoral Roll;
For the purposes of the 2022 Election arrangements, Grid Code Users were defined as those persons who were a Party to the CUSC Framework Agreement (with the exception of National Grid Electricity System Operator), or a Materially Affected Party as of 31 August 2022. Each Party was allocated a unique electoral reference number;
- Nomination Form; and an
- Election Guide.

The Election Guide provided a summary of the Election arrangements and the following timetable to enable Parties to participate actively and effectively in the forthcoming Election arrangements.

Figure 2: Planned Process and Elections Timetable: (Published 25 August 2022)

Date	Milestone
Monday 5th September 2022	Invitations will be sent out to CUSC Schedule 1 Users/Materially Affected Parties to nominate candidates to stand for Election.
Friday 30th September 2022	Nomination Forms to be returned no later than 5pm.
Monday 10th October 2022	List of candidates and voting papers to be circulated, or we will announce the outcome of the Elections.
Thursday 10th November 2022	Voting papers to be returned no later than 5pm.
Monday 28th November 2022	Election results will be announced.
1st January 2023 – 31st December 2024	Newly Elected Panel Members and Panel Alternate Members will take up office.

N.B. Activity planned for 10 November and 28 November 2022 is no longer required.

The nomination window closed on 30 September 2022. The Code Administrator received the exact number of nominations for each electable Panel Member seat (please see Figure 1).

Under [Governance Rule GR.A.11](#): “where there are fewer candidates than seats available or the same number of candidates as seats available, no Election will be required and the nominated candidate(s) will be Elected”. As no voting was required, the nominees were automatically Elected to their seats.

Due to the lack of nominations, all Elected Panel Members (besides the Onshore TO) will be entitled to appoint their own Alternate Member under [Governance Rule GR.7.2](#): “In the event that the Election process fails to appoint an Alternate Member for any of the Elected Panel Members, each Elected Panel Member shall be entitled (but not obligated) to each at their own discretion nominate their own Alternate Member”.

The Code Administrator announced the results of the Election to Industry on 10 October 2022 via email and published this report on their [website](#).

Industry Engagement

The Code Administrator committed to providing regular updates to industry on the Election process.

Date	Email Content
29 July 2022	Grid Code Panel Elections are approaching – here is what you need to know. This included a request for Industry to check that all CUSC Schedule 1 and Materially Affected Parties had been included on the draft Electoral Roll, and to feedback any issues by the 12 August 2022.
10 August 2022	Reminder: Grid Code Panel Elections are coming, are you on the Electoral Roll
25 August 2022	2022 Grid Code Review Panel - Election Guide
5 September 2022	Grid Code Panel Elections - Nominations are now open This included the final CUSC Schedule 1 List of Users and Materially Affected Parties as on 31 August 2022, which formed the electorate for the Election.
23 September 2022	Reminder: Grid Code Review Panel Election Nominations Close Next Week
29 September 2022	Final Reminder: Grid Code Review Panel Election Nominations Close Tomorrow
10 October 2022	Announcement of the Election results and publication of this Election report.

Further engagement

The Code Administrator contacted trade bodies that represent smaller market participants to increase awareness of the Elections process amongst their members.

Plans in the event an Election had been triggered

In addition, the Code Administrator had planned engagement activities, such as an Election podcast and Q&A in the event the voting process was triggered. The Code Administrator will continue to actively look for further innovative engagement opportunities for future Election processes.

Code Administrator's Distribution List

Whilst reviewing and updating the CUSC Schedule 1 List, the Code Administrator's CUSC distribution list was also reviewed to ensure that the Code Administrator had tried to contact everyone listed on Schedule 1 List and that the details held were up to date.

In addition to this, all Election communications were also sent to everyone signed up to our Grid Code, System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) and Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS) mailing lists, to try and raise a wide awareness of the Elections as possible.

Finalising the Electorate

On 29 July 2022, the Code Administrator shared the latest version of CUSC Schedule 1 List and Materially Affected Parties and asked Industry parties to check the information was correct. Industry parties were given until 12 August 2022 to contact the Code Administrator with any amendments.

No requests for amendments were received and the Code Administrator published the final Electoral Roll on the 5 September 2022. This included the CUSC Schedule 1 List of Users and Materially Affected Parties as of 31 August 2022. Each individual party on the Electoral Roll was also provided with a unique Electoral reference number.

Nominations

Nominations closed at 5pm on 30 September 2022. Eight nominations were received within the deadline. Seven nominations were for Panel Members seats and one nomination was for an Alternate Panel Member seat.

Conclusions

The 2022 Grid Code Review Panel Elections was conducted primarily by email, with key documentation available on the Code Administrator's [website](#). As with previous Elections, Grid Code Users appeared to be comfortable with the integrity of the Election via e-mail and no security or related issues were raised.

The Code Administrator is satisfied with the integrity of the Grid Code Review Panel Elections and commends the results to Authority.

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