

Grid Code Review Panel

30 March 2023

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 30/03/2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 14:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Trisha McAuley OBE	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator Representative
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Panel Technical Secretary
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Christopher Smith	CS	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Operator Representative
Darshak Shah	DS	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Fraser Norris	FV	Alternate, Generator Representative
Jamie Webb	JW	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Richard Woodward	RW	Alternate, Onshore Transmission Licensee
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	Panel Member, BSC Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Generator Representative

Apologies

Ross Kirkwood	RK	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Licensee
Steve Cox	SC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
Bryan Rhodes	BR	Alternate, Offshore Transmission Licensee
Frank Kasibante	FK	ESO, Presenter

1. Introductions and Apologies

9447. Apologies were received from Ross Kirkwood and Steve Cox. No declarations of interest were noted.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

9448. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 23 February 2023 were approved with the incorporation of amends previously submitted by AC.

3. Review of actions log

9449. There are currently no open Actions.

4. Chair's update

9450. The Chair advised that Ofgem were discussing Energy Codes Reform at the Energy Industry Panel Chairs meeting which had been scheduled at the same time as the Grid Code Review Panel. An alternate had attended in their place and future updates will be provided to the Panel as appropriate.

5. Authority Decisions

9451. The Authority informed the Panel that there were no updates at this time.

9452. Ofgem publish a table that provides the expected decision date, or date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision. This was last updated on 17 March 2023 and is published [here](#).

6. New modifications

9453. No new modifications were presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

9454. ML talked the Panel through the progression of the in-flight modifications. The in-flight modifications can be found within the Grid Code Review Panel papers pack on the

National Grid ESO website via the following link: [Grid Code Review Panel Meeting - 30.03.2023 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

GC0117 - Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Stations requirements

9455. ML advised the Panel that the Workgroup meeting had been postponed until the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) was completed. The CBA is anticipated to be completed in April 2023 therefore the Workgroup meetings will reconvene. ML advised that the Workgroup Report will be issued to the Panel on 21 June 2023.
9456. The Panel expressed some concerns around this date and whether it would allow the GC0117 Workgroup enough time to review and challenge the CBA. ML confirmed that the timeline was subject to the Workgroup being satisfied with the CBA.
9457. The Panel agreed to the timeline update.

GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning

9458. ML provided the Panel with an update on the timeline for GC0139, noting that the most recent Workgroup meeting had been replaced with a meeting to discuss Legal Text and that the next Workgroup meeting would be held in May.
9459. ML advised the Panel that a timeline update is anticipated following the next Workgroup meeting.

GC0156: Facilitating the Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration

9460. ML advised the Panel that there had been a delay in the timeline due to the GC0156 Workgroup requiring more time to review and agree the updated draft legal text to complete the Workgroup Vote.
9461. The Chair noted the interdependencies with other modifications.
9462. AC noted that the Panel should be mindful of the Distribution Restoration Zone Control System Relevant Electrical Standards (RES) and that this may not be ready for the Workgroup Vote, given the differing governance processes.
9463. A Panel member queried if Ofgem had set a date to receive the Final Modification Report. ML confirmed that the ESO licence obligation for the Electricity System Restoration Standard in place was 31 December 2026, therefore the request was to provide industry with as much time to prepare as possible.
9464. The Panel went on to discuss the interdependencies with other modifications and that there was a need for coordination when implementation takes place.
9465. The Panel agreed to the timeline update.

GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

9466. ML informed the Panel that, following the Workgroup Consultation the GC0159 Workgroup had requested an additional point be added to the Terms of Reference (ToR).
9467. The Panel discussed the Workgroup waiting for the legislation to be passed rather than working on assumptions.
9468. The Panel agreed to the change the ToR, with the incorporation of amends discussed at Panel.

8. Discussion on Prioritisation

9469. The Panel reviewed the Prioritisation Stack which can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Prioritisation Stack](#)

9470. No changes were made to the prioritisation stack.

9. Workgroup Reports

[GC0148: Implementation of EU Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II - Send Back](#)

9471. ML presented the Workgroup Report from **GC0148 send back** to the Panel.

9472. ML informed the Panel that two Workgroup meetings had taken place since the February Grid Code Review Panel meeting and that Aggregators had been present at the second meeting.

9473. A Panel member noted that consideration should be given to how wider industry participation can be generated for future Workgroups.

9474. Panel members queried the process for send back modifications and it was confirmed by the Authority representative that consideration should be given to just the send back deficiency and not to re-open the whole modification.

9475. The Panel approved the indicative Terms of Reference.

9476. The Panel agreed that GC0148 should proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

9477. No Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel.

11. Reports to Authority

9478. There were no reports to the Authority.

12. Implementation updates

9479. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

13. Governance

9480. There were no further updates for the Panel.

14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9481. JW advised the Panel that the GCDF was held on 01 March 2023. The meeting papers and presentation can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Development Forum](#)

9482. During the meeting, updates were provided on: GC0156 and the progression of the modification; and a review of GC0141 actions.

9483. A Panel member questioned if, during discussions on GC0141, what supply point had been used within modelling. JW agreed to take the question and give an answer offline.

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

9484. There were no updates.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

9485. ML stated that the JESG was held on 14 March 2023. The meeting materials can be found via the following link: [JESG Meeting - 14 March 2023 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

9486. ML advised that there were Future System Operator mods proposed at the STC Panel on 29 March 2023.
9487. ML informed the Panel that the TNUoS Task Force will be restarting in April.
9488. A Panel member queried details of the SQSS headline report that states that the Frequency Risk Control Report (FRCR) had gone to the Authority for approval, but it was unclear if this was given. JW confirmed that the SQSS Panel had agreed that the FRCR should be submitted to Ofgem for their approval.
9489. RR gave an update on the BSC. This first was to update the Panel that there are some Half Hourly Market Wide Code modifications that are in the pipeline for the BSC. RR advised that the change team will likely be in touch with stakeholders to review cross code impacts.
9490. RR provided an update on Elexon ownership, detail of which can be found [here](#).

17. Challenges to Modification progress

9491. There were no updates.

18. Horizon Scan

9492. There were no updates.

19. Electrical Standards

9493. There were no updates.

20. Forward Plan Update

9494. There were no updates.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

Code Alignment, Simplification & Rationalisation (ASR)

9495. FK provided the Panel with an update on code alignment and simplification.
9496. The Panel discussed the requirement for simplifying the way Grid Code obligations are documented to ensure accessibility for a wide range of audiences, whilst ensuring that necessary complexity and detail in Grid Code obligations are not lost.

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 27 April 2023 at (10:00) at Faraday House.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 12 April 2023.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 19 April 2023.