

Code Administrator Meeting Summary

Meeting name: GC0162: Changes to OC6 to amend the operational timings for the delivery of the additional demand reduction above 20% – Workgroup Meeting 3

Date: 29/08/2023

Contact Details

Chair: Lizzie Timmins, National Grid ESO elizabeth.timmins@nationalgrideso.com

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Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 3 was to refine the solution and legal text and review the Draft Workgroup Consultation.

Objectives, Actions Update, Timeline and Terms of Reference

The Chair outlined the objectives for the meeting. The Chair confirmed that the amended Terms of Reference had been approved at the August 2023 Grid Code Review Panel.

All actions were reviewed, and updates can be viewed in the actions log below.

Draft Legal Text

The Proposer presented proposed changes to the legal text in OC6.5.4(b). The Proposer noted that 'measured at the time the Demand reduction is required' occurs in 3 clauses in OC6 (OC6.5.3, OC6.5.4, OC6.5.5) and asked for Workgroup views on removing all references to this throughout OC6.

The Workgroup discussed the issue and agreed that 'measured at the time the Demand reduction is required' is best removed from OC6.5.4(b) as it is inaccurate. The Workgroup agreed that the term is best deleted across OC6 and the Proposer agreed to consult with the ESO legal team regarding this.

The Proposer presented proposed changes to the legal text in OC6.5.5(c). A workgroup member suggested that 'instruction from the company' or an analogous term is added to the end of the clause. The Proposer agreed to investigate this and return with updated draft legal text for the next Workgroup.

The Proposer presented proposed changes to the legal text in OC6.5.5(d), offering the Workgroup two options for a new clause dealing with multiple instructions, to clarify that any instructions should be dealt with in sequence. The merits of both options were discussed, and the Proposer agreed to refine the draft legal text options for OC6.5.5(d) ahead of the next Workgroup.

The Workgroup considered a potential scenario where the ESO gives a Demand Disconnection instruction under OC6 followed by a further instruction to cancel that instruction or to restore demand. It was clarified by several DNOs that their systems were not capable of cancelling Demand Disconnection operations once they had been initiated. Several Workgroup members expressed an opinion that restoration is not within the scope of this modification, however Workgroup members asked for the legal text to be specific in considering only Demand Disconnection where multiple instructions are considered. It was agreed by the Workgroup to reflect these considerations in the Workgroup Consultation to evidence that the Workgroup has considered the issues of restoration and cancellation of OC6 instructions. One Workgroup member queried whether OC6.6.3 would interact with the proposed new clause in OC6.5.5(d). The Proposer agreed to investigate this with ESO legal.

Draft Workgroup Consultation

The Chair presented the Workgroup Consultation draft. Some amendments were made to the draft live in the Workgroup meeting. It was also noted that the Workgroup Consultation draft will be updated after the meeting to reflect the Workgroup discussions. It was agreed that some tables that outline the scenarios considered by the Workgroup will be added to the Draft Workgroup Consultation, with narrative explaining each scenario.

Next Steps

The chair summarised the next steps as follows:

- Proposer to amend legal text ahead of the next Workgroup.
- Chair to update and circulate the Draft Workgroup Consultation for comments ahead of the next Workgroup.

Actions

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
4	WG1	LT	Updated action: Confirm with ENWL that proposed changes to OC6 are technically feasible for their systems. <small>Previous wording: Contact ENW and NGED to make them aware of action 3</small>	NA	WG4	Open
10	WG2	UF	Amend legal text to reflect discussions from meeting	NA	WG3	Closed
11	WG2	LT/JW	Add discussion from WG2 to Workgroup Consultation and circulate this to Workgroup	NA	WG3	Closed
12	WG2	JZH	Confirm with control room whether quicker than anticipated demand reduction	NA	WG4	Open

			would cause operational issues			
13	WG2	JZH	Give feedback on DESNZ review regarding a need for methodology for 4%-6% Demand blocks	NA	WG4	Open
14	WG2	All	Workgroup to start thinking about specific Workgroup Consultation questions	NA	WG4	Open
15	WG3	UF	Update draft legal text based on discussions at Workgroup 3	NA	WG4	Open
16	WG3	UF	Clarify with legal whether OC6.6.3 would interact with the proposed 6.5.5d clause	NA	WG4	Open
17	WG3	LT	Update WG consultation based on discussions from WG3 and circulate for final comments	NA	WG4	Open

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Code Administrator, ESO	Chair
Jonathan Whitaker	JW	Code Administrator, ESO	Technical Secretary
Usman Farooq	UF	ESO	Proposer
Andrew McLeod	AM	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Brian Morrisey	BM	SSEN	Workgroup Member
Bill D'Albertenson	BD	UK Power Networks	Alternate
Fang Ji	FJ	SSE Renewables	Observer
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Alternate
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Alternate
Grace March	GM	Sembcorp	Workgroup Member
Gwyn Jones	GJ	National Grid Electricity Distribution	Workgroup Member
John Knott	JK	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Mark Ajal	MA	SSE Renewables	Observer
Mike Kay	MK	Energy Networks Association	Alternate
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority Rep