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Headline Report – 14 December 2023

Grid Code Review Panel

The Grid Code Review Panel Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel meetings held on 23 November 2023 were approved and a copy has been uploaded to our website.

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposal was presented to the Panel:

GC0166: Introducing new Balancing Programme Parameters for Limited Duration Assets

Introduction of new parameters for limited duration assets (including Storage and Batteries) to optimise dispatch and planning. This will address the challenges around how such assets are dispatched efficiently and how to best plan for use of such units.

The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0166 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

GC0166 documentation can be found here.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Decisions since the last Panel

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
GC0162	The modification aims through minor alterations to OC6 to amend the operational timings for the delivery of the additional demand reduction above 20%, with a focus between 20% and 40%.	On 01 December 2023 the Authority directed that the proposed modification to the Grid Code be made.

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Expected Decision Date
GC0156	In October 2021, BEIS issued a direction in accordance with Special Condition 2.2 of National Grid's Electricity System Operator's Transmission Licence implementing an Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) which requires 60% of electricity demand to be restored within 24 hours in all regions and 100% of electricity demand to be restored within 5 days nationally. The ESO is proposing a number of changes to the Grid Code to facilitate this.	30 January 2024

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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 08 December 2023 and is published here.

Prioritisation Stack

The Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modification:

Modification	What this seeks to achieve	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
GC0166	Introduction of new parameters for limited duration assets (including Storage and Batteries) to optimise dispatch and planning. This will address the challenges around how such assets are dispatched efficiently and how to best plan for use of such units.	It was agreed by the Panel to place GC0166 at position number 7 in the priority stack.	7

The latest prioritisation stack is published here.

In flight Modifications

Modification Timeline Update: GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements

The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 08 January 2024.

Workgroup Reports

The following Workgroup Report was presented to the Panel:

GC0159: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

This modification aims to introduce the concept of Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) to the Grid Code to enable Onshore Network Competition for the design, build and ownership of Onshore Transmission assets.

The Panel agreed that the Terms of Reference have not been met due to further work being required to consider interactions with GC0156. Next steps are for additional workgroups in Q1 2024.

GC0159 documentation can be found here.

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel:

GC0154: Incorporation of interconnector ramping requirements into the Grid Code as per SOGL Article 119

This modification seeks to codify ramping requirements for Interconnectors (ICs) into the Grid Code.

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The Panel has recommended by majority that the WAGCM1 solution better facilitate the Grid Code Applicable Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 03 January 2024.

GC0154 documentation can be found here.

Other

Questions or feedback?

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