

# Code Administrator Meeting Summary

**Meeting name: GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements Meeting 23**

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## Contact Details

Chair: Milly Lewis, National Grid ESO [milly.lewis@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:milly.lewis@nationalgrideso.com)

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## Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 23 was to finalise the Workgroup Report and complete the Workgroup Vote.

### Workgroup Objectives and Action Review

The Chair introduced the Workgroup objectives and confirmed quoracy, noting the eligible voting members. The Chair also provided an overview of the remaining timeline to the Workgroup.

Updates of all actions are in the actions log below. Extended discussion was held by the Workgroup regarding Action 70:

- The ESO representative provided an update on Action 70, noting that it has not been possible to find an accurate figure of the total impact to Generators should the original proposal of the modification be approved, however, analysis provided based on the potential balancing cost savings shown by the Costs Benefit Analysis and the potential costs to generators, the ESO view is that the overall benefits to consumers of this change outweighs the expected costs to impacted Generators.
- One Workgroup member queried the cost impact to the ESO, and it was clarified that this benefit was a yearly benefit. One Workgroup member queried whether Balancing Costs were paid for by suppliers, through BSUoS, which was confirmed by the Proposer.
- The ESO representative noted that although there will be an increased cost to Generators, there will be a benefit to them of being able to participate in the Balancing Mechanism.

### Legal Text Review

The ESO representative presented the updated Legal Text to the Workgroup, clarifying some queries regarding (e) and (f) in the definition of Large Power Station and noting that the date a CUSC contract is required from will be for Generators which apply for a Connection Agreement on or after the implementation date of GC0117 (ten working days after Authority Decision), and sign Purchase Contracts for their Main Plant and Apparatus after the 1 June

2027. One Workgroup member queried whether the date of applying for a Connection Agreement referred to an application with the DNO or with the ESO. The ESO representative confirmed that this was the application with the DNO.

One Workgroup member queried what would happen if the Connection Agreement was signed prior to the implementation date, but had not completed the Purchase Contracts for Main Plant and Apparatus before the 1 June 2027. It was clarified that this would be classed as a Small Power Station.

Several Workgroup members requested a minor change in the legal text to provide clarity, which the ESO representative agreed to provide.

The ESO representative also presented several other minor legal text updates, which were agreed with the Workgroup.

### **Workgroup Report**

The Workgroup discussed the latest version of the Workgroup Report and several queries were clarified by the ESO representative. The ESO representative added more clarity to the Cost Benefit Analysis section, which was agreed by the Workgroup. Further narrative was also added to the Workgroup Report regarding the outcome of Action 70.

Workgroup members discussed the impact of GC0117 on Connections Reform and the majority of Workgroup members agreed that the outputs from GC0117 and the Connections Reform work can coexist side by side.

One Workgroup member queried whether there was anything that the Workgroup needed to consider as a result of the CMP298 Authority decision. Two Workgroup members expressed that they thought the interaction between the two modifications was indirect, and that they could both coexist. One Workgroup member noted that they thought the impacts on CMP298 needed to be further considered, however another Workgroup member noted that CMP298 was not covered within the Terms of Reference. The Authority Representative agreed to investigate if anything further was required as part of the Workgroup Report (**Action 104**).

### **Terms of Reference Review**

The Workgroup discussed the Terms of Reference and agreed that all had been met, noting where these have been evidenced within the Workgroup Report.

### **Workgroup Vote**

The Workgroup held their Workgroup Vote. Of the 10 Workgroup members that voted, 2 voted the Original as better than the Baseline, and 4 voted WAGCM1 as better than the Baseline. As the best option, 5 Workgroup members preferred the Baseline, 2 preferred the Original solution, and 3 preferred WAGCM1.

### **Next Steps**

The Chair summarised the next steps as follows:

- Workgroup Report to be circulated to the Workgroup.
- Workgroup Report to be submitted as part of the Grid Code Review Panel papers on 17 January 2024, and presented to the Grid Code Review Panel on 25 January 2024.

## Actions

Action number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comment	Due by	Status
70	WG16	DD/DH	Investigate potential cost impact on industry from this modification by investigating the potential number of Generators that could fall into the 'Large' threshold going forwards as a result of the Original Proposal.	The ESO noted that the overall benefit to consumers of GC0117 outweighs the expected costs to generators.	ASAP	Closed
97	WG21	RW	Write section on Connections Reform for Workgroup Report	Completed by DH and included in Workgroup Report	20/10/22	Closed
103	WG22	DH/TJ	Finalise legal text for the Original and WAGCM1 and circulate possible scenarios	Circulated to the Workgroup on 22 December 2023 and re-circulated on 05 January 2024 with responses to queries	WG23	Closed
104	WG23	PD	Investigate whether further information is required regarding interactions and inconsistencies with CMP298	On 26 January 2024 it was confirmed that the reference to GC0117 within the CMP298 decision letter is just to acknowledge the ongoing work as part of GC0117 modification proposal. Subsequently, it does not require the GC0117 work group to look at any specific aspects in relation to CMP298.	ASAP	Closed

## Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Milly Lewis	ML	Code Administrator, ESO	Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Code Administrator, ESO	Tech Sec
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Proposer
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member
Andrew Akani	AA	NGED	Workgroup Member
Bukky Daniel	BD	EDF	Observer
Chris Marsland	CM	AMPS	Workgroup Member
David Dixon	DD	ESO	Observer
David Halford	DH	ESO	ESO Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup Member
Isaac Gutierrez	IG	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup Member
John Brereton	JB	Innova	Observer
John Lucas	JL	Elexon	Workgroup Member
Mike Kay	MK	Electricity North West	Workgroup Member
Paul Drew	PD	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Paul Youngman	PY	Drax	Workgroup Member
Richard Wilson	RWi	UK Power Networks	Workgroup Member
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Richard Woodward	RW	NGET	Workgroup Member

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Thomas Roe	TR	ESO	Observer
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Workgroup Member
Tony Johnson	TJ	ESO	Workgroup Member

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