

SQSS Panel

11 March 2024

SQSS Panel Minutes

Date: 11/03/2024 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 13:30 **End:** 14:30

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Company
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Panel Chair
Tammy Meek	TM	Panel Technical Secretary
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Antony Johnson	AJ	Panel Member, National Grid ESO Representative
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Panel Member, National Grid ESO Representative
David Lyon	DL	Panel Member, OFTO Representative
Garth Graham	GG	Panel Member, Generation Representative
Mike Lee	ML	Panel Member, OFTO Representative
Le Fu	LF	Panel Member, NGET Representative
Paul Dew	PD	Authority Representative
Roddy Wilson	RW	Panel Member, SHET Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Panel Member, SP Transmission Representative

Observers/Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Company
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Sean Winchester	SW	Ofgem
Colin Down	CD	Ofgem
Nadia Hall	NH	Ofgem
Yuankai Bian	YB	ESO

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Company
David Lyon	DL	Panel Member, OFTO Representative
Simon Lord	SL	Alternate, Generation Representative
Jamie Webb	JW	Panel Member, Nation Grid ESO Representative
Xiaoyao Zhou	XZ	Alternate, Nation Grid ESO Representative
Mark Perry	MP	Panel Member, NGET Representative
Bless Kuri	BK	Panel Member, SHET Representative
John Sinclair	JS	Alternate, OFTO Representative
Cornel Brozio	CB	Panel Member, SP Transmission Representative

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from Simon Lord, Jamie Webb, Xiaoyao Zhou and Mark Perry, Bless Kuri, Cornel Brozio and John Sinclair.

2. Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Panel on 24 January 2024 were approved subject to amendments to the FRCR update wording provided to Panel Chair. GG suggested including a post meeting note to include the update given in March Panel. A copy of the January minutes has been uploaded to our [website](#).

3. Review of Actions within Actions Log

Action 40.8: AJ gave an update on GC0117 informing Panel that the Grid Code Panel discussed the Workgroup Report and were happy to proceed with the Code Administration Consultation (19 February 2024 – 26 March 2024). Panel members agreed to keep the action open with continued updates on the progression of GC0117.

4. Consultation on the Implementation of Energy Code Reform

CD and SW from Ofgem provided an update on the implementation of Energy Code Reform

CD introduced the key proposals in the consultation on Energy Code Reform and the team involved. LC went on to outline what Ofgem would be consulting on, Ofgem's approach to selecting Code managers and progress to date.

SW ran through a more detailed summary of the key proposals in the consultation, designation of codes and central systems, code consolidation and transition. SW outlined the rationale behind the proposed new code consolidation options: Electrical Commercial Code (CUSC and DCUSA); Electricity Technical Code (Grid Code, STC, SQSS and Distribution Code) and; Unified Gas Network Code (UNC and IGTUNC). SW noted to the Panel that none of the options included a proposal to consolidate the BSC, REC or SEC.

SW confirmed that an impact assessment will be published alongside the consultation and an end of year deadline to form a transitional plan. SW explained that Ofgem are looking to publish the strategic direction next year but confirmed that this would not happen until the appointment of Code Managers. SW outlined how, prior to code consolidation and Code Manager appointment, a proposed workgroup will be established to explore the development of standard prioritisation criteria and processes across codes. SW explained that this would support cross code alignment and also look to introduce a potential net zero code objective.

GG queried with the Authority; in reference to SQSS, who would be the 'relevant licensee' referred to in paragraph 4.26, who are the non-licenced code parties referred to in paragraph 4.2 and commented that GB generators or suppliers are not currently 'parties' to the SQSS. Will they be covered in paragraphs 4.26 or 4.27 after the consolidation? If paragraph 4.27, how will this legally be enforced (upon non-licenced parties)?

The Authority responded currently there is no definitive answer at this point, if the decision was to decide to change the nature of existing arrangements under the SQSS as part of the reforms (whether through licence or code changes) then there'll be a chance to comment on the details of those proposed changes in future. In the meantime, if there are any concerns with how this policy proposal may interact with the SQSS more generally, then it would be great for those to be fed back to the Authority as part of the consultation response process so that they can be taken on board.

The Authority shared details of an upcoming webinar on Tuesday, March 26th: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/energy-code-reform-code-manager-licensing-and-secondary-legislation>, noting that interested parties should contact industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk.

5. Authority Decisions and Updates

GSR032: Facilitate Implementation of the Electricity System Restoration Standard

The Chair confirmed the Authority approved GSR032 on 05 February 2024 and the NETS Security and Quality of Supply Standards was implemented in draft (v2.7) on 04 March 2024.

6. In Flight Modifications Updates

GSR031: Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners

The Chair explained to the Panel the Workgroup are currently struggling for quoracy to discuss the changes needed in the Workgroup Report. The ask for Panel was to agree the new timeline. Once the Workgroup have convened, they would request a Special SQSS Panel which will likely be in April 2024.

Panel agreed with the new timeline and additional Workgroup.

7. Discussions on Prioritisation

No modifications have changed in priority.

8. AOB

Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR)

YB shared the slides of which can be seen [here](#) and advised the panel:

- A revised completion/submission date has been set for 28 June 2024;
- The delay is mainly due to SME resource diversion to frequency events investigations and preparation to implementation FRCR 2023 minimum inertia policy; and
- ESO believe the delay will have no impact to the delivery of FRCR 2025

GG suggested including the update in the January 2024 minutes, Panel agreed.

Panel Members

The Chair ran through the Panel Members list which can be found [here](#).

The Chair advised there was a change to the OFTO Representatives with David Lyon and John Sinclair stepping down and the new representatives will be Mike Lee and Martin Brown with Roger Brown as the alternate.

9. Next Steps

Next Panel 8 May but there might be Special Panel in April 2024 to run through the Workgroup Report for modification GSR031.