

# Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) 27 June 2024

## Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

**Date:** 27/06/2024      **Location:** Microsoft Teams  
**Start:** 10:00 AM      **End:** 12:17 PM

## Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Milly Lewis	ML	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Hemus	AH	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alastair Frew	AF	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Antony Johnson	AJ	Alternate, National Grid ESO
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member, National Grid ESO
Darshak Shah	DS	Panel Member, Generator Representative
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Nadir Hafeez	NH	Authority Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	Panel Member, BSC Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Ross Kirkwood	RK	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Generator Representative

## Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative

## Presenters / Observers

Attendee	Initials	
Antony Johnson	AJ	ESO Technical Codes, Proposer GC0173
David Halford	DH	ESO Technical Codes, Proposer GC0174
Shazia Akhtar	SA	ESO Code Administrator, Observer

## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

10463. Apologies were received from Matthew White.
10464. The Chair introduced Claire Newton to the Panel as the new National Grid ESO Panel member, replacing Jamie Webb.
10465. No declarations of interest were noted by the Panel.

## 2. Minutes from previous meetings

10466. The minutes from the Panel meeting held on 30 May 2024 will be brought to the 25 July 2024 Panel meeting for approval.

## 3. Review of actions log

ML gave an update on the open actions, as follows:

10467. **Action 456** – GS shared details of an invitation to Panel members to an Ofgem Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) Workshop.
10468. **Action 457** – ML advised that the additional clarity/amendments requested by the Panel had been incorporated into [GC0171](#) ahead of it going out to Code Administrator Consultation, and that parties on the Distribution Code circulation list had also been made aware of the Consultation. The Panel agreed to close this action.
10469. **Action 458** – to remain open, with a further update to be given at the July 2024 Panel.
10470. **Action 459** – to remain open, with a further update to be given at the August 2024 Panel.

## 4. Chair's update

10471. There were no Chair updates.

## 5. Authority Decisions

10472. GS advised that due to the Pre-election period Ofgem have no updates. Work will continue during this time but the expected decision dates which may change. A further update will be provided at the July 2024 Panel meeting.

## 6. New Modifications

### GC0169: Material Grid Code Changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136

10473. ML advised that [GC0169](#) was being re-presented to the Panel as it had been split into two separate modifications [GC0169](#) and [GC0173](#).
10474. AJ gave a presentation on [GC0169](#), which aims to address several non-specialist changes identified following Grid Code Modification [GC0136: Non-material changes to the Grid Code following implementation of the EU Connection Codes](#).
10475. AJ explained that that one of the issues identified following Grid Code Modification [GC0136](#) changes to clause CP.A.3.2.1, which related to modelling and control system performance was of a specialist nature and would no longer be addressed in either [GC0169](#) or [GC0173](#). Instead, a bespoke modification would be raised to look into this as it would require specialist input and resource.

10476. The Panel questioned when this bespoke modification would be raised. AJ agreed to look into this and update a future Panel - **Action 460**.
10477. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0169 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a single joint Grid Code/Distribution Code Workgroup.
10478. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for GC0169 after amendments were made to ToR item (e).

#### **GC0173: Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users**

10479. AJ gave a presentation on GC0173, which aims to ensure alignment between the Grid Code Connection Conditions and European Connection Conditions and interactions with the Compliance Processes and European Compliance Processes in addition to a data clarification in the Planning Code in respect of thermal storage technologies.
10480. AJ advised that it would be beneficial if Mike Kay could join the Workgroup, due to his background and experience - **Action 461**.
10481. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0173 should follow the Standard Governance route and should proceed to a single joint GC0169/GC0173 Grid Code/Distribution Code Workgroup.
10482. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for GC0173.

#### **GC0174: Removal of obligation to provide EU Transparency Availability Data as specified in OC2.4.7**

10483. DH gave a presentation on GC0174, which aims to remove the obligation for parties to submit EU Transparency Availability Data as specified in OC2.4.7, following the approval of BSC Modification CP1583 (Rationalising publication of European Transparency Regulation data on Elexon Systems).
10484. The Panel discussed the following topics:
- Possible non-compliance with REMIT if these obligations on Users are only written within the Grid Code and subsequently removed by GC0174. Where are the REMIT obligations captured; are they in the BSC or another code?
  - DH confirmed that GC0174 had been reviewed and signed off by the ESO legal team.
  - Whether any references to BMRS needed to be removed from the Grid Code.
  - TM noted that the removal of any duplication to submit data, impact on Users and the implications of removing this obligation in the Grid Code should be made clearer within the consultation document.

**Post Panel Note:** *Elexon have confirmed no Grid Code changes will be required in relation to the BMRS in the BSC or the Grid Code. This is because the BSC does not specifically call out BMRS as the technology platform, rather the references/obligations are to the services (data provisioned) and operationally running the service by the central systems 'Agents' – BMRA. For the purposes of the BSC, Insights Platform is still the BMRS and the BMRA role defined in the BSC have been contractualised to appoint relevant service providers.*

10485. The Panel agreed that further clarification on the scope, solution and implications of GC0174 were required before a decision could be made by the Panel on the Governance route. The Panel requested under Grid Code Governance Rule (GR) 19.2.(b) that DH further develop the Modification Proposal and bring it back to the July 2024 Grid Code Review Panel.

## 7. In flight modification updates

### GC0155: Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements

10486. ML explained that the Proposer of GC0155 was working with Andrew Larkin (AL) on the concerns he had raised in his email to the Grid Code Review Panel and that AL would also be attending the next Workgroup meeting. ML advised that an updated timeline for GC0155 would also be presented to the July 2024 Panel.

### GC0166: Introducing new Balancing Programme Parameters for Limited Duration Assets

10487. ML advised that the GC0166 workgroup consultation was due to go out this week, but due to the un-availability of subject matter experts this did not happen. An updated timeline for GC0166 will be presented to the July 2024 Panel.

## 8. Workgroup Reports

10488. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 9. Draft Final Modification Reports

10489. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 10. Prioritisation Stack

10490. ML presented the prioritisation stack to the Panel. The Panel agreed to place the new modification GC0173 as fifth on the prioritisation stack in line with GC0169.

10491. The Panel questioned why GC0159 and GC0163 were greyed out on the stack.

10492. ML advised that the Panel were still awaiting clarification from the Authority on the wording of CATO licenses before they could agree on next steps for GC0159 and that GC0163 was currently in its appeal window which closed on the 28 June 2024. As both modifications could potentially come back into the stack they had been greyed out and left on there.

10493. The Panel agreed to un-grey GC0159 to avoid any confusion and for it to remain on the stack.

10494. The resulting prioritisation stack can be found via the following link:  
<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/320616/download>

## 11. Reports to the Authority

10495. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 12. Implementation updates

10496. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 13. Governance

10497. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 14. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

10498. CN advised that the last meeting on 05 June 2024 covered the following topic:

- System Event Investigation Findings – Quality Assurance – David Lacey, NGENSO

10499. CN advised that David Lacey will be running a few informal working groups on this topic in advance of raising a formal Grid Code modification.
10500. The Panel requested that these informal Working Groups are widely advertised to allow the whole of industry to participate.
10501. The meeting papers and presentation can be found via the following link: [Grid Code Development Forum \(GCDF\) - 05.06.2024 | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)
10502. The next meeting planned for 03 July 2024 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.
10503. CN advised that the Final Physical Notifications (FPNs) accuracy guidance note is currently out for consultation and can be found [here](#). The Chair noted that this will be presented as an agenda item at the July 2024 Grid Code Review Panel.

## 15. Standing Groups

### Distribution Code Review Panel Update

10504. AC advised that:
- The Distribution Code Consultations on EREC G99 and G98 would be opening shortly.
  - The ENA power quality group is in the process of reviewing Engineering Recommendation G5, which is referenced in the Grid Code.
  - The ENA are expecting a response to their Accelerated Loss of Mains letter from Ofgem shortly.

### Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

10505. ML advised that the meeting on 11 June 2024 was cancelled, and the next meeting is due to take place on 09 July 2024.

## 16. Updates on other Industry Codes

10506. The Panel papers and Headline report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:
- [29 May 2024 STC Panel](#)
  - [31 May 2024 CUSC Panel](#)
  - [03 June 2024 SQSS Panel](#)
10507. RR advised that the annual BSC meeting will be held on 10 July 2024, where they will be launching their Digitalisation Strategy and Action Plan. Details can be found here: <https://www.elexon.co.uk/event/digitalisation-strategy-and-action-plan-and-annual-bsc-meeting-2024/>

## 17. Challenges to Modification Progress

10508. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 18. Horizon Scan

10509. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 19. Electrical Standards

10510. There were no updates for the Panel.

### **20. Code Administrator Update**

10511. There were no updates for the Panel.

### **21. Any Other Business (AOB)**

10512. There were no updates for the Panel.

### **22. Close**

10513. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

**The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 25 July in Faraday House.**

**New Modification Proposals are to be submitted by 10 July 2024.**

**Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 17 July 2024.**