

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 86th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 4th February 2021
Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Steve Cox	SC	Electricity North West (Chair)	Chair
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association (Secretary)	Code Administrator
Chris McCann	CMc	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	DNO (observer)
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks	DNO
Nigel Turvey	NT	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Christian Hjelm	CH	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
David Mobsby	DM	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid ESO	Electricity System Operator
Mark Horrocks	MH	WSP	User
Paul Graham	PG	Sembcorp	User
Bryan O'Neill	BON	Ofgem	Regulator
Caroline Farquhar	CF	Citizens Advice	Regulator
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Generator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	Generator

1. Apologies and Introductions

CMc welcomed members of the Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) held via teleconference due to Covid-19 travel restrictions and social distancing. General introductions made.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 3rd December 2020 – DCRP 20 06 02

2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the group and the proposed amendments reviewed before they were agreed by the panel.

2.2. Matters Arising

Any matters arising had been included in the agenda for today's meeting.

3. Grid Code Issues

DCode

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AC provided a short update from the day after report from the January GCode Review Panel:

GC0117	Review of definitions for large, medium and small power stations – Work will restart in March and will require DNO representation on the WG.
GC0121	GCode modification has been withdrawn – will be reviewed by Ofgem.
GC0145	Manually Activated Reserve Initiative (MARI) – WG has been postponed pending further clarification from BEIS.
GC0147	Last resort disconnection of embedded generation (enduring solution) – Currently out for consultation, closes in March. Request was made to members to respond to the consultation.
GC0148	Emergency & Restoration Code Phase II – The priority of this modification was reduced at January’s GCode meeting on the grounds of limited implications for the DNO networks. DNO representation on the workgroup will be required and the Panel felt that there could be an impact on the DCode.

GS requested an update on GSR027 (AC Response) – This has been approved by Ofgem and there will be an Frequency Response Control Report Methodology consultation on mid-February, GCode representative (GS) to provide feedback to members.

Action: GS

4. EU Network Codes

Currently finalising G98/G99 Housekeeping modifications.

5. DCode User Issues

None received.

6. Ongoing Dcode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/17/05 – Provision for Energy Storage Devices in the Distribution Code

The Storage paper is out for consultation until 12th February, after this date any feedback received will be assessed before the WG is reconvened to review any required modification to the original proposal. Once the WG is satisfied any issues raised have been addressed it is proposed the modification will progress to the RTA stage.

6.2 DCRP/MP/19/04 – Modifications to the Distribution Code and Associated Documents for a No Deal EU Exit

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It is understood and expected that there will be Statutory Instruments forthcoming regarding actions under the agreed EU-Exit deal. Panel members agreed to align with the Grid Code wait-and-see approach before making modifications.

6.3 P2 Update

Since the December meeting positive discussions have been held regarding the proposals as set out in the Summary document. Following a request from Ofgem for greater clarity a meeting has been scheduled with Ofgem and BEIS to present and discuss details of the modelling and decision process. .

Action: MD

6.4 DCRP/MP/18/08 - DC0079 - Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their Impact on the Total System

See Item 13.

Action: GS

6.5 DCRP/MP/20/05 – P18 Issue 2 Complexity of 132kV documents

Work is progressing on the document with focus on providing clarity to the interpretations to the restrictions section. A consultation paper will be prepared by the WG at upcoming meetings.

6.6 DCRP/MP/19/09 EREC P24 Issue 2

Publication of P24 will be run in parallel with P29. P29 is currently under review and work continues to gain membership agreement. A further update will be provided at the end of February.

6.7 DCRP MP/20/04 – Data Exchange WG DCRP Inclusion

There have been positive discussions within the WG on clarity surrounding the methods of data exchange between parties, and the integration of revised energy source categories.

7 DCRP Update – Working Groups

No significant update

8 DCRP Consultations- Approval of Panel to proceed.

DCRP/MP/21/01 – G98 G99 Non-material changes

It was agreed in principle for the Non-material changes modification proposals to go to consultation once final details around power quality within the document have been agreed. It is intended that the housekeeping mods will go out to public consultation before April meeting.

9 RTA

No significant update

10 Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

DCRP/20/06/PC – Storage Modifications

See section 6.1 of document. A predicted timeline post consultation will be provided to Ofgem members.

Action: CMc

11 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

No significant update.

12 Generator Compliance Enforcement Modification

DCode Compliance

The subject of retrospective application to the DCode was discussed, with the proposal to implement enforcement only after an agreed process with the users has taken place. This process has yet to be agreed.

Text to be developed and proposed to DCode Compliance of Users Group

Action: MD

13 Loss of Mains Change Programme

DC0079

Discussion among members on the proposed June 2021 deadline, and its effects on DNO networks regarding non-compliant generators. This item was discussed in parallel with item 12 of the agenda with views to aligning the dates for both programs.

DG with Sensitive RoCoF

GS provided a breakdown of figures in GWs for generators contacted, and those who have already made settings changes. He confirmed an extension of fast track connections to generators with sensitive RoCoF of 0.125Hz/s until the end of March, and an expanded scope to include generators down to 5MW.

The issue of increased funding for the program was discussed with the method being chosen as engagement and interaction through consultation and modification of the DCode. Discussion among members on the proposed advancement of the September 2022 deadline to June 2021 for a subset of relevant generators as suggested by GS, and its effects on DNOs

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regarding non-compliant generators. This item was discussed in parallel with item 12 of the agenda with views to aligning the dates for both programs.

GS confirmed +5MW generators have been contacted and are aware of the program. A DCode change proposal will now be drafted to be approved by panel members before the next DCRP meeting.

Actions: GS

Feedback

PG praised NPg for their approach to customer engagement.

MW – call for alignment in implementation dates between this proposal and the and Dcode compliance proposal.

14 DCRP Headline Report

No Significant Update.

15 AOB

NT advised DCRP that this will be his last DCRP meeting and has proposed Christian Hjelm as his replacement as a DNO representative on the panel.

16 Date of next meeting

Next DCRP meeting – 1st April 2021.

17 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2021

- 3rd June
- 5th August
- 7th October
- 2nd December