

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 89th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 5th August 2021
Teleconference
Commencing at 13.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association (Chair)	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
Christian Hjelm	CH	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Vibish Johnson	VJ	GTC	IDNO
Gurpal Singh	GSi	Ofgem	Regulator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	Generator
Mark Horrocks	MH	WSP	User
Charles Wood	CW	Energy UK	User

1. Apologies and Introductions

MD chaired the meeting as Steve Cox was unable to attend and had sent his apologies. MD 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 June 2021 – DCRP 21 03 02

2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the panel, previous actions were reviewed and closed before agreement was reached to publish the minutes.

2.2. Matters Arising

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

3. Grid Code Issues

GV provided a short update on the National Grid ESO whole system code consultation. NGESO were seeking comments on the draft consultation, pending publication of the formal consultation.

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GV requested the recurring item (3) DCRP agenda be re-formatted to allow flexibility in the update deliveries, this will be done for the October 2021 agenda.

Action: CMc

4. EU Network Codes

A review of the ToR for this group will be considered at the next meeting currently scheduled for September, on the grounds that GB has now left the European Union. A title change for the group will also be considered.

5. DCode User Issues

No significant update.

6. Ongoing Dcode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/20/06 – ‘Provision for Energy Storage Devices in the Distribution Code’

Ofgem has approved this modification and the affiliated documents were published on 1st August 2021, with an implementation date of September 2022 It was proposed that a summary paper should be produced and circulated to industry, outlining the changes.

Action: CMc

6.2 DCRP/MP/20/06 – P18 Issue 2 ‘Complexity of 132kV Circuits’

The Working Group has completed its drafting of EREC P18 Issue 2 and the DCRP approved the public consultation on the new issue.

6.3 DCRP/MP/19/09 – EREC P24 Issue 2

Publication of EREC P24 will be aligned with EREC P29. The consultation phase for P29 will be completed before any progression. P29 is currently in the draft stages and will be presented to panel once the consultation pack has been prepared.

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

The Working Group has agreed the principles to be codified in a new EREC t, and have started to draft the new document.

7 DCRP Update – Working Groups

7.1 EREC G100 Inclusion – Annex 1 Inclusion

No significant update.

8 DCRP Consultations- Approval of Panel to proceed

8.1 DCRP/20/05/PC – EREC P18 ‘Complexity of 132kV Circuits’

Please see section 6.2. The consultation pack will be circulated to the DCode mailing list for a 28 day consultation period.

Action: CMc

8.2 ‘Fast Track’

Final comment from the working group members are being incorporated into the consultation proposal. Panel agreed in principle to proceed to consultation if the feedback is editorial.

8.3 ‘Distributed Generation Connection Guides’ (2021)

Members discussed the connection guides and agreed to present them at the next ENFG before a decision to consult is reached. Versions will be circulated offline to members post the upcoming ENFG.

8.4 DCRP/21/05/PC – ‘Generator Compliance’

Working group members are considering some minor editorial changes. The panel agreed to accept the changes would be editorial and agreed to proceed to public consultation with the amendments later in August.

8.5 DCRP/21/07/PC – ‘EU Exit’

After discussion Panel members requested a two-week period to review in detail this consultation proposal before a revised copy will be circulated offline to the panel for approval to consult in September 2021.

9 Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

No significant update.

10 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

No significant update.

11 Loss of Mains Change Programme

11.1 DC0079

No significant update.

11.2 DG with Sensitive RoCoF

GS will provide a verbal update at the October DCRP meeting.

12 DCRP Headline Report

No significant update.

13 DCRP Modification Reporting

13.1 DCRP Modification Gantt Chart

An up to date copy of the Gantt chart was circulated to members in the meeting pack.

14 AOB

Energy Code Reform Workshop Update

MD provided a verbal update from the workshop, a call was made to panel members to provide any comments on the currently open consultation on the proposed changes.

Action: ALL

15 Date of next meeting

Next DCRP meeting – 7th October 2021.

16 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2021

- 2nd December