

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 90th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 7th October 2021
Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

| Name | | Company | Representing |
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| 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 |
| David Mobsby | DM | Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks | DNO |
| Steve Mockford | SM | GTC | IDNO |
| Gurpal Singh | GSI | Ofgem | Regulator |
| Guy Nicolson | GN | Statkraft | Generator |
| Tim Ellingham | TE | RWE | Generator |
| Mark Horrocks | MH | WSP | User |
| Charles Wood | CW | Energy UK | User |
| Graham Stein | GS | National Grid ESO | Electricity System Operator |
| Caroline Farquhar | CF | Citizens Advice | Consumer Body |

1. Apologies and Introductions

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. Steve Cox (Chair) sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 5th August 2021 – DCRP 21 04 02

2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the group and reviewed by members of the panel. Some minor editorial comments had been received and the minutes were approved on that basis. The final version would be circulated after the meeting.

Action: CMc

2.2. Matters Arising

A number of items were raised for discussion in AOB, these have been included in the minutes (14.1, 14.2). Any other matters arising had been included in the agenda for today's meeting.

3. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 30th September.

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| GC0117 | Harmonisation of large, medium and small power stations - Work on this modification is ongoing, it has become clear there may be some overlap with work ongoing within Open Networks. |
| GC0138 | Compliance process technical improvements - Some amendments to EREC G99 may be required, assessment is ongoing. |
| GC0139 | Enhanced NGENSO/DNO planning data exchange - Work is progressing on this modification which is associated with exchanging information via a Common Information Model (CIM). |
| GC0151 | Compliance with fault ride-through – The working group is happy there will be little effect on network operators, unless they operate HVDC systems. |

AC raised the point that NGENSO will be leaving ENTSO-E.

GC0117 – A meeting will be arranged with the Open Networks team to streamline the efforts in both groups and avoid any duplication or diversion of approach.

Action: MD

4. EU Network Codes

No significant update – it was noted that the two ERECs arising from the RfG (ERECs G98 and G99) have been modified recently. The modified Fast Track proposal will also affect these two documents. After that it is hoped that they will remain unchanged for some time.

5. DCode User Issues

5.1 System modelling Workshop

A verbal update of a planned workshop involving internal and external stakeholders was provided to the panel. A further update will be provided at the next panel meeting once the workshop has taken place.

6. Ongoing Dcode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/20/06 - P18 Issue 2 ‘Complexity of 132kV Circuits’

The public consultation on this modification has now closed with the responses having been assessed by the working group. A report to authority will now be drafted in preparation for the next DCRP meeting in December.

6.2 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.

6.3 DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange working group

Work is progressing on this modification with the working group focussing on the drafting of the EREC document and accompanying schedules.

6.4 DCRP/MP/21/02 - EREC G100 Issue 2 'Customer export and import limitation schemes'

A revised copy of the EREC and public consultation documents has been prepared by the working group and approval was given by the panel to proceed to consultation. The pack will be released and an update provided post the consultation period.

Action: CMc

GS requested information on any NGENSO response received as a result of the first consultation period. This will be sent over.

Action: CMc

7 DCRP Update - Working Groups

No significant update.

8 DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to proceed

8.1 DCRP/21/02/PC - EREC G100 Issue 2 'Customer export and import limitation schemes'

See section 6.4.

8.2 DCRP/21/08/PC - 'Fast Track'

The panel agreed in principle to approve the documents for public consultation. The consultation documents will be published and responses collated once the consultation period is complete.

8.3 DCRP/21/07/PC - 'EU Exit'

Panel members to provide comments on the EU Exit consultation pack before proceeding to public consultation.

9 Ongoing DCRP Consultations - Update

9.1 DCRP/21/05/PC – 'Generator Compliance'

The public consultation is currently ongoing and will close Friday 8th. Responses will be assessed and a further update will be provided at December's DCRP.

10 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

10.1 EREC P2 / EREP 130

EREC P2 report has been submitted to Ofgem and a revised document prepared and issues to the working group for review and comment. EREP 130 will be submitted to Ofgem in parallel with EREC P2.

MD will arrange a meeting with the ENA's technical author to discuss the next steps.

Action: MD

10.2 EREC G87

The panel approved the formation of a small working group to review EREC G87. A call was made for members to provide any feedback on the document in preparation for the working group

11 Loss of Mains Change Programme

11.1 DC0079

No significant update.

11.2 DG with Sensitive RoCoF

GS provided a verbal update to the panel. Work is progressing with 7.4GW of generation remaining to be addresses. A program of wider engagement has begun to increase responses received. The updates on turbine and inverter performance has been published through the ENA's website.

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

14.1 Digitisation of DCode

Ofgem's views on the digitisation of the DCode will be sought offline prior to the DCRP meeting scheduled for December.

14.2 NGENSO's Whole System Code Public Consultation

The consultation has been published and will close Friday 12th November. A call was made to panel members for their views on the consultation proposal.

Action: ALL

It was proposed that ENA respond to the NGENSO consultation; Panel was content with this. MD to prepare a consultation response representing DNO's and as the DCode administrator.

Action: MD

15 Date of next meeting

Next DCRP meeting – 2nd December 2021.

It was proposed to host the December ITCG meeting as a hybrid between MS Teams and hosted at ENA offices for those members who wish to attend in person, dependent upon their individual companies travel arrangements.

16 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2021

- 2nd December