

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 93rd Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Wednesday 6th April 2022
Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association (Chair)	Code Administrator
Chris McCann	CMc	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Christian Hjelm	CH	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Gurpal Singh	GSi	Ofgem	Regulator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	BM Generator
Dan Randles	DR	Electricity North West	DNO
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Generator

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. MD chaired the meeting as SC sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 3rd February 2022 – DCRP 22 01 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. This version was then approved by the panel for publication.

Action: CMc

2.2. *Matters Arising*

All matters arising have been included in the meeting agenda.

3. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held March 2022.

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GC0117	Harmonisation of large, medium and small power stations - Work on this modification is ongoing.
GC0148	Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II - A working group has been formed to progress this modification.
GC0155	Fault Ride Through - Modification is ongoing and may have implications on the Distribution code. A watching brief on developments.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard – Work is ongoing.

4. EU Network Codes

No signification updates. A review of EREC G98 and G99 will be carried out as a result of the Fast Track modification.

5. DCode User Issues

No significant update.

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/21/05 - DCode Compliance

This modification has now been approved and published 28th March within version 49 of the Distribution Code of GB. The panel agreed to remove this item from all future agendas.

6.2 DCRP/MP/21/07 - EU Exit Modification

A final report to Authority has been prepared and will be submitted for approval. If approved the changes will be included in version 50 of the Distribution Code of GB. A draft copy of which will be submitted with the final report.

Version 50 of the Distribution Code also includes minor changes which include a title change to Annex 2 document Engineering Recommendation P18 Issue 2 and having the schedule of Annex 2 documents now appearing after the schedule of Annex 1 documents.

The final report to authority will be submitted before the next DCRP meeting.

Action: CMc

6.4 DCRP/MP/21/08 – EREC G99 Fast Track

The final report to Authority has been prepared and will be submitted before the DCRP meeting in June 2022.

Action: CMc

It was agreed that should the modification be approved the changes will be implemented into a amended versions of EREC G98 (Amendment 7) and G99 (Amendment 9) as soon as is reasonably practicable.

6.4 DCRP/MP/20/06 - P18 Issue 2 'Complexity of 132kV Circuits'

This modification was approved via self-determination at DCRP meeting 21_06 and will be published with the next release of the Distribution Code of GB (version 50).

6.5 DCRP/MP/19/09 - EREC P24 Issue 2

Work is ongoing with the drafting of EREC P24, this modification is intended to be progressed in-line with EREC P29.

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

Member companies have now returned comments on the draft document and schedule and the working group is assessing the feedback before progressing.

A call has been arranged with the INA to present the work for any comment, once returned a consultation document can be drafted.

6.7 DCRP/21/02 - EREC G100 Issue 2

The ITCG agreed that document will be published as a non DCode EREC and assessed for a period of time. Should the panel decide at a later date to integrate EREC G100 into the DCode as an Annex document than a consultation to do so will be needed.

Publish EREC G100 Issue 2 through the ENA's document catalogue.

Action: CMc

7 DCRP Update - Working Groups

No significant update.

8 DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to proceed

8.1 DCRP/MP/22/01 – EU Emergency & Restoration Code

The panel approved the DCode EU Emergency & Restoration Code consultation document to be released in tandem with the currently open GC0148 consultation which closes by 27th April 2022.

Release EU Emergency & Restoration Code public consultation, mid-April.

Action: CMc

8.2 DCRP/MP/22/03 - EREC P2 / EREP 130

Engineering Recommendation P2 and Engineering Report 130 have been modified to allow consideration of a reduction in the security of supply on HV circuits less than 1km in length. As both documents are Annex 1 the panel agreed that a separate consultation for each document will be required, but that these consultations will be held concurrently.

9 Ongoing DCRP Consultations - Update

No ongoing consultations at this time.

10 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

No significant update.

11 Loss of Mains Change Programme

Window 11 of the program is ongoing, once this window closes the payments to generators will begin to reduce until the program comes to a conclusion in August 2022.

12 DCRP Headline Report

No significant update.

13 Joint ESRS GCRP & DCRP workgroup

13.1 *Terms of Reference*

At the last panel meeting (held in February) agreement in principle was reached for the terms of reference document for new Grid Code workgroup (GC0156) to facilitate the implementation of the new Electricity System Restoration Standard. The latest version of this document has not yet been released by NGESO, as soon a copy becomes available it will be circulated to the members of this group.

14 WSTC

Discussions have been held on the joint work required across both Distribution and Grid codes.

15 DCRP Modification Reporting

A copy of the DCode modification Gantt Chart was circulated to the panel with up to date information regarding all current ongoing modifications. As requested the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) and EU Emergency Restoration modifications have been included in the 2022 schedule.

16 AOB

16.1 *Face to Face Panel Meetings*

MD proposed that meetings resume in a face to face capacity at 4 More London for those members who wish to attend in person. The panel agreed to this proposal and a scheduled meeting around October will be organised for in person discussions at ENA Offices.

17 Date of next meeting

Next DCRP meeting – Wednesday 1st June 2022.

18 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2022

- 4th August 2022
- 6th October 2022
- 1st December 2022