

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 101st Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 3rd August 2023
4 More London / Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator (Chair)
Chris McCann	CMC	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Andy Hood	AH	National Grid Electricity Distribution	DNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish and Sothern	DNO
Peter Twomey	PT	Electricity Northwest	DNO
Zivanayi Musanhi	ZM	UK Power Networks	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Peter Wilkinson	PK	Centrica	BM Generator
Bieshoy Awad	BA	NGESO	OTSO
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority
TungHing Sum	TS	Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice
John Mason	JM	Last Mile	Guest
Steve Quinn (Part)	SQ	NGESO	Guest (Presenter)

1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to August's Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), held via teleconference. General introductions were made. MW offered his apologies to the panel in advance and the meeting was chaired by MD.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 1st June 2023 - DCRP 23 03 02

2.1. *Accuracy*

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the panel and reviewed by members of the panel. Minor editorials had been received, and the minutes were approved on that basis.

2.2. *Matters Arising*

SS confirmed to the panel Ofgem were happy to progress a decision on the changes to DOC6 (DCRP/MP/23/03) in step with the associated Grid Code modification GC0161.

3. Panel Presentations

3.1 National Grid Electricity Distribution – EREC P2/EREP 130

SQ presented a set of slides on the proposed modification to EREC P2 and EREP 130 to the panel and discussed the drivers behind the proposal. The draft timeline was reviewed, and the panel agreed to raise the formation of a DCRP workgroup under the modification reference DCRP/MP/23/04. The workgroup will consist of members from the current P2 workgroup, relevant members from the Strategic Connections Group Battery Storage Connections sub-group, and members from the electricity storage industry.

It was proposed that end Customers should also be represented and that a member from Citizens Advice may be able to fulfil this role.

Arrange the formation and the initial scoping out meeting of the P2 workgroup: to assess the proposal and develop further a modification to P2 and EREP 130.

Action: MD/CMC

4. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a high-level update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 27th July 2023.

GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard – Final Modification Report has been submitted to The Authority.
GC0161	Changes to OC6 Site Protection – Joint workgroup Code Administrator Consultation is open and is due to close August 17 th 2023.
GC0162	Changes to OC6 Demand Reduction Above 20% – First panel meeting agreed, urgency letter has been submitted to The Authority.

AC noted that the Grid Code modification GC0117 will have an effect on all new generators with a supply capacity of 10kW and above.

5. DCode User Issues

No significant update.

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

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

Work is ongoing with the drafting of EREC P24 and EREC P29 in parallel. Once complete a consultation paper will be drafted and a copy circulated to the panel for approval to consult.

Also see item 10.2.

6.2 DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange workgroup

The trial period is ongoing. Member companies are collating information and filling in the schedules for a review planned later in the year.

6.3 DCRP/MP/22/02 – Emergency System Restoration Standard

See item 9.1.

6.4 DCRP/MP/22/05 - Customer Islanding

Drafting of the legal text is progressing, the workgroup is currently amending diagrams, with a draft flow chart to set out the stages for islanding single Customer premises.

6.5 DCRP/MP/23/01 - P28 EREP Development

The workgroup is developing a set of clauses to include in an Engineering Report. This will provide clarity to industry on the requirements of EREC P28.

6.6 DCRP/MP/23/02 – Constitution and Rules of the DCRP

See item 10.

6.5 DCRP/MP/23/03 – Dcode DOC6 Joint Workgroup

See item 8.1.

7. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed

7.1 DCRP/MP/23/05 – DOC6.5 (GC0162 Joint Workgroup)

It was proposed to raise a joint Distribution Code and Grid Code workgroup for DOC6.5, due to the urgency framework for the associated Grid Code modification GC0162. Approval in principle to raise a DCode Consultation before the next panel meeting in October was granted.

Develop a DCode Consultation paper from the outcomes of the GC0162 joint working group for amendments to the relevant section of DOC6.

Action: CMC

8. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

8.1 DCRP/MP/23/03 – DCode DOC6 Joint Workgroup

The public consultation is currently open and is due to close 18th August. Consultation responses will then be collated. The Report to The Authority (RTA) will then be drafted for submission.

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Collate responses and prepare an RTA, share draft copy with DCRP members before submission for a decision on the proposals to DOC6.

Action: CMC

9. Reports to Authority – Submissions

9.1 DCRP/MP/22/02 – Emergency System Restoration Standard

A draft copy of the RTA was circulated. Approval in principle to submit the report was granted.

The RTA will be submitted in the coming weeks to The Authority for decision on DCRP/MP/22/02.

Action: CMC

9.2 DCRP/MP/23/03 – DCode DOC6 Joint Workgroup

The panel was asked for approval in principle to submit the RTA once the public consultation on DCRP/MP/23/03 has closed. The panel approved this request.

A draft copy of the RTA will be circulated offline to panel members before submission to The Authority for approval.

Action: CMC

10. DCode Standards for Revision

10.1 DCRP/MP/23/02 – Constitution and Rules of the DCRP

A revised draft copy of the document was circulated to members, a decision on the approvals process was discussed. In line with the current requirements The Authority must approve the amendments before they can be implemented.

A copy of the revised document will be shared with The Authority for approval.

Action: CMC

10.2 DCRP/MP/23/06 – EREC P24 Issue 2

For consistency it was proposed to replace the 2019 modification reference to EREC P24 Issue 2 with a 2023 reference. The DCRP approved the allocation of modification reference DCRP/MP/23/06 to the proposed amendments to EREC P24.

All reporting materials used to update progress on the P24 modification will be revised to DCode modification reference DCRP/MP/23/06.

Action: CMC

10.3 DCRP/MP/23/07 – EREC P29 Issue 2

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It was proposed to the panel that EREC P29 be allocated the DCode modification reference DCRP/MP/23/07. The DCRP approved the allocation of DCRP/MP/23/07 to the proposed amendments to EREC P29 issue 2.

All references to the ongoing work regarding the amendments to EREC P29 will be allocated the DCode modification reference DCP/MP/23/07.

Action: CMC

10.4 DCode Modification Gantt Chart

A copy of the Gantt Chart was circulated prior to the meeting, the panel held a discussion on the current prioritisation of modifications to be progressed before the end of 2023. Feedback from the panel on any modification listed is welcome.

11. Discussion Items

11.1 ALoMCP – Review of LoM Letter

The panel discussed the DNO's continued approach to engagement with non-compliant generation. Since the previous meeting in June, it has been confirmed by NGESO and Ofgem that no additional funding will be made available. A call for estimates on CBAs to provide additional clarity on the correct data was asked for from NGESO, appreciating the level of data already provided.

BA to provide additional CBA data to ENA in formulating the final draft version on the LoM letter.

Action: BA

Once final draft version of the letter has been agreed by members, MD to forward final version to The Authority for decision.

Action: MD

11.2 Whole System Technical Code

A verbal update on this work was provided by MD, an update to be provided to the panel at a future DCRP meeting.

Arrange with NGESO a presentation piece to the panel at future meeting.

Action: MD/CMC

12. AOB

12.1 DCRP Contacts Paper

A draft copy was circulated, members were asked to confirm their details before publishing. Once a deputy chair has been appointed these details will be included.

CMC to revise and circulate final draft before approval to publish is sought.

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Action: CMC

12.2 DCode Summary Paper

12.3 Nominations for Deputy Chair of the DCRP/ITCG

A call for member's nominations for the role of Deputy Chair was presented by MD. JS indicated interest in taking up the position.

Include agenda item at next ITCG meeting to nominate a Deputy chair.

Action: CMC

12.4 October In Person Meeting at 4 More London

See item 13.

13. Date of next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the DCRP will be held Thursday 05 October. All members should have received invitations for all remaining 2023 meeting dates, as shown below.

The next meeting was agreed to be held as an in-person meeting in ENA's Offices at 4 More London. With an MS Teams invite for members unable to attend in person. CMC to arrange.

Action: CMC

14. DCRP Meeting Dates for 2023

- DCRP/23/05 – Thursday 05 October 2023
- DCRP/23/06 – Thursday 07 December 2023