

Confirmed Minutes of the 108th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 3rd October 2024
4 More London Riverside SE1 2AU
Commencing at 13:00

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Jeevan Dhaliwal	JD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Shaheeni Vekaria	SV	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Alan Creighton*	AC	Northern Powergrid	DNO
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Christian Hjelm*	CH	National Grid Electricity Distribution	DNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
James Hurley	JH	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Richard Wilson*	RW	UK Power Networks	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Tim Ellingham*	TE	RWE	Generator
Bieshoy Awad*	BA	National Energy System Operator	OTSO
Scott Bull*	SB	Ofgem	Authority
Shilen Shah*	SS	Ofgem	Authority
Tunghing Sum*	TS	Citizens Advice	Customers

*Online

1. Apologies and Introductions

MD welcomed Members to October's Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) and noted apologies from the Chair. MD introduced James Hurley as John Smart's replacement following his retirement.

JD to update Member details on the ENA website.

Action: JD

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 1 August 2024

2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared and reviewed by members. Amendments had been received and agreed by Members and the minutes of DCRP meeting held on 1 August 2024 were approved on that basis.

2.2. Matters Arising

MD highlighted that following discussion at the ITCG the Loss of Mains working group is planned to be reconvened and invited DCRP Members to engage with the group.

3. Panel presentations

None.

4. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a high-level update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting.

GC0117	Ofgem due to publish a consultation in October 2024 with a decision expected in December 2024.
GC0164	There have been challenges regarding stakeholder feedback. The time and resources taken up by this change has been highlighted.
GC0169 & G0173	First workgroup meeting was in September 2024, work is ongoing.
GC0171	Implemented on 5 September 2024. It is recognised that further work is needed to address all impacts.
GC0172	Decision expected in December 2024. This change is unlikely to affect the DCode.

A new modification is expected regarding replacement of fax machines. A new version of the Grid Code was published on 1 October 2024 to align with Day 1 of the establishment of the ISOP.

5. DCode User Issues

None raised.

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/20/04 – Data Exchange workgroup

The next iteration of the draft EREC G111 is developing. Schedules have been reviewed to be more relevant and practical. Another Data Exchange trial has been agreed for 2025. SS queried whether this was applicable to all connections, MD clarified its fundamentally on IDNO to DNO connections as well as connections between DNOs also.

6.2 DCRP/MP/22/05 – Customer Islanding

This has been included in G99 v11 modification proposal.

6.3 DCRP/MP/23/01 – EREP 28

Reviewing of the second draft EREP 28 guidance document is finished. A small number of comments have been received. Threepwood is working on finalising the guidance.

6.4 DCRP/MP/23/04 – EREC P2 / EREP 130 – Security of Supply

DCode

DCRP_24_05_01

Draft modifications to P2 have been completed and details and examples being developed for inclusion in an update of EREC 130. MD welcomed nominations from DCRP members to be a part of the working group for this modification.

6.5 DCRP/MP/23/06 – EREC P24/2 – AC Traction

No progress.

6.6 DCRP/MP/23/07 – EREC P29/2

Final draft modification being prepared to address general updates and formatting.

6.7 DCRP/MP/23/08 – EREC G81 Parts 1 to 7

The next iteration of the draft EREC G81 is expected to be ready in October 2024, following which members will have opportunity to provide comments on the document.

6.8 DCRP/MP/23/09 - ETR 122 & G5/5-1

Discussion at PQ&EMC Group meeting on 11th September has clarified issues around points of connection and the associated figures and agreed next steps to finalise EREC G5 and ETR122. Preparation of the document is underway with a view to bring this to the December DCRP for approval to take this to consultation in early 2025.

7. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed

No consultations for discussion.

8. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

No consultations for discussion.

9. Reports to Authority - Submissions

9.1 DCRP/MP/24/01 G98/99 – Technical modifications

MD highlighted the request to DCRP to approve submitting the G98/99 Report to The Authority to the Authority and invited comments from members. Members were supportive of the proposal.

10. DCode Standards for Revision

MD noted this was discussed in the ITCG and it is proposed that this item is used to discuss changes that might affect the DCode arising from work by other industry groups, specifically those seeing to assist on achieving Net Zero targets, and also to proactively develop the DCode to support Net Zero. More comments and requests are now coming from other ENA groups and stakeholder groups; this item could be used to highlight these and make the ITCG and DCRP more proactive moving forwards.

11. Discussion Items

11.1 ISOP changes – DCode & Constitution & Rules

MD highlighted that the DCode and Constitution & Rules have been updated, both documents have been circulated to members, and published on the website on 1 October 2024 to align with Day 1 of the establishment of the ISOP.

12. AOB

12.1 Meeting dates 2025

Meeting dates for 2025 were discussed at the DCRP and it was agreed by Members to continue with the format and schedule for 2025, on the first Thursday of every other month. It was proposed to encourage in person attendance to the April and October meetings, with other meetings being held online.

JD to send DCRP meeting invites for 2025 meetings.

Action: JD

13. Date of next Meeting

The next DCRP meeting is scheduled for Thursday 05 December 2024 via Teams.