

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 84th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 8th October 2020
Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Steve Cox	SC	Electricity North West (Chair)	Chair
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association (Secretary)	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
Nigel Turvey	NT	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid ESO	Electricity System Operator
Guy Nicholson	GN	Stratkraft	User
Bryan O'Neill	BON	Ofgem	Regulator
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Generator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	Generator

1. Apologies and Introductions

SC welcomed members of the Industry Technical Codes Group (DCRP) held via teleconference due to Covid-19 travel restrictions and social distancing. General introductions made.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 6th August 2020 – DCRP 20 04 02

2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the group and the proposed amendments reviewed before it was agreed by the panel.

2.2. Matters Arising

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

3. Grid Code Issues

AC provided an update from the latest Grid Code review panel held on 7th October 2020:

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GC0109	Last Resort disconnection instructions – will align with Downward Flexibility of ODFM being extended to 25 th October 2020.
GC0133	Status of the System – This has been sent back from Ofgem with the request for additional information.
GC0142	Non-standard Voltages – has been sent to Ofgem for review.
GC0147	Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation – Work on the update is ongoing and progressing well.
GC0148	Emergency & Restoration Code Phase II – Nominations for the working group closed Friday (2 nd October) and have been submitted. Group is yet to be formed. This is a joint working group with GCRP and DCRP, feedback from this group will be presented to the panel.

4. EU Network Codes

No Significant Update

5. DCode User Issues

Comments received from users of G98 and G99 are being collated for inclusion in the next modification. The timescale for the RTAs is for each document to be ready for January 2021, with an estimated implementation date of May 2021.

6. Ongoing Dcode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/17/05 – Provision for Energy Storage Devices in the Distribution Code

MW provided an update on the progress made: Drafts of legal text for modifications to G98 and G99 and a small change to Dcode have gone out to members for review. As well as a draft consultation paper. A request for consultation questions has been made with members and responses will be collated before the next meeting for agreement.

Action: CMc

It was proposed an extraordinary meeting be held before the next DCRP meeting in December to agree the paper and go to consultation before January 2021.

6.2 DCRP/MP/19/04 – Modifications to the Distribution Code and Associated Documents for a No Deal EU Exit

A meeting will be arranged between SC, ENA, and National Grid to agree an approach on documents relating to the UK's stance towards exiting the EU an update from this will be presented to the panel at the next meeting.

Action: MD/CMc

6.3 DCRP/MP/18/08 - DC0079 - Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their Impact on the Total System

See Section 12.

6.4 DCRP/MP/20/05 – P18 Issue 2 Complexity of 132kV documents

EREC P18 WG is finalising the proposed text and had decided on a document title change to 'Complexity of Distribution Circuits Operated Between 132kV and 22kV' The next step for this group will be to transfer the agreed text into an EREC format and finalise for public consultation.

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

The paper is currently under revision to incorporate the consultation feedback and will be ready for review at the next DCRP meeting.

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

The WG has been working on agreeing the schedules to be used and has completed the first of five to be agreed. The group is proposing a new EREC document to provide guidance on the use and completion of each form as well as housing the schedules themselves. It was agreed that this group will look at the different technology and bring them in line with what is currently used in the Grid Code, and Electricity Capacity Register.

7 DCRP Update – Security of Supply

P2

Various calculation methods are being worked on currently with a maximum feeder length of 1km having been agreed for application of the proposed relaxation ie that for Class of Supply B group demand minus 1.2MW would be restored within 3 hours. The report and summary paper are being drafted for Ofgem's consideration before formal DCRP consultation.

Action: MD

8 DCRP Consultations- Approval of ITCG to proceed.

See Section 6.1

9 Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

No Significant Update.

10 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

No Significant Update.

11 Joint BEIS OFGEM Codes/Standards Review

We are keeping a watching brief on this, however the report to BEIS has been delayed due to the COVID and EU Exit situation.

12 Loss of Mains Change Programme

DC0079

Programme has finished window 4 and will be entering window 5 with the focus being on compliance. Communication routes are being reviewed with MPANs being used as a reference when communicating with generators. The September 2022 deadline remains in place. Enforcement will require work with the DCUSA panel on what changes will be required.

Action: SC/MD

13 P18 Complexity of 132kV Circuits ToR

The Terms of Reference was circulated to the panel with the agenda and previous notes for approval.

14 DCRP Headline Report

No Significant update, Headline Report to be agreed After Meeting.

15 AOB

- Addition of Storage to DCRP Headline Report. A report will be sent to SC for review before the next meeting.

Action: MW

- Update on GSR27 – Frequency Control, proposal is to develop methodology for events that take place on the transmission system. Review by the SQSS review panel before going to Ofgem for approval.

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16 Date of next meeting

Next DCRP meeting – 3rd December

17 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2020

No Discussion.