

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021  
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
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	DNO (observer)
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks	DNO
Joseph Nolan	JN	GTC	IDNO
David Mobsby	DM	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid ESO	Electricity System Operator
Bryan O'Neill	BON	Ofgem	Regulator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	Generator
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Generator
Mark Horrocks	MH	WSP	User
Paul Graham	PG	Sembcorp	User

### 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.

### 2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – DCRP 21 02 02

#### 2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the panel, previous actions were reviewed and closed before agreement was reached to publish the minutes.

#### 2.2. Matters Arising

During the review it was agreed a meeting will be required between Ofgem and ENA to discuss the progress of EREC P2.

**Action: BON**

GS will provide an update on the outcomes from the operational transparency forum at the next meeting.

**Action: GS**

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

### **3. Grid Code Issues**

AC provided a short update from the day after report from the 27<sup>th</sup> May GCode Review Panel:

GC0147	Last resort disconnection of embedded generation (enduring solution) – Implementation date was 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.
GC0148	Emergency & Restoration Code Phase II – The first WG meeting will be held 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.
GC0149	Brexit – There will probably be a need to make similar amendments to the DCode. CAC closes 14 <sup>th</sup> June.

Distributed Restart: The Distributed Restart project is considering the associated changes for the Grid Code and the Distribution Code.

NGESO has published an open letter on their website regarding fault ride through compliance for generators. Further clarification is being sought from NGESO.

### **4. EU Network Codes**

A review of the ToR for this group will be considered at the next meeting currently scheduled for September, on the grounds that GB has now left the European Union. A title change for the group will also be considered.

### **5. DCode User Issues**

No significant update.

### **6. Ongoing Dcode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates**

#### ***6.1 DCRP/MP/20/06 – ‘Provision for Energy Storage Devices in the Distribution Code’***

The Storage modification RTA was sent over to Ofgem in late April and is currently being assessed.

A discussion was had around general stakeholder engagement during the consultation process, and reference to a meeting with the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). The ENA did engage with the SMMT prior to and during the consultation, however there was no material response. The panel feel as this storage modification should be of interest and further engagements with the SMMT is required.

A full mailing list of SMMT members contacted and a copy of the meeting notes from the December meeting, as well as any interaction with BEAMA.

**Action: CMC**

## **6.2 DCRP/MP/20/05 – P18 Issue 2 ‘Complexity of 132kV Circuits’**

The draft document has been circulated internally to DNO design and safety staff for feedback. The feedback received has been assessed by the workgroup and amendments made in-line with comments received.

## **6.3 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.

## **6.4 DCRP MP/20/04 – Data Exchange WG DCRP Inclusion**

There have been positive discussions within the workgroup on clarity surrounding the methods of data exchange between parties, and the integration of the revised energy source categories to align with the proposed change to the DCode and Embedded Capacity Register.

## **7 DCRP Update – Working Groups**

### **7.1 EREC G100 Inclusion – Annex 1 Inclusion**

A paper was included as part of the documents in preparation for this meeting. After reviewing this paper, the view of the panel members is that a question should be included as part of the consultation paper requesting stakeholder views on the inclusion of EREC G100 as an Annex document within the DCode.

## **8 DCRP Consultations- Approval of Panel to proceed**

### **8.1 DCRP/MP/21/07 – ‘EU Exit’**

The panel agreed to proceed to consultation under the revised modification DCRP/21/07/PC. The documents will be revised and sent to BON for comment before the consultation is opened to the public.

**Action: MD**

### **8.2 DCRP/21/02/PC – EREC G100 ‘Technical Requirements for Customer Export Limiting Schemes’**

The panel approved this modification to progress to public consultation. Please see section 7.1.

## **8.3 DCRP/21/05/PC – ‘Management of Non-compliant Generators’**

The proposed modification to the DCode legal text for the enforcement of the retrospective application of EREC G59/3-7 was discussed in the light of initial comments from Ofgem. Ofgem’s view was that the proposal was too specific to clauses within G59/3-7 and their expectation was that the text modification should be more general to cater for de-energisation for a much wider range of non-compliances. A generalised approach could potentially mean that DNO’s could be considered as not meeting their licence requirements for any non-compliance so the text will have to be developed in a way that meets Ofgem’s expectation whilst maintaining a pragmatic approach to the application of de-energisation as a means of enforcement.

Proposed communication process before de-energisation to remain as is.

MD to arrange a follow up meeting with DCRP workgroup with the aim to develop alternative text.

**Action: MD**

## **9 Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update**

### **9.1 DCRP/21/01/PC – ‘G98 G99 Minor Technical Modifications’**

An update on the ongoing modification to EREC G98 and G99 was provided to panel. An RTA has been drafted and will be sent to Ofgem before the next panel meeting.

## **10 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision**

No significant update.

## **11 Loss of Mains Change Programme**

### **11.1 DC0079**

No significant update.

### **11.2 DG with Sensitive RoCoF**

GS provided an update on the ALoMCP. Window 7 is open. Currently a 60% engagement level has been reached with generators in the 5 – 50MW range. Due to the changes that have already been made NGENSO will not need to secure against vector shift events over the summer period.

Changes to G59 relays will be pursued post the summer period. There may be a need for additional funding to increase generator engagement.

## **12 DCRP Headline Report**

No significant update.

## **13 DCRP Modification Reporting**

### **13.1 *DCode Modification Gantt Chart***

A Gantt chart prepared since the last panel meeting was shared as part of the meeting notes, it outlines the predicted timelines for each modification, with the aim of avoiding multiple versions of DCode documents during the modification proposal process and to avoid simultaneous RTA submissions to Ofgem.

The panel responded positively to this document, and it will be updated and circulated to members with the meeting papers from this point onwards.

## **14 AOB**

CM confirmed that the RTA for the modification to EREC G12 will be sent to Ofgem before the next DCRP meeting in August.

**Action: CMc**

## **15 Date of next meeting**

Next DCRP meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

## **16 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2021**

- 7<sup>th</sup> October
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December