

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the 104<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Teleconference  
Commencing at 12.30pm

### Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Shaheeni Vekaria	SV	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Nataliia Myrhorodska	NM	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Terri Puddefoot	TP	Electricity System Operator	Guest
Peter Twomey	PT	Electricity Northwest Ltd	DNO
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Christian Hjelm	CH	National Grid Electricity Distribution	DNO
Steve Mockford	SMo	GTC	IDNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Zivanayi Musanhi	ZM	UK Power Networks	DNO
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Electricity System Operator	OTSO
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority
Gavin Baillie	GB	Ofgem	Authority
Scott McPhillimy	SM	Ofgem	Authority
Sean Winchester	SW	Ofgem	Authority

### 1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to April's Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP). MD chaired the meeting and introduced two new ENA representatives.

### 2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

#### 2.1. Accuracy

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

#### 2.2. Matters Arising

None.

### 3. Digitalisation of Grid Code update

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TP presented an update on the digitalisation of the Grid Code project, indicating a delayed go-live date of May 15, 2024. Efforts are currently directed towards meeting this deadline, with plans for subsequent enhancements including tags, advanced search functionality, and modifications to the process. Communication pertinent to the go-live event will be disseminated accordingly. TP also conducted a demonstration of the digital code during the meeting.

## **4. Panel Presentations**

### **4.1 Consultation on the implementation of energy code reform – Ofgem**

GB and SW provided an overview of the two relevant consultations currently open, one of which closes on 23 April 2024 focusing on the implementation of energy code reform. Ofgem are working with DESNZ to finalise the remaining elements of the code manager selection and licensing process for a period of up to seven years. SW presented a summary of the six core proposals in the consultation.

MD inquired about the transition from code administrators to the role of code manager, and the expectations of this transition specifically resourcing before formal appointments are made, in addition to how this is expected for technical aspects of the codes. SW clarified that the current focus is on governance, with technical areas planned for phase three in 2027/28 once code managers are established.

MD questioned the net zero objective and its relevance to specific changes, Ofgem clarifies this followed industry feedback to consider its inclusion in all codes. In the consultation, alternative options have been proposed as the net zero objective has not yet been decided. If introduced, it would undergo the standard assessment process for each code modification, treated similarly to other code modification objectives.

### **4.2 Harmonisation of DER monitoring and control requirements**

No update.

## **5. Grid Code Issues**

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

GC0168	National Grid is seeking EMT modelling data from all existing medium and large power stations, including potentially embedded large stations. Nominations are currently open.
GC0169	Several changes are linked to the implementation of the European Network Codes, prompting Grid to address issues and seek resolutions. It has been determined that a joint Grid and D-Code working group is warranted.
GC0117	Consultation has closed on 26 March 2024.
GC0164	As part of the rationalisation of Grid code, writing of OC2 is ongoing which has proved challenging.

## **6. DCode User Issues**

No significant update.

## **7. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates**

### ***7.1 DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange workgroup***

A trial exchange of information between DNOs and IDNOs is set to begin soon. ENA is coordinating a schedule to facilitate this initiative. Once completed, a report will be compiled before the process is implemented. Positive engagement has been observed from IDNO members.

### ***7.2 DCRP/MP/22/05 - Customer Islanding***

The workgroup is currently focused on developing a range of diagrams to provide clarity, and considering the compliance requirements for devices which facilitate customer islanded premises.

### ***7.3 DCRP/MP/23/01 - P28 EREP Development***

Development of guidance on clarity expected on harmonics and step change voltages.

### ***7.4 DCRP/MP/23/02 – Revision to the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP***

These have been approved.

### ***7.5 DCRP/MP/23/04 – EREC P2 / EREP 130 – Security of supply***

The draft for legal text changes has been agreed upon, and further development of the text is currently in progress. Initially, a subgroup of DNOs is tasked with creating a preliminary proposal, which will then be shared with all DCRP members for input and feedback.

[A paper is being prepared detailing the pros and cons of each option so that a decision on how to move forward can be made.](#)

### ***7.6 DCRP/MP/23/06 – EREC P24/2 – AC Traction***

Publish date is expected to be in summer 2024.

### ***7.7 DCRP/MP/23/07 – EREC P29/2***

A paper is being prepared detailing the pros and cons of each option so that a decision on how to move forward can be made.

### ***7.8 DCRP/MP/23/08 – EREC G81 Parts 1 to 7***

The current focus is on exploring the scope of consolidating the documents, particularly parts 1 and 4.

## **7.9 DCRP/MP/23/09 – DG Guides**

The documents have been published on the D-Code website and the document catalogue.

### **8. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed**

No consultations for Panel approval.

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

No consultations for discussion.

### **10. Reports to Authority - Submissions**

No submissions for discussion.

### **11. DCode Standards for Revision**

No standards for discussion.

### **12. Discussion Items**

#### **12.1 ALoMCP letter**

SS highlighted that the letter is still awaiting sign off internally. The view remains unchanged and Ofgem are reluctant ~~on the to agree a~~ modification of G59. The approach of having an enduring derogation or one that is reviewed at specific intervals would be preferred. It was suggested that different technologies were considered to break down the groups within each range ~~eg-e.g.~~ solar. This analysis would allow for a more targeted and considered approach. It would be up to DNOs to decide on the thresholds used for differing technology types. Ofgem are supportive of a gradual programme, followed by an enduring derogation.

Ofgem do not wish to dictate levels of compliance, rather emphasise the onus on DNOs to coordinate with the ESO on levels of compliance and the economic costs related to ensuring compliance. MD highlighted the significant costs involved for DNOs and generators to investigate what is a small portion of total generation, ~~approx~~approx. 5-6%.

### **13. AOB**

No AoB

### **14. Date of next Meeting**

The next DCRP meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6 June 2024. Both June and August meetings are due to be held online.

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