

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 104th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 1st February 2024
Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks	DNO (Chair)
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Nataliia Myrhorodska	NM	Energy Networks Association	Guest
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Christian Hjelm	CH	National Grid Electricity Distribution	DNO
Paul Turner	PT	Electricity North West Ltd	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Peter Wilkinson	PK	Centrica	BM Generator
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Electricity System Operator	OTSO
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority
TungHing Sum	TS	Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice

1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to February's Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), held via teleconference. MW chaired the meeting and provided general introductions and noted apologies received.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 3rd August 2023 - DCRP 23 06 02

2.1. Accuracy

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

2.2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Panel Presentations

No panel presentation at this meeting.

4. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a high-level update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 28th September 2023.

GC0117	Creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements – The Workgroup have finalised the proposer’s solution as well as 1 alternative solution. They are now seeking approval from the Panel that the Workgroup have met their Terms of Reference and can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation. A Code Administrator (CA) consultation is due February 2024.
GC0139	Enhanced Planning Data Exchange – Subgroup has been working with expert pointed by the ENA. Grid code requirements were proposed. Group discussions are in the final stage.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard – Final Modification Report has been submitted to the Authority. The Decision date is expected in February 2024. Post meeting note: GC0156 Grid Code and Distribution Code modifications approved 5th February 2024
GC0159	Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners (CATOs) - The report has gone back to the working group for further discussions.
GC0164	Simplification of Operating Code No.2 - Work is progressing very slowly. Low impact from any of the stakeholders.

5. DCode User Issues

No significant update.

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 *DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange workgroup*

The workgroup has carried out a review of the comments collated throughout the trial so far and has arranged a meeting with the INA (12th February 2024) to discuss the requirements and strengthen communication channels between the DNOs and IDNOs when exchanging information.

Continue to engage with BESS stakeholders (through ENA’s BESS WG) and provide comments on the revised guidance.

6.2 *DCRP/MP/22/05 - Customer Islanding*

The workgroup is progressing with the legal text, further updates will be provided at future meetings.

Action: CMc

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

The workgroup has completed development of the scope of the guidance document in conjunction with the consultant, Threepwood. Threepwood are now to begin the drafting of the document and circulate it for comment throughout February and March

Action: CMc

6.4 DCRP/MP/23/04 – EREC P2 / EREP 130

A workgroup has been formed from members of the P2 workgroup and SCG Battery Storage sub-group. Terms of reference document developed and agreed. Further meetings to be organized towards the end of February / early-March to commence modification and agreement of text.

Action: MD/CMc

6.5 DCRP/MP/23/06 – EREC P24

Work is progressing on the legal text; National Rail are engaged in developing a description of the current working practices to be integrated into the document.

6.6 DCRP/MP/23/07 – EREC P29

System data is currently being assessed to contribute in the drafting of the legal text. Further updates to be provided.

6.7 DCRP/MP/23/09 - DG Guides

DG Guides are currently being finalized, minor formatting issues to be resolved before submission to DCRP for approval and publication.

Action: CMc

7. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed

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

Both documents prepared and ready for consultation. To be circulated to DCRP with these minutes for approval to proceed by correspondence.

Action: MD

8. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

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No currently open public DCode consultations.

9. Reports to Authority - Submissions

No update

10. DCode Standards for Revision

10.1 DCode Modification Gantt Chart

A copy of the DCode Modification Gantt Chart was circulated to members for feedback on the current and planned modifications during 2024.

A number of improvements and corrections, including the need to include G5/5-1 and separate out the G99 modifications, have been highlighted and these changes will be made prior to the next DCRP meeting.

Action: CMc

11. Discussion Items

11.1 FSO Program

CM provided a presentation on the FSO programme. Three main directions of work on which the FSO program is currently focused were presented: the path to the FSO, Cross-Code WG (CCWG), Phases of Work.

It was noted that FSO programme is currently focused on package Q1: Ofgem drafts modifications for EA23 statutory consultation, CCWG rolling review, Code Admin assess implementation impacts, engagements beyond the CCWG.

The CCWG members was introduced. The main work tasks on which the CCWG is focused are noted.

The CCWG is supporting delivery of two main areas of change: institutional and new roles. Institutional changes required for coherency and functioning codes at Day 1. New roles changes: FSO is required by licence, Under EA23 other parties required to support the FSO's new roles through new information provision.

Mapping was presented which will show the CCWG has considered all new licence obligations, new roles and identified where code changes are necessary for Day 1, beyond Day 1 or not at all. Summary mappings expected to be annexed to consultation. Future updates to be provided.

11.2 ALoMCP Letter

The group discussed the letter sent to the Authority regarding generator compliance with the ALoMCP and a staged approach to contacting generators, highlighting a formal response from Ofgem is required.

SS indicated that Ofgem were not supportive of a modification of G59/3-7 as they expect compliance to still be pursued and applied to all generation where non-compliance has been identified, but do support a time bound derogation. SS highlighted that an Ofgem CBA based on

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the figures provided in the DNO letter to Ofgem that there was expected to be a cross-over of costs at year 12, this is where costs incurred by ESO exceeded those that would be incurred by DNOs in pursuing and applying compliance to all generators, so there is an ongoing need to monitor costs vs mitigation.

GV challenged that there was no current view of ESO costs on RoCoF and managing the largest losses. BA identified that costs were primarily focused on frequency response and would provide a breakdown through analysis.

BA requested DNOs provide an update on the current 1MW – 200kW tranche of generator compliance.

CH queried if there was a perceived end date /closing date for the compliance programme as it could not be left as indefinite. SS highlighted the programme should continue until DNO costs outweighed the benefit but this could be discussed further. One this point MW asked that the resources, time and effort expended in pursuing compliance with over 40,000 <200kW sites as well as the costs to the small generators in achieving compliance be considered in Ofgem's response and future assessments.

Provide breakdown of current ESO costs associated with compliance programme.

Action: BA

DNOs provide an update on the current 1MW – 200kW tranche of generator compliance.

Action: All DNO reps

Ofgem to provide a formal response to the ALoMCP letter sent by ENA on 6th October 2023.

Action: SS

12. AOB

No AoB

13. Date of next Meeting

The next DCRP meeting is scheduled for Thursday 04 April 2024. This will be held as an in-person meeting at ENA offices 4 More London with a hybrid MS Teams option.

CMc to arrange as an in-person meeting in ENA's Offices at 4 More London.

Action: CMc