Confirmed Minutes of the 71st Meeting of the

GB Distribution Code Review Panel

9th August 2018

Meeting held at ENA commencing at 1330.

Attendees:

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| **Name** |  | **Company** | **Representing** |
| Steve Cox | SC | ENWL | Chair |
| David Spillett | DS | ENA | Code Administrator |
| Alan Creighton | AMC | Northern Powergrid | DNO (observer) |
| Awais Lodhi | AL | Centrica | Supplier |
| Graeme Vincent | GV | SP Energy Networks | DNO |
| Graham Stein | GS | National Grid | OTSO |
| Guy Nicholson | GN | Element Power | Non-BM Generator |
| John Smart | JS | SSEN | DNO |
| Matt White | MW | UK Power Networks | DNO |
| Mike Kay | MK | ENA | Guest (agenda item 3 only) |
| Steve Mockford | SM | GTC | IDNO |
| Nigel Turvey | NT | Western Power Distribution | DNO |

**Apologies:**

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| Stew Horne | SH | Citizens Advice | Customers |
| Martin Queen | MQ | Ofgem | Authority |
| Tim Ellingham | TE | RWE Trading GmbH | BM Generator |
| Ben Vinyard | BV | Segen | Users |
| Mark Horrocks | MH | Mclleland | Users |
| Paul Graham | PG | UK Power Reserve | BM Generator |
| Joe Underwood | JU | Energy UK | Non-BM Generator |

# **1. Introductions**

SC welcomed the Panel members to the meeting of the GB DCRP (the Panel). General introductions were provided and apologies were noted. GN, AL,and JS joined the meeting via teleconference.

1.1 Proposal to appoint Panel Deputy Chair

Following a short discussion on the need to appoint a deputy chair for both the ITCG and DCRP the Panel agreed to the appointment of Matt White as deputy chair and he will undertake this role going forward. DS will update the membership table accordingly. **Action: DS**

# **2. Minutes of previous DCRP meeting 7 June 2018**

***2.1 Accuracy***

With the exception of some minor editorial changes the minutes and actions from the previous DCRP meeting held 7th June 2018 and reported in paper DCRP\_18\_04\_11 were confirmed as correct by the Panel. DS to publish 7th June 2018 Panel meeting minutes to DCode website.

**Action: DS**

***2.2 Matters Arising***

With the exception of the issues below all other actions from the previous meeting were either completed or included on the agenda DCRP\_18\_05\_01.

***2.2.1 National Terms of Connection - Section – Emergency De-energisation***

DS informed the Panel that he has raised this matter with the DCUSA Code Administrator and presented this issue at the DCUSA Issues Group meeting. DS confirmed that DCUSA will consider the Issue and a formal modification will now be established. DS requested a sponsor for the modification and SC agreed that ENWL would sponsor the DCUSA modification proposal.

**Action: DS/SC**

***2.2.2 Open Governance***

At the October 2017 Panel meeting KD raised the matter of Open Governance (OG) being introduced to the DCode. In the minutes of the June Panel meeting it was recorded that the issue would be revisited in December following a period of time to allow OG in the GCRP to bed in and allow DCRP to learn from any “teething” problems experienced by the GCRP. DS suggested that this issue would be revisited at the October 2018 panel meeting. DS to follow up with National Grid CA to see if there has been any review of OG since its introduction early 2017 and feed back at next meeting.

**Action: DS**

**3. Grid Code Issues**

Referencing papers DCRP\_18\_05\_02 AMC provided the Panel with a brief update of the key Distribution Code related issues discussed at the recent GCRP meeting held 18 July. The key issues were as follows:

* GC0118 EREC P28 – GCRP Agreed to set up a WG to assess the implications of EREC P28/2 being adopted by the GCode.
* GC0115 / GC0112 NGET legal Separation – GC0115, the enabling change was agreed. Work on the other changes in GC0112 is planned to be completed in the next few weeks ready for the August GCRP.
* GC0116 RfG Implementation Date change - Agreed now that it only includes the date changes
* GC0106 SOGL – Will be discussed at 1 Aug GCode WG day – focusing on WACM2
* GC0109 System Warning Transparency – Will be discussed at 1 Aug GCode WG day and on a pre-meeting call on 19 July
* GC0108 Black Start – Revised text has been agreed in response to the Code Administrators and it was agreed to consult on the revised text provided the CA advises that this is possible under code governance
* GC0117 Type A-D, LMS, Regional Variations –Agreed at the June GCRP to establish a WG which could have far reaching implications outside the GCode / DCode e.g. in charging and regulatory. The thinking is that this work is similar on scope to CUSC MP291, so a joint WG is to be explored. Likely to be a non-trivial piece of work.
* Under Emergency & Restoration three new GB documents need to be written. These are currently being drafted by NGET. Ofgem had been requested to clarify the governance arrangement of these new documents. From the mapping exercise whilst there do seem to be some GCode implications & hence changes required, NGETs current thinking is only to make one change relating to a list of Significant Grid Users. NGET are to explain their thinking on this.

Further details can be found in paper DCRP\_18\_05\_02.

Panel noted developments.

# **4. EU Network Codes**

Referencing power point presentation DCRP\_18\_05\_03 MK provided the Panel with a brief update on the latest development and progress with regards to the GB implementation of the EU Network Codes.

Following the presentation and brief discussions the Panel was invited to note and endorse the following:

* The likely impacts on distribution connected parties of GC0106 WAGCM2
* The implications of the Emergency & Restoration Code on Distribution Code documents – and possible future modifications to accommodate this code

The Panel discussed the proposals to submit a DCRP GC 110 Reprt to Authority. GC0110 consultation (LFSM-O clarification) closed on 27 July. Two responses have been received and are currently being discussed with National Grid. The GCRP consultation closed on 6 August. The DCRP responses are not thought likely to require any significant amendments to the G99 text before submission to the Authority. Subject to no significant amendments the Panel agreed to the submission of the above RTA.

DS will coordinate the submission of the RTA.

**Action: DS**

The Panel noted progress and agreed to endorse the proposals outlined above.

**5. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates**

***5.1 DCRPMP/17/01/03 - The introduction of harmonised Applicable Qualifying Standards in 5.2 DCode to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes.***

DS provided a brief update to the Panel on the latest progress of reviewing the relevant DCode Qualifying Standards. Out of the 18 current Annex 1 & 2 documents approximately seven documents will need to be reviewed to ensure the requirements do not exceed the requirements set out in the UE Network Codes. Several of these seven documents are already under a revision process and the WGs have been asked to include in their scope of work and TOR to include the requirement to review the documents to ensure where appropriate they are consistent with the EU Codes and are not setting more stringent requirements.

DS will continue to update the Panel on progress at the next meeting.

**Action: DS**

Panel noted progress.

***5.2 DCRPMP/17/05 - Provision for Energy Storage Devices in the Distribution Code.***

DS provided the Panel with a brief update on progress of this DCRP WG. The second WG meeting was held on 1 May. Work is progressing with a view of introducing direction to storage requirements in the DCode to the new ER G98 and G99 documents. There will also be a need to consider the requirements on storage which are set out in the SOGL. Next meeting with all WG stakeholders is TBC.

Panel noted progress.

***5.3 EREC G5/5 – Update***

Referencing power point presentation DCRP\_18\_05\_04 BG provided the Panel with a update on the joint panel WG’s progress revising ER G5.

Panel were content with the presentation subject to the issues identified in section 6.3 of these minutes and of course cognisance of any knock on effect these issue may have to the prposed timeline contained in the presentation.

GN reminded National Grid of his suggestion that should be an industry stakeholder workshop that would provide stakeholders with the key updates to the EREC. The Panel agreed to this proposal to ensure industry engagement and transparency, especially as it is approx 9 years since this mod was first raised.

DS will raise this with Nationa Grid and request a workshop is arranged.

**Action:DS/G5/5 WG**

**6. DCRP Consultations- Approval of Panel to proceed.**

***6.1 National Grid Seperation – DCRP/18/xx/PC***

Referencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_05 DS outlined the intent of the consultation paper. The paper sets out the proposal to modify the Distribution Code (DCode) to reflect the creation of a new National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) that is legally separated from National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET) and is seeking the views from industry stakeholders on the modification to both the ‘DCode’ and the ‘Constitution and Rules of the DCode Review Panel’.

Some concerns were raised in relation to proposed changes DOC9.4.1.5. It was suggested that this proposed change is teased out in the consultation document and an explanation provided as to why this change is related to Legal Separation. This change means that in E&W there may be imposed ... new obligations...on other Users. At the very least Users need to be made aware of these additional obligations. The preference of the DCRP would be to reinstate the deleted text.

Before agreeing to proceed to public consultation the Panel requested DS to raise this with John Martin National Grid lead on this mod proposal to ensure this issue is addressed in the consultation paper.

**Action: DS/JM**

***6.2 EREC G99 – Storage Fast Track***

Refrencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_06 DS provided the Panel with a brief update on the proposed Distribution Code public consultation which will seek the views from stakeholders on the proposed modifications to ERECs G98 and G99 to accommodate the fast track storage connection process.

The Panel agreed to the proposal and DS will launch the DCRP fast track storage connection process consultation w/c 13 August.

**Action: DS**

***6.3 EREC G5/5 – DCRP/18/xx/PC***

Refrencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_07 DS provided the Panel with a brief update on the proposed Distribution Code public consultation. There were some concerns expressed by the Panel relating to some of the definitions and in particular to the roles and responsibilities currently set out in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the draft G5/5. DS was requested to ask National Grid to review and address the comments by the end of August and National Grid to also ensure that the full WG review the draft and are happy with the draft with the aim for to commencing the consultation first week in September.

**Action: DS**

**7. Joint GCRP/DCRP DC0079 Workgroup Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances - Update**

***7.1 Phase 1 - >5MW RoCoF Setting changes update***

Referencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_08 DS provided the Panel members with the latest progress of implementing the changes to the protection settings for >5MW Power Stations. No change since the last meeting in June. There still remains only one site (52MW) within SPEN area that requires completing the changes. All infrastructure works have been completed with the exception of the final trip connection to the customer switchgear. SPEN are currently liaising with the customer to agree a suitable outage to complete this final connection. It is expected that this work should be completed in the very near future.

**>5MW Power Stations – All Connections**

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|  | Total MW | MW of changed settings | MW not applicable | MW WiP |
| ENW | 486.31 (507.1) | 272.56 (106.0) | 213.75 (153.8) | 0 |
| NPg | 2460.4 (2469.4) | 387.0 (371.2) | 2073.4 (1978.9) | 0 |
| SPEN | 1903.18 (1903.18) | 1313.15 (1296.15) | 513.03 (513.03) | 35.0 (52.0) |
| SSEPD | 2143.99 (2134.3) | 1001.35 (338.7) | 1142.64 (816.0) | 0 |
| UKPN | 1482.02 (1482.02) | 853.26 (829.46) | 628.81 (628.81) | 0 |
| WPD | 2431.87 (2582.0) | 1141.54 (635.0) | 1290.33 (1166.7) | 0 |
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| **As of 31/07/18** | 10907.77 (10916.77) | 4968.86 (4951.86) | 5861.96 (5767.36) | 35.0 (52.0) |

Panel noted progress.

***7.2 Phase 2 < 5 MW RoCoF Setting changes - Update***

GS provided the Panel with a brief progress update on the proposals to apply retrospective RoCoF changes to all remaining existing non type tested embedded generating plant <50MW commissioned before 1 February 2018. The next key phase is to await the feedback from stakeholders from the ongoing public consultation which is seeking view from GB stakeholders on the proposals. The consultation closes on 17 August.

A network operator workshop is being held on the 16 August at ENA to discuss the proposals and feedback to date from stakeholders. A follow up workshop with interested stakeholders will be arranged in due course.

**Action: DS/GS**

The Panel was invited to offer any suggestions as to the engagement needed with the large and disparate number of affected customers/stakeholders for the proposed stakeholders workshop.

**Action: All**

**8. DCode Qualifying Standards**

***8.1 July 31 2018 progress update***

Referencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_09 DS provided the Panel members with a progress update on all Annex 1 and Annex 2 qualifying standards currently undergoing revision.

There were no further issues and work was progressing to schedule.

Panel noted progress.

**9. Ofgem DCode Qualifying Standards Review**

Referencing previous Panel meeting paper DCRP\_18\_04\_09 DS provided the Panel with a progress review of the work to review all Annex I and Annex 2 Qualifying Standards to ensure they meet the specific DCode criteria for being assigned as a Qualifying Standard. DS informed the Panel that he had undertaken an assessment of the standards using the materiality test contained in the DCode consultation and rules document and his findings were included in appendix1 of the paper.

DS suggested that a small group of DCRP stakeholder reps should meet to review the assessment undertaken by DS to substantiate or disagree to his findings. SC agreed to support this work and assist DS to complete the review. DS to

The Panel agreed to this proposal and DS and SC will prepare a final report for the Panel approval and subsequent submission to Ofgem.

**Action: DS/SC**

**10. Code Administration Update**

***10.1 Update from CA Meeting held 23/7/18***

Referencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_10 DS provided the Panel with a brief update on recent Code Administratorsissues over the last month.

Panel noted developments.

***10.2 Panel Membership update***

Referencing paper DCRP\_18\_05\_11 DS provided the Panel with a brief update on DCRP membership.

There was one change since last months update. New rep from Energy UK reporesenting Non-BM Generators Mr Joe Underwood replacing Kyle Martin who steps down to Enegy UK alternate.

Members were once again asked to review their respective contact details etc for accuracy and if there are any discrepancies or updates required please respond with any updates etc to DS.

**Action: DS/All**

**11. AOB**

None

**12. DCRP Administrative Review**

The Panel was happy and content with the Code administration services.

**13. Date of next meeting**

* Thursday 4th Oct at ENA commencing at 1330.

**14. Remaining DCRP Meeting Dates for 2018**

* Thursday 6th Dec

**All meetings will be held at ENA London.**