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Below is my DAR from the Grid Code Review Panel meeting. Key points to note include:

- The long awaited GC0096 (Storage) WG consultation id due 7 December
- GC0108 (Black Start) has been approved by Ofgem
- GC0106 (SOGL) will proceed to a Code Administration consultation
- GC0118 (P28) will proceed to a Code Administration consultation following some tidying up of the WG report
- A revised TS 3.02.14 RES re GIS switchgear will be circulated soon (currently applicable to England and Wales only)
- BEIS/ Ofgem review of industry code governance was announced by the Secretary of State, Greg Clarke in the last few days. The ToR for the review will be published soon – could include consideration of merging Codes. A consultation is planned for Summer 2019 and dissemination sessions to be held in Spring 2019.
- There have been some difficulties securing enough members for WG and arranging meetings when enough members can attend WG. Quoracy will be discussed further.

Other interesting snippets highlighted in yellow

Regards Alan

Attendees:		Apologies:	
Panel Members		Panel Members	
Trisha McAuley	Code Admin Chair	Steve Cox	DNO / ENW
Alan Creighton	DNO / Northern Powergrid	Nick Ruben	BSC Rep / Elexon (alternate)
Emma Hart	NGET Code Admin	Kyla Berry	NGET rep
Gurpal Singh	Ofgem	Guy Nicholson	Generator
Graeme Vincent	Onshore TO / SPT	Lisa Waters	Generator (alternate)
Damian Jackman	Generator SSE Generation	Kate Dooley	Generator
Alastair Frew	Generator / SP		
Greg Heavens	NGESO (observer)		
Matthew Bent	Code Admin		
Nadir Hafeez	Ofgem		
Jeremy Caplin	Elexon		
Rob Wilson	NGESO		
Rob Longden	Supplier Cornwall Energy		
Sigrid Bolik	Generator (alternate)		

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DNO Panel Alternates

Gordon Kelly and Jim Barber

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1 Welcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 voting members need to be present for the meeting to be quorate
2 Minutes of last meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes with the agreed amendments approved
3 Action log		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 125 CB to draft Panel letter to Authority as per GR21.5 for GC0106. Letter sent and Ofgem response received. Closed. 151 Code Administrator to liaise with the Proposer to schedule a workgroup meeting for GC0107/GC0113. 5 December meeting. 161 NGET to look at how the Distribution Code G5 modification could be run alongside the Grid Code and provide an update. Closed – waiting for refinement of the document. 162 Visibility of the Prioritisation Guidance for publication on the website. Published 163 Code Governance to create and circulate GC0096 future modification timetable following the two day legal text review. On agenda. 165 Code Administrator to work with GV in regards to GC0118 in relation to harmonisation and ensuring the Transmission Operators are agreeable to the approach. TO input has been included. Closed 166 Panel members to reach out to industry parties to see if they would be interested in joining the GC0113/GC0107 workgroup in order to progress the modification. WG is now quorate. 5 December meeting. 168 Ofgem to engage industry to seek more interest in code modification workgroups. Ongoing GS has an AOB item re an announcement by the Secretary of State. 172 Code Administrator to work with the proposer of GC0112 to see if in future modifications the proposers need to be instructed to use 'The Company' for the system operator or 'NGET' for transmission owner. Ongoing – This will be done by a separate Housekeeping Mods between now and April 2019. 173 NGET EU team to look at GV comment on GC0112 Code Administrator Consultation response and respond to GV. This related to requirements on Scottish TOs that wasn't reflected in the GCode in terms of NG TO. The action was closed but flagged up an issue that needs to be addressed – added to the Future Housekeeping Mod list. 174 Code Governance to ensure for future votes the legal text is brought to the Panel to ensure its clear what is being voted on especially when Panel is considering using GR.22.4 to rectify typographical errors. Link to 172.

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		<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 175 NGET and Code Governance to review the electrical standards and decide where this sits. GV and RW to discuss further. 178 Code Administrator to discuss with the SQSS Panel ways of making the process more transparent to market participants. Deferred until Feb as SQSS panel not scheduled to meet till Jan. 179 Code Administrator to review the wording around 'complexity' in the draft Code Modification Prioritisation Document and consider how prioritisation occurs where there are cross code implications. Document has been published. 180 Ofgem and NGET to provide clarity to stakeholders about how the inter-relationships between the EU methodologies and the codes work and the governance structures that were in place to reflect this. Covered off in the email from RW. 181 NGET to discuss with industry how to move the issue of GC0109 and system warnings forward. WG now progressing via a Modification (Ofgem had suggested that there may be a quicker process that doesn't follow a Modification process – but the Proposer wanted to retain as a Modification). 182 An update to be given to Panel around the implementation of the current and future legal separation modifications. See above –closed. 183 Code Administrator to investigate and advise the Panel in relation to sharing the legal advice relating to quoracy and how this interacts with legal privilege or whether National Grid is willing to waive its legal privilege. On agenda. 184 Code Administration to add quoracy of workgroups to a future agenda once the legal advice has been received. Added as a standing agenda item. 185 Code Administration to feed into the Customer Journey work regarding making meeting more accessible to industry participants e.g. locations. CA is looking to arrange meetings to be arranged close to where the WG members live / work. Location of GCRP may be changed to different location. 186 Code Administrator to distribute the table in the Headline report to the Panel with the Panel papers 187 JT to circulate to the Panel the detailed results of the CACoP survey. Closed 188 RV to re-circulate the link in relation to Emergency and Restoration Planning. Closed. Goes live on 18 December. Info should be on the E&R website. 189 RW to provide an update on EBS and GC0068 at the November 2018 Panel. This was developed in 2013/14 to take advantage of the Elec Balancing System – but this hasn't been implemented fully. Hence there

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		<p>is an approved modification GC0068 that can't be implemented fully at the moment. The question relates to whether there is a business case for the changes approved but not implemented – and if so how will they be addressed. An open letter has been issued to stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 190 RW to re-circulate the email that was sent out to industry in relation to EBS Deferred actions to be retained in the Panel Outstanding actions – although the majority will be picked up by the Customer Journey Work. Future Housekeeping Mods to be considered by the CA.
4 Authority Modifications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GC0108 (Blackstart Testing) Approved to be implemented 18 December
5 New Modifications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
6 Inflight Modifications		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
6 GC0107/0113		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting to be 5 December Workgroup has struggled to meet quoracy requirements Unlikely to meet the Feb 2019 deadline
6 GC0103 Harmonisation of standards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG report due in December, but likely to be deferred further A solution has emerged. The proposers preferred solution is for the Scottish TOs to adopt the E&W (NGET) RES and highlight any justifiable variations. This doesn't seem like a solution that will be quick to develop though. 2 day workshop arranged in January (in Glasgow) to progress further The benefits of moving to a single standard are unclear and remain unquantified by the Proposer.
6 GC0096 Storage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started summer 2016 based on the number of storage application that required specific technical provisions. Instead they technical requirements were in the BCAs. Legal text review held in October. WG consultation expected on 7 December for 15 Working Days Approval to defer reporting to March GCRP
6 GC0109 The open, transparent, non-discriminatory and timely publication of the various GB Electricity Warnings or		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG report due February Not now classed as being urgent. Quoracy has been a problem. The WG has held an informal meeting and will not meet the February deadline. NGET have proposed two IT based solutions that are being considered

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Notices		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress has been slow
6 GC0105 Incident Reporting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal meeting held on November WG would like to see a WG consultation therefore unlikely to submit WG Report in December as planned. WG timeline to be reviewed.
6 GC0111 FFCI		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG report due February
6 GC0114 SOGL Prequalification		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG report due December 5 December next meeting
6 GC0117 Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of PGM requirements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First WG meeting held Next steps: Finalising the Impact assessment with the inclusion of the Gap Analysis to be agreed by the workgroup before submission to the December Panel WG report due February
7 Prioritisation Stack		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GC0109 is probably too high given the Ofgem decision that the mod isn't urgent GC0117 is linked to a CUSC mod, which has been prioritised higher by the CUSC Panel so should possibly be higher in the Grid Code stack. However it was agreed not to change the prioritisation if only because all the Modifications are being progressed as quickly as they can be.
8 Implementation Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
9 GC0118 EREC P28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG report delivered to the Panel, although it contains several typos and is not clear which parties may be impacted by the change. MB to make the changes permitted by the governance rules in conjunction with AMC before circulating round the Panel for a final decision on whether to proceed to CA consultation Agreed that the WG had met its ToR
9 GC0106 SOGL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG report delivered to the Panel, although a section of legal text was missing. This was circulated immediately before the panel meeting and as it had been seen by the WG, Panel agreed to proceed to CA with the missing legal text added. Ofgem have confirmed that WACM1 and 3 don't need to have legal text developed.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation vote due December GCRP, for implementation in March 2019.
10 Electrical Standards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TS 3.02.14 RES changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ref to CENELEC standards removed as they are already referenced in the IEC standard Power Frequency withstand test at 0 gas pressure been removed – generally as its not required ENA still require a similar test to be done at the moment. AMC to raise with ENA whether ENA looking to revise the ENATS
10 a Communication Standard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to the November GCDF relates to EDL and EDT. Driver is technology development. Clarifications / changes have been provided following the GCDF.
10 b next steps		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two documents will be issued soon for the 20 day notice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TS 3.02.14 RES The Comms Standards
11 Governance & Quoracy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA has had problems getting enough members to hold some WG meetings NGET legal advice is that 5 WG members are needed to establish a WG and also to hold a WG meeting. 5 members are required to ensure 'fair' representation of industry. Although one company could send multiple people to a meeting they would only have one vote, and additional members would not count towards quoracy. CA has been advised to step out meetings where there are less than 5 WG members present. TMcA to discuss with NGET whether a more pragmatic approach could be adopted. CUSC Panel accepted the legal advice; GCRP will need to do as well. Modifications could be blocked by WG members not nominating themselves or deciding not to turn up to meetings. Panels are being criticised for taking too long – yet it may be an industry resource issue – so the solution may rest with industry not the panel. There are some material governance issues that probably do need to be debated / changed sooner or later.
12 GCDF / WG day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 December 2019 GC0114 vote GC0107/113 pm A second GCDF day will be scheduled to try and address the quoracy issue
13 Report to the Authority		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
14 Standing Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to industry websites circulated before the meeting

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Defence / Restoration Plan was a NGET consultation. MB to provide an update on the way in which the consultation responses will be disseminated.
14 Impact of other codes - DCode		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No DCRP meeting since the last GCRP
14 JESG		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JESG meeting held last week. Next meeting 12 December
15 AOB Electronic Data Systems EDS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not relevant for DNOs
15 AOB Election process		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Panel will be announced on 4 December There were sufficient Members nominated to fill the panel, but not enough for alternates. Alternates can be nominated as required though.
15 AON BEIS review of Code Governance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEIS/ Ofgem review of code governance announced by the Secretary of State, Greg Clarke ToR for the review will be published soon – will include consideration of merging Codes Consultation planned for Summer 2019. Consultation sessions to be held in Spring 2019.
16 Meeting dates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 December 24 January 2019 28 February 2019 28 March 2019 25 April 2019 30 May 2019 27 June 2019 30 July 2019 29 August 2019 26 September 2019 24 October 2019 28 November 2019 19 December 2019