

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 98th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Wednesday 8th February 2023
4 More London / Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Chris McCann	CMC	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator (Chair)
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Peter Twomey	PT	Electricity North West	DNO
John Smart	JS	Scottish and Southern Electricity	DNO
Zivanayi Musanhi	ZM	UK Power Networks	DNO
Joseph Nolan	JN	GTC	IDNO
Charles Wood	CW	Energy UK	User
Peter Wilkinson	PK	Centrica	BM Generator
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority
TungHing Sum	TS	Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice

1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to the February Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), held via teleconference. General introductions made. The meeting was chaired by CMC as MW and SC were unable to attend and had offered their apologies.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 1st December 2022 - DCRP 22 06 02

2.1. *Accuracy*

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the group and reviewed by members of the panel. Minor editorial received, and the minutes were approved on that basis. This version was then approved by the panel for publication.

Action: CMC

2.2. *Matters Arising*

While reviewing the minutes SS provided the panel with Ofgem's position relating to funding for the ALoMCP.

Ofgem expressed the opinion that there will be no re-opening of the funding arrangements, compliance is enforced within the DCode and generators need to follow up with their relevant DNO. If DNOs wish to have this confirmed by Ofgem they are free to contact Ofgem in writing for a response.

3. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 25th January 2023.

GC0139	Enhanced planning-Data Exchange - Work is progressing; development on the legal text.
GC0148	Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II - There are no implications on the DCode, The Authority has sent back the modification on the grounds of the 72-hour restoration requirements for aggregators needed to be revisited.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard - Consultation responses are being collated, with a follow up meeting scheduled 24 March.
GC0159	Introducing Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners - Consultation is now open, no expected implications on the DCode.

4. EU Network Codes

No significant update.

5. DCode User Issues

No significant update.

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/19/09 - EREC P24 Issue 2

Work is ongoing in the drafting of EREC P24 and EREC P29. Once complete, these documents will be published simultaneously as part of a DCode Public Consultation.

6.2 DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange workgroup

The workgroup has produced a guidance document and corresponding schedules. These have been circulated to the member companies for comment and a follow-up workgroup meeting is arranged in March before commencement of the trial period on 01 April 2023.

6.3 DCRP/MP/22/02 - Emergency and restoration code and Distributed ReStart

Responses from the DCode Public Consultation are being collated. Any future dates relating to this modification are planned to align with the equivalent Grid Code modification (GC0156).

6.4 DCRP/MP/22/03 / 04 - EREC P2, Issue 8 and EREP 130, Issue 4

These modifications have been approved by the Authority and published copies are available to download through the ENA's document catalogue. It was agreed to remove these modifications from any future updates.

6.5 DCRP/MP/22/05 - Customer Islanding

A workgroup meeting is arranged in February to initiate this modification. It is intended to develop legal text to integrate into existing Dcode documents (e.g. EREC G99). Future updates will be provided.

Action: CMC

6.6 DCRP/MP/23/01 - EREC P28 Issue 3

An update was provided to the panel; Workgroup nominations have been agreed and an initial meeting arranged for February. Updates on progress to follow at future meetings.

7. DCRP Update - Working Groups

No significant update.

8. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed

8.1 DCRP/MP/22/06 - Engineering Recommendation G12 Issue 5

A consultation pack was shared with the panel prior to the meeting, The panel approved the release of Public Consultation DCRP/MP/22/06.

ENA will release the consultation Monday 13th February and collate responses.

Action: CMC

9. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

No current ongoing consultations.

10. DCode Qualifying Standards for Revision

10.1 DCode v52

The panel discussed the release of the latest version of the DCode to align the text with the recently approved modifications to EREC P2 and EREP 130.

A track change copy of the DCode will be drafted and circulated to the members of the DCRP for approval prior to publication.

Action: CMC

10.2 DCode Summary Paper

The panel approved a revision to the DCode summary paper published on the DCode website.

11. Loss of Mains Change Program

The panel discussed future engagement with NGESO on this work and voiced a concern that there were no members from NGESO present on the call. Ofgem expressed a view that they will need to be more heavily involved in the program.

12. Whole System Technical Code

The group expressed concerns over a lack of engagement from NGESO on this topic. CMC to follow up with NGESO to present at the next meeting in April.

Action: CMC

13. DCRP Headline Report

13.1 DG Connection Guides

The panel was updated of a plan to update the DG Connection Guides.

An Agenda item will be raised with Stakeholders at the next DER TF to gather their views on any proposed amendments.

Action: CMC

14. Joint ESRS Grid Code / Distribution Code Modification

No significant update.

15. DCRP Modification Reporting

A copy of the February 2023 DCode modification Gantt Chart was circulated to the panel with up-to-date information regarding all current ongoing DCode modifications.

ENA is currently developing a revised version of this document for future meetings.

16. AOB

16.1 DCRP Panel Membership Document

A draft copy of the DCRP's membership details were circulated. Details are continuing to be confirmed with members before publishing on the DCode website panel details page.

16.2 Citizens Advice - Consumer Scotland

TS was asked to confirm the position of a new division of Citizens Advice known as Consumer Scotland, as this may require an amendment to attendance at the DCRP going forward.

TS to provide clarity to the panel regarding the arrangements of Citizens Advice/Consumer Scotland.

Action: TS

17. Date of next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the DCRP will be held 06 April. All members should have received invitations for all remaining 2023 meeting dates, as shown below.

18. DCRP Meeting Dates for 2023

- DCRP/23/02 – Thursday 06 April 2023
- DCRP/23/03 – Thursday 01 June 2023
- DCRP/23/04 – Thursday 03 August 2023
- DCRP/23/05 – Thursday 05 October 2023
- DCRP/23/06 – Thursday 07 December 2023