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# Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

## 01 May 2025

### Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 01/05/2025	<b>Location:</b> Faraday House
<b>Start:</b> 10:00	<b>End:</b> 12:00

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Adegboyega Akomolafe	AA	Alternate, Generator Representative
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member, NESO
Darshak Shah	DS	Alternate, Generator Representative
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee
Graeme Vincent	GC	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative

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John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Lewis Morgan	LM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	BSC Panel Representative
Scott Bull	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative

## Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Scott Green	SG	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SIB	Panel Member, Generator Representative

## Presenters/Observers

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Ben Sayah	BS	Observer, National Grid Electricity Transmission
Claire Goult	CG	Presenter, GC0166 Chair
Jay Chandarana	JC	Presenter, GC0179 Proposer

## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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10875. Apologies were received from Andrew Allan, Matthew White, Robert Longden, Scott Green and Sigrid Bolik.

10876. No declarations of interest were received.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

10877. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 27 March 2025 were approved, with the incorporation of minor amendments proposed by CN.

## 3. Review of actions log

10878. LT provided an update on the open actions, noting that actions 456 and 465 were recommended to remain open. The Panel agreed.

## 4. Chair's update

10879. The Chair announced their decision to step down, with their final Grid Code Review Panel scheduled for 22 May. It was noted that NESO will assume the chairing responsibilities until a new independent Chair is appointed.

## 5. Authority Decisions

10880. GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across Great Britain by the creation of a pan-Great Britain commonality of Power Station requirements – GS advised that the minded to consultation concluded on 11 April 2025, and received several responses. Depending on the outcome of these responses, the Estimated Decision Date of 30 May may be extended.

10881. Energy Code Reform Update – GS advised that Ofgem had published their second consultation on the implementation of the energy code reform. The consultation covers their approach to implementing the industry code governance reforms as set out in the Energy Act 2023. The consultation is available on the Ofgem website and will close on 29 May 2025.

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## 6. New modifications

### **GC0179: Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code**

10882. JC returned to Panel and delivered a presentation on GC0179, which aims to remove BC4 from the Grid Code due to it being no longer required following the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

10883. JC advised that their previous Proposal (submitted to the Panel in March 2025) also included the removal of BC5 but that NESO Legal had advised BC5 was still required within the Grid Code.

10884. JC advised the Panel that the information would be archived, in case elements of BC4 might be needed if the UK was to re-join the EU at some point in the future, with LT adding this would require a modification to be raised to bring it back.

10885. JC noted that GC0179 had been presented at GCDF In February, and they were awaiting feedback from NESO legal on a query regarding the 'Glossary and Definition' section.

10886. RR raised a concern regarding when the BSC modification would be raised, RR and JJ agreed to review this offline.

10887. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0179 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

### **GC0180: Corrections to the Grid Code following implementation of GC0175**

10888. LT presented this modification to the Panel which aims to make minor amendments to the Grid Code to correct errors that have been highlighted.

10889. LT presented where the changes would be made and advised the Panel of the Fast Track Criteria.

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10890. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0180 should follow the Fast Track Self Governance route. An Appeals Window will open on 06 May and close on 28 May. Subject to no appeals being received, the modification will be implemented on 11 June.

## 7. In flight modification updates

### **GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2**

10891. LT advised that GC0164 was sent back to the Workgroup after Code Administrator Consultation, and that the Proposer had been in discussions with respondents regarding their feedback on the legal text.

10892. The Panel noted the modification update as submitted within the Panel papers.

### **GC0174: Review of obligations to provide EU Transparency Availability Data as specified in OC2.4.7**

10893. LT advised that during a review of the draft Workgroup Report an EBR impact was identified, and therefore the Code Administrator suggested the modification no longer meets the Self Governance Criteria.

10894. The Panel agreed that the modification no longer meets the Self Governance Criteria and directed the Code Administrator to retract the Self-Governance Statement under GR.24.11.

10895. The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel papers.

## 8. Workgroup Reports

### **GC0166: Introducing new Balancing Mechanism Parameters for Limited Duration Assets**

10896. CG gave a presentation on GC0166 which aims to introduce new parameters that will allow the better use of Electricity Storage Modules

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within the Balancing Mechanism, with all Balancing Mechanism Units (BMUs) required to submit the new parameters.

10897. CG advised that the Workgroup had concluded unanimously that the Original proposal better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline. One Workgroup member abstained from voting. No alternatives were raised.

10898. CG noted that the Proposer and SMEs had been very proactive in engaging with the Workgroup.

10899. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup had met their Terms of Reference, and that the modification can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

10900. The Panel Noted that the modification does impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 Terms and Conditions held within the Grid Code and noted the ongoing timeline.

## 9. Draft Final Modification Reports

10901. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 10. Discussion on Prioritisation

10902. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack, and discussions were had regarding GC0178 and whether it should be moved higher for consistency with the related Mod GC0155. However, the Panel agreed GC0178 should remain where it was.

10903. The Panel agreed that GC0179 should be placed below GC0103 and above GC0140 (priority 10) due to the importance of other modifications placed above this.

The latest prioritisation stack can be found [here](#).

## 11. Reports to the Authority

10905. There were no updates for the Panel.

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## 12. Implementation Update

10906. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 13. Governance

10907. LT provided an update on the scope of the Regulated Sections and advised following discussions regarding GC0164 at the February 2025 Panel, where a query was raised regarding the scope of the Regulated Sections and whether sections referenced within the Regulated Sections could have an impact on the Electricity Balancing Regulation Article 18 Terms and Conditions.

10908. LT noted that NESO Legal advised that GR.18.9 gives the Panel discretion to make a judgement on whether there is an amendment to the Regulated Sections and its expected impact on the objectives of Assimilated Law.

10909. LT then presented some examples, and a Panel member suggested creating a list of all references in Regulated Sections and creating a checklist which could be completed at the point of a Critical Friend Check, and again later in the process. Panel supported the self-Governance route for the GC0164 example, which was subject of discussion at the February Panel.

## 14. Grid Code Development Forum

10910. CN updated the Panel on discussions from the meeting on the 02 April 2025. The meeting materials can be found via the following [link](#).

10911. CN advised that the next meeting would take place on 07 May 2025.

## 15. Standing Groups

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10912. AC advised that work had been ongoing in relation to G5 harmonics and P28 voltage fluctuations – both these documents are referenced in the Grid Code.

## Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

10913. LT advised that the JESG meeting took place on 08 April 2025 and that the next meeting was due to take place on 13 May 2025. The meeting material can be found at the following [link](#).

## 16. Updates on other Industry Codes

10914. LT advised that the Ofgem decision on Connections Reform package (TM04+) had been published on [15 April 2025](#).

10915. RR noted that GC0166 was a complex modification, but had been progressing well, with no BSC consequential changes.

10916. RR provided an update on the Market Facilitator, advising there had been a series of workshops, and they are preparing to 'go live' at the end of the year.

## 17. Challenges to Modification Progress

10917. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 18. Horizon Scan

10918. There were no updates for the Panel.

## 19. Electrical Standards

10919. There were no updates for the Panel

## 20. Code Administrator Update

10920. LT advised that due to the resignation of one of the Generator Panel members appointed through the Grid Code Review Panel Election 2024, an election will be held for one Generator seat. Nominations will open on 01



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May 2025 and close on 23 May 2025. Further information can be found [here](#).

## **21. Any Other Business (AOB)**

10921. There were no updates for the Panel.

## **22. Close**

10922. The Chair thanked the Panel for their time and contribution and brought the meeting to a close.

**The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 22 May on Teams.**

**New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 07 May.**

**Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 14 May.**