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Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

22 May 2025

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 22/05/2025 **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 10:40

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Trisha McAuley	TM	Independent Panel Chair
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Adegboyega Akomolafe	AAk	Alternate, Generator Representative
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member, NESO
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Lewis Morgan	LM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner

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Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	BSC Panel Representative
Richard Wilson	RW	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SiB	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Scott Bull	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Scott Green	SG	Panel Member, Generator Representative

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

10923. Apologies were received from David Monkhouse, Matthew White and Scott Green.

10924. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

10925. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 01 May 2025 were approved, with the incorporation of minor amendments proposed by AC, CN and RR.

3. Review of actions log

10926. SW provided an update on the open actions, noting that actions 456 and 465 were recommended to remain open. The Panel agreed.

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4. Chair's update

10927. There were no updates for the Panel.

5. Authority Decisions

10928. GS advised that the expected decision date of 30 May 2025 for GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across Great Britain by the creation of a pan-Great Britain commonality of Power Station requirements was unlikely to be met, advising that the Expected Decision Date timetable would be updated in due course.

10929. Energy Code Reform Update – GS advised that the Ofgem Energy Code Reform team have published a decision on Code Manager selection, following the consultation published on 28 November 2024. GS advised that there will be a 3-stage assessment process for Code Manager: initial assessment, assessment of licensing, and assessment of implementation and assurance processes. GS noted that the Authority intend to make recommendations with DESNZ later this year, and plan to consult on draft guidance and criteria on the competitive process in due course.

6. New modifications

10930. There were no new modifications presented to the Panel.

7. In flight modification updates

GC0168: Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models

10931. SW presented the timeline for GC0168 to the Panel, noting that the Workgroup needed additional time to review and agree legal text changes suggested before the Workgroup Report can be presented to the Panel.

The Panel approved the timeline as submitted in the Panel papers.

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

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10932. SW presented the timeline for GC0179 to the Panel, noting that a timeline had not been agreed by the Panel at the previous meeting due to a change in Governance.

RR noted that the Proposer had engaged with Elexon and agreed to work in a similar timescale for the consequential BSC modification.

RL queried why the timeline had not been agreed previously; SW noted that the modification had been proposed to go straight to Code Administrator Consultation, however the Panel agreed the modification should proceed to Workgroup.

10933. The Panel approved the timeline as submitted in the Panel papers.

8. Workgroup Reports

10934. There were no updates for the Panel.

9. Draft Final Modification Reports

10935. There were no updates for the Panel.

10. Discussion on Prioritisation

10936. The Panel reviewed the prioritisation stack and had no comments.

10937. The latest prioritisation stack can be found [here](#).

11. Reports to the Authority

10938. There were no updates for the Panel.

12. Implementation Update

10939. There were no updates for the Panel.

13. Governance

10940. There were no updates for the Panel.

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14. Grid Code Development Forum

10941. CN updated the Panel on discussions from the meeting on the 07 May 2025, noting that the discussion covered the following topics:

- Code Administrator Update (which will become a standing update at each meeting).
- Modelling Requirements for Co-located Sites; and
- EMT Model Development.

The meeting materials can be found via the following [link](#).

10942. CN advised that the next meeting would take place on 04 June 2025, including an update on Grid Code digitalisation [post meeting note: the June GCDF meeting was cancelled, due to unavailability of anticipated presenter].

15. Standing Groups

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

10943. AC advised that there has not been a Distribution Code Review Panel meeting since the previous Grid Code Review Panel meeting.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

10944. SW advised that the JESG meeting that was due to take place on 13 May was cancelled and that the next meeting was due to take place on 10 June 2025.

16. Updates on other Industry Codes

10945. There were no updates for the Panel.

17. Challenges to Modification Progress

10946. SW presented a slide, covering reasoning behind modification delays over the past quarter. The Panel had no comments on this.

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18. Horizon Scan

10947. SW presented a Horizon scan slide with the latest modification updates on the horizon.

AC queried whether the Authority’s Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) could help to influence the quarterly horizon scanning. GS advised that SDS will be a good reference point for determining future Grid Code modifications and agreed to provide an update to the Panel on SDS timescales. GV queried timescales for Holistic Network Design modification, noting that some may be required for 2030 projects and advising that these may need to be developed imminently (Action 468).

19. Electrical Standards

10948. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Code Administrator Update

10949. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

10950. LT provided a process overview on the independent Chairperson, noting that a senior manager from NESO would act as Independent Chairperson in the meantime, under GR.7.1. LT also advised that the Code Administrator would be seeking Panel involvement in the recruitment process and that the Authority would be engaged to make a final decision, under GR.4.1(b).

LT also advised of planned website downtime on 27 May and 28 May, noting that Users could contact grid.code@neso.energy in this time if they required copies of the Grid Code.

TM advised that Milly Lewis will be leaving the Code Governance team to pursue a new opportunity and thanked Milly for all her work on the Grid Code and within the Code Governance team.

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AC requested that documents sent out as part of a consultation pack could have their permissions set to allow comments to be made on them.

Several Panel members expressed thanks to TM for her work as the Independent Chair over the years. TM expressed thanks to Panel members past and present for their contributions and input.

22. Close

10951. 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 26 June on Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 11 June.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is 18 June.