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Meeting minutes

SQSS Code Review Panel

Date: 06/05/2025 Location: Microsoft Teams

Start: 12:00 End: 14:05

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Panel Chair
Tammy Meek	TM	Panel Technical Secretary (Code Administrator)
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member (DNO)
Garth Graham	GG	Panel Member (Generation Representative)
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member (NESO Rep)
Antony Johnson	AJ	Panel Member (NESO Rep)
Le Fu	LF	Panel Member (NGET Rep)
Martin Brown	MB	Panel Member (OFTO Rep)
Roddy Wilson	RW	Panel Member (SHET Rep)
Bless Kuri	BK	Panel Member (SHET Rep)
Cornel Brozio	CB	Panel Member (ST Transmission Rep)
Graeme Vincent	GV	Panel Member (Alternate ST Transmission Rep)
Arsalan Zaidi	AZ	Authority Representative
Calum Watkins	CW	Authority Representative

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Paul Drew	PD	Authority Representative
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Scott Bull	CW	Authority Representative
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Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Mark Perry	MP	Panel Member (NGET Rep)
Mike Lee	ML	Panel Member (OFTO Rep)
Xiaoyao Zhou	XZ	Panel Member (NESO Rep)

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Adam Casey	ACa	Accenture
Arsalan Zaidi	AZ	Ofgem
Cathy Fraser	CF	NESO
Hamdi Shishtawi	HS	Accenture
Mingyu Sun	MS	NESO
Peter Roddy	PR	NESO
Qi Zhong	QZ	NESO
Tracey Underhill	TU	NESO
Yuankai Bian	YB	NESO

Discussion and details

1. Minutes from previous meeting

The meeting minutes from the SQSS Panel held on 28 January and 06 March will be presented for approval at the Panel meeting on 29 July.

2. Review of Action Log

The SQSS Panel reviewed the open actions, a log of the Actions can be found below:

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Action 40.8: PD advised the Consultation on GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements closed on 11 April.

The Authority are now considering responses. Action to remain open with ongoing updates.

Action 42: Closed. The Chair advised the clarification of “Company” / Code references within licence and code have been dealt with under modification GSR033 ‘Code Maintenance’.

3. Authority Decisions

No Authority decisions have been received on SQSS Modifications.

AC queried whether a modification was going to be raised to deal with formatting errors within the NETS Security and Quality of Supply Standards v2.10.

The Chair confirmed a modification will be raised and will advise Panel when this will be.

4. New Modifications

No new modifications have been raised.

5. Inflight Modifications

GSR030: Offshore DC Connections

The Chair advised ongoing development of the solution was required and further Workgroups were needed before and after Workgroup Consultation. The Panel agreed to the updated timeline.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

Frequency Risk and Control Report (FRCR) Session

The FRCR Slides presented to panel and associated documentation can be viewed [here](#).

TU gave an overview of what the FRCR Session was aiming to deliver. This included a recap of the work undertaken, timeline, a summary of the responses, next steps and implementation plan.

- **Consultation Timeline**

TU advised the current milestone was for SQSS Panel to advise its decision on recommendation of FRCR to the Authority. Following that, the decision will be submitted to Ofgem on 16 May.

- **Consultation Questions and Engagement**

TU advised that 7 responses were received and were grouped into 3 separate categories: general feedback, future FRCR and FRCR governance.

The Team have worked to engage with industry by increasing the number of webinars and responded directly to queries raised including 1-2-1 meetings.

- **Accenture Work**

HS explained Accenture were requested to carry out an independent review of the work carried out by NESO.

Accenture advisory document can be found [here](#).

Accenture concluded that they were satisfied that a rigorous process had been followed.

GG pointed out that terms of reference are there to build on yearly, how will this be managed?

HS responded feedback on lessons learnt and then locking down the terms of references.

AC queried if there are changes to the terms of reference, will the methodology change also?

HS responded the methodology will change on a technical level or change to fit the new scope.

- **Summary of Responses**

MS took the Panel through the summary of the responses in detail highlighting:

- General feedback & preparation

Majority of responses agreed that the 2025 FRCR has been prepared appropriately, there was sufficient engagement with industry and an appropriate level of development had been undertaken by NESO.

- Policy

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Respondents were split with agreeing to NESO's recommendation to reduce minimum inertia requirement down to 102 GVA.s, secure all MBU-only events (including consequential RoCof) and procure additional DC-low service provisions by 200 MW.

- Future Work

Respondents fed back that further analysis on managing simultaneous events, potentially through increased Dynamic Containment (DC) capacity as battery storage expands, was needed. Concerns were raised about risk quantification, regional inertia, and the implications of network expansion, including new nuclear facilities and offshore hubs, highlighting the importance of considering technological advancements and regional variations to enhance system reliability and resilience.

- **Summary of NESO Responses Post Consultation**

YB provided Panel with a detailed overview of the activities carried out by the FRCR Team post consultation. These included taking on feedback and amending the FRCR25 Report, clarifying the methodologies, updating the FRCR Data Handbook and actions the Team will take to future FRCR Work.

- **Recommendations to the Panel**

The Panel were asked to give their recommendations and vote by 12 May in readiness for submission to Ofgem on 16 May.

4 Panel members agreed the FRCR 2025 Policy be submitted to Ofgem.

3 Panel members abstained.

- **Next Steps**

TU advised the votes will be included in the FRCR Report, submission to Ofgem is on 16 May, an update would be provided at the OTF and all documentation will be published on the NESO website accessible to industry.

- **Implementation Plan**

TU set out the plan following approval from Ofgem:

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- Monitor system conditions and implement 102 GVA.s minimum inertia policy when ready. The reduction will occur in two phases, with minimum 5 weeks interval between the phases.
- Give industry at least 5 working days' notice before commencing policy implementation, which will be publicised via OTF.
- Increase DC-Low requirement by up to 200 MW and communicate that through the OTF and NESO usual comms mechanism.

7. Close

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

The next SQSS Panel meeting will be held on 29 July on Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by 08 July.

SQSS Panel Papers Day is 15 July.

Action Item Log

Action items: In progress and completed since last meeting

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status	Date
40.8	Updates regarding GC0117	AJ	N/A	Ongoing	Ongoing
42	Adam Gildea to speak with Ofgem Lawyers for clarification of "Company" / Code references within licence and code	Ofgem	11/09/2024	Ongoing	Closed