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Special Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

17 July 2025

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 17/07/2025	Location: Microsoft Teams
Start: 09:00 AM	End: 10:07 PM

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Penny Garner	PG	Acting Independent Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Hemus	AH	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Adegboyega Akomolafe	AA	Alternate, Generator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Alice Siri	AS	Authority (Observer)
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Antony Johnson	AJ	Alternate, NESO
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Ellie Osobina	EO	Authority Representative (Observer)
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Graham Lear	GL	Observer, NESO
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
Jamie Beardsall	JB	Panel Member, Generator
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Richard Wilson	RW	Alternate, Distribution Network Operator
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Claire Newton	CN	Panel Member, NESO Representative
Rashmi Radhakrishnan	RR	Panel Member, BSC Representative
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator

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Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Helen Newman	HN	GC0183 Proposer, NESO
Garth Graham	GG	GC0183, SSE Generation

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

10993. Apologies were received from Claire Newton, Rashmi Radhakrishnan and Sarah Williams
10994. No declarations of interest were received.

2. New modifications

10995. GC0183: Generator and Interconnector Availability During a Severe Space Weather Event.
HN and GG delivered a presentation on GC0183, which aims to make changes to the Grid Code to obligate Generators and Interconnectors to notify NESO of their intended position in the event of severe space weather. HN clarified that they are requesting that GC0183 follow an urgent timeline.
10996. GG noted the Government had recognized the risk and shared the National Risk Register. The Presenters noted that during initial work by The UK Government on a risk protocol it was identified that some Generators and Interconnector Owners may withdraw their assets during a Severe Space Event, which poses an issue for the NESO managing the system. The presenters clarified that GC0183 was looking at the flow of information and providing NESO information to manage the system securely.
10996. The Panel requested that the Proposer reword the "Proposer's justification for governance route" on the Proposal form to capture the fact that the risk of GIS storms is more likely on the descending period from the peak (*which according to the Met office was reached earlier this year*) over the next 3 years of the 11-year cycle.
10997. The Panel discussed GC0183 having an impact outside of Generators and Interconnector owners referencing potential impacts on Network Owners, Transmission Owners, Offshore Transmission Network Owners

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and Distribution Network Owners. The Panel requested that representation of these stakeholders in the Workgroups be sought.

- 10998. Several Panel members asked for the reference to some assets in the Proposal to be more defined.
- 10999. The Panel noted GC0183 could have an impact on parties operating in the Capacity Market with the potential for a future CUSC modification.
- 11000. The Panel noted that any potential future obligations on Transmission Owners and Offshore Transmission Network Owners would require a STC modification.
- 11001. The Panel agreed that GC0183 has a clearly defined defect and scope.
- 11002. The Panel agreed that GC0183 should proceed to Workgroup.
- 11003. The Panel noted that GC0183 appears to have impacts on the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code.
- 11004. The Panel unanimously recommended that the Proposer's request for GC0183 should be treated as urgent.
- 11005. The Panel discussed additional Terms of Reference for GC0183 but did not agree Terms of Reference.

3. Discussion on Prioritisation

- 11006. The Panel agreed that GC0183 should be placed at priority number one in the prioritisation stack.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

- 11007. None

The next Grid Code Review Panel meeting will be held on 24 July 2025 at Faraday House.