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SQSS Panel Headline Report

05 December 2025

The Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Panel on 29 July 2025 and 31 October 2025 were approved, subject to minor comments from the Panel being incorporated, and these have been uploaded to our website

New Modifications

The following new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel:

GSR035: 'System Access Reform; review of the operational requirement in England and Wales'

This modification is proposed to incorporate greater flexibility into the SQSS through probabilistic standard assessments for thermal and voltage constraints in England and Wales to enhance system access and reduce consumer costs, aimed at enabling beneficial outages without compromising system security.

The Panel agreed for the Proposer to review the Proposal form and provide further clarification.

GSR035 documentation will be emailed out to Panel Members to vote on the updated Proposal proceeding to Standard-Governance, along with an updated timeline, prior to the January 2026 SQSS Panel.

GSR036: 'System Access Reform; Review of the Voltage Limits'

This modification is proposed to incorporate greater flexibility by reverting the 275kV upper voltage limit to +10% and explore cascade tripping schemes in

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England and Wales to enhance system access and reduce consumer costs—all aimed at enabling beneficial outages without compromising system security.

The Panel agreed for the Proposer to review the Proposal form and provide further clarification, and, additional supporting material.

GSR036 documentation will be emailed out to Panel Members to vote on the updated Proposal proceeding to Self-Governance, along with an updated timeline, prior to the January 2026 SQSS Panel.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

Decisions since the last Panel

There have been no Authority decisions on SQSS Modifications.

Awaiting Decisions

There are no SQSS Modifications awaiting a decision from the Authority.

Ofgem publish a table that provides the expected decision date, or date they intend to publish an impact assessment or consultation, for code modifications/proposals that are with them for decision. This is published [here](#).

In flight Modifications

GSR029: 'Review of Demand Connection Criteria to Align with EREC P2/7'

The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

GSR030: 'Offshore DC Connections'

The Panel approved the new timeline and Terms of Reference as submitted within the Panel Papers.

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 08 December 2025.

Workgroup Reports

No Workgroup Reports were presented to the Panel.

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Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Report was presented to the Panel:

GSR034: 'Review of Loss of Power Infeed Risk for Offshore DC'

The Panel has recommended unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitate the SQSS Applicable Objectives. The Panel members will provide the specific SQSS Applicable Objectives and voting statement via email post Panel.

The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 16 December 2025.

Key Activities ahead of next panel

Modification Proposal Deadline January Panel: 07 January 2026

Papers Day: 14 January 2026

Panel: 28 January 2026

Questions or feedback?

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