

Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

11 December 2025

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 11/12/2025	Location: Teams
Start: 10:00	End: 12:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Penny Garner	PG	Acting Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Adegboyega Akomolafe	AAk	Generator, Alternate
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Anthony Johnson	AJ	NESO Representative, Alternate
David Michie	DM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner
David Monkhouse	DMo	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative

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Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKc	Authority Representative, Observer
Fraser Scott	FS	Onshore Transmission Owner, Alternate
Graeme Vincent	GV	Alternate, Network Operator Representative
Jamie Beardsall	JB	Panel Member, Generator
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Stephen Newsam	SN	BSC Panel Representative, Observer
Stuart McLarnon	SM	Observer, GC0139 NESO Representative
Teri Puddefoot	TP	Observer, Code Administrator

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair
Claire Newton	CN	NESO Representative
Matthew White	MW	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Shilen Shah	SS	Authority Representative

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1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

11269. Apologies were received from Anthony Pygram, Claire Newton, Matthew White and Shilen Shah.

11270. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

11271. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 27 November 2025 were approved.

3. Review of actions log

11272. LT provided an update on the open actions noting that 456, 465, 475 and 476 were recommended to remain open. The Panel agreed.

11273. Action 477 was recommended to be closed as the Code Administrator Consultation was sent to the Panel for review. The Panel agreed.

11274. Action 478 was recommended to be closed as LT confirmed that outdated references were only in the Original Proposal form, not the Workgroup Report. The Panel agreed.

4. Chair's update

11275. There were no updates from the Chair.

5. Authority Decisions and Update

11276. GC0169: Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136 DKc advised that GC0169 is with the Authority for a decision and expected it to be completed in Q1 2026, noting that an exact date was not available.

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11277. GC0173: Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users DKc advised that the Final Modification Report was sent to the Authority on 10 December 2025, so had no estimated decision timeline yet.

11278. GC0174: Review of obligations to provide EU Transparency Availability Data as specified in OC2.4.7. DKc advised that the Authority had approved the Original Proposal on 28 November, which would be implemented on 12 December 2025.

11279. GC0183: Generator and Interconnector Availability During a Severe Space Weather Event DKc advised that the Authority had approved the Original Proposal on 20 November, which was implemented on 04 December 2025.

11280. AS outlined the background and structure of the statutory consultation, detailing the four main policy areas: the prioritisation process, criteria and categories, transparency and review mechanisms, and transition arrangements for existing modifications.

11281. Energy Code Reform Update – AS outlined the background and structure of the statutory consultation, detailing the four main policy areas: the prioritisation process, criteria and categories, transparency and review mechanisms, and transition arrangements for existing modifications.

11282. A Panel Member asked whether Ofgem would have any formal role in the governance process for prioritisation and AS clarified that Ofgem's role in prioritisation will remain unchanged under the current proposals but encouraged feedback on whether Ofgem's involvement should be expanded or formalised.

11283. Another Panel Member asked about the practical implications for Panel Members and the fit of proposed legal text with existing code language. AS responded that the transition will require panels to adapt to the new framework, but efforts have been made to align with current practices, while LT confirmed that NESO is reviewing the legal text for consistency.

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11284. AS noted, the importance of a smooth transition for existing modifications, the role of the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) in guiding prioritisation, and the need for ongoing stakeholder engagement, with a suggestion to include an SDS-focused agenda item at a future meeting. **(Action 479)**

11285. DKc gave an update on Energy Code Reform timelines. The programme aims to complete all three phases by 2029, with Code Manager licences now expected in autumn/winter 2026 instead of summer. A draft Code Manager guidance and criteria consultation was published on 8 December (open until 23 January 2026), and Ofgem plans major publications in 2026, including transition plans and SDS 2026 consultation in spring.

6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

11286. AJ advised that GCDF was held on 03 December 2025 and covered:

- Code Administrator update
- Transition from Mandatory Frequency Response (MFR) to Dynamic Response (DR)
- Grid Code compliance simulations checklist for Power Park Modules (PPMs)
- NESO control room expectations in the event of comms disruption (EDT / EDL)
- AOB
 - Large demand technical requirements expert group
 - Panel representatives

11287. The meeting Papers and presentation can be found [here](#).

11288. AJ advised the next GCDF is due to take place on 07 January 2026 but may be cancelled; confirmation will be given mid-to-late December.

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11289. Some Panel members mentioned they missed the 03 December GCDF meeting because they received cancellation notifications or broken links. LT explained this was due to an IT migration issue that affected some invites. While many participants managed to join, the problem wasn't detected until after the meeting. LT noted that the NESO Technical Codes team would be contacted to alert them to the issue, so they could ensure all regular participants receive correct invites for future meetings. **(Action 480)**

7. New Modifications

11290. There were no new modifications to update the Panel.

8. Inflight Modification Updates

GC0182: Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity

11291. LT provided an update on the timeline for GC0182, noting that the scope and complexity of the modification is larger than originally anticipated, therefore, four further Workgroups have been added to the timeline, to allow sufficient time for review of the defect, solution and draft legal text.

11292. The Panel did not approve the new timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers, due to requiring further explanation of the delay. A timeline will be presented to the Panel in January 2026.

9. Workgroup Reports

GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning

11293. LT presented the GC0139 Workgroup Report, which seeks to increase the scope and detail of planning-data exchange between Network Operators and National Energy System Operator (NESO) to help facilitate the transition to a smart, flexible energy system.

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11294. LT advised the Panel of some of the key issues considered during the Workgroup process, which can be found in the [Panel slides](#).

11297. LT noted that the Workgroup concluded unanimously that the original better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

11298. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup has met the Terms of Reference of the modification and that it can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation.

LT noted that the modification has an EBR impact due to changes to the Data Registration Code, and that a 1-month consultation period would be followed.

10. Draft Final Modification Reports

11299. There were no Draft Final Modification Reports presented to the Panel.

11. Discussions on Prioritisation

11300. The Panel reviewed the Prioritisation Stack and made no changes. The latest Prioritisation Stack can be found via the following [link](#).

12. Report to the Authority

11301. There were no reports to the Authority.

13. Implementation Updates

11302. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

14. Governance

11303. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

15. Standing Items

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

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11304. AC advised on ongoing work related to harmonics (G5), security of supply (P2), and joint modifications with GC0176, noting the upcoming consultation and the need to resolve outstanding concerns with distribution code text.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

11305. LT stated that the JESG meeting planned for 11 November 2025 was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

16. Updates on other Industry Code

11306. The Panel papers and Headline Report for the following meetings can be found at the below links:

26 November 2025 STC Panel - **cancelled**

28 November 2025 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

31 October 2025 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

13 November 2025 BSC [Panel Documents](#)

17. Challenges to Modification Progress

11307. There were no updates for the Panel.

18. Horizon Scan

11308. There were no updates for the Panel.

19. Electrical Standards

11309. GV introduced the formal consultation process for the applicable electrical standards developed under GC0103, with the Panel agreeing to delay the review period to accommodate the holiday period. LT agreed to circulate the process flow for Electrical Standards to the Panel. **(Action 481)**

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11310. GV raised an observation that the Grid Code website, four documents – System Restoration Plan, System Defence Plan, Control Telephony Standards, and Communication Standards for Electronic Data Communications – are currently listed under England and Wales Electrical Standards, noting that these documents should apply across GB, not just England and Wales, and their placement could mislead users.

11312. LT noted that the NESO Technical Codes team would review this. **(Action 481)**

20. Code Administrator Update

11310. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business

11311. LT announced her upcoming move to a new role within NESO, with her last Grid Code Review Panel meeting as Panel Secretary, in January 2026.

22. Close

11312. 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 **29 January 2025** at Faraday House.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **14 January 2026**.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is **21 January 2026**.