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Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

29 January 2026

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 29/01/2026 **Location:** Faraday House

Start: 10:00 **End:** 13:00

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Panel Chair
Lizzie Timmins	LT	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Claire Newton	CN	NESO Representative
David Michie	DM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner
David Monkhouse	DMo	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKc	Authority Representative, Observer
Graeme Vincent	GV	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Gurpal Singh	GS	Authority Representative
Jacob Snowden	JS	Panel Member, BSC Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative

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Kat Higby	KH	Observer, Code Administrator
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Jamie Beardsall	JB	Panel Member, Generator
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Johnson	AJ	Presenter, Electrical Standards
Bernie Dolan	BD	Presenter, EDL Message Interface Specification
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Presenter, GC0178
Catia Gomes	CG	Workgroup Chair, GC0178
Claire Goult	CGo	Workgroup Chair, GC0103
Prisca Evans	PE	Workgroup Chair, GC0182
Steve Baker	SBa	Presenter, EDL Message Interface Specification
Tom Goss	TG	Proposer, GC0185
Vicky Allen	VA	Presenter, GC0185

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1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Jamie Beardsall and Robert Longden.
2. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

3. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 11 December 2025 were approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments from AC, AJ and SB.

3. Review of actions log

4. LT provided an update on the open actions noting that 456, 465, and 476 were recommended to remain open. The Panel agreed.
5. Action 475 was recommended to be closed, noting the flowchart was circulated with the Panel papers. The Panel agreed.
6. CN provided an update on action 476, noting that they believed this action was completed subject to Panel members reviewing the information provided.
7. Action 479 was recommended to be closed, noting a slot was added to the agenda for discussion on the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS). The Panel agreed.
8. Action 480 was recommended to be closed as CN advised the issue regarding the GCDF invites had been resolved. The Panel agreed.
9. Action 481 was recommended to be closed, noting the Electrical Standards process flow was circulated to Panel via email. The Panel agreed.

4. Chair's update

10. The Chair noted they had a meeting scheduled with Ofgem for 30 January 2026 to clarify the interaction between letters of release and the rule on conflicts of interest for Panel members. They agreed to provide feedback if anything came out of the discussion.

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5. Authority Decisions and Update

11. GC0169: Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136 DKc advised that GC0169 is with the Authority for a decision on 31 March 2026.

12. GC0173: Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users DKc advised that GC0173 is with the Authority for a decision on 31 March 2026.

13. The Chair requested more precise progress updates, noting the fixed target date. Ofgem agreed to follow up internally with the modification leads and provide further information, if available. **(Action 482)**

14. Energy Code Reform Update - GS advised on 26 January 2026, Ofgem launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) process seeking code manager candidates for the consolidated electricity commercial code and consolidated gas network code, as part of phase 2 of Energy Code Reform. More information can be found [here](#).

15. GS advised that Ofgem intend to use this EOI process to inform their decision on selection route by asking potential candidates to submit an eligibility assessment form for them to consider, with their choice between competitive versus non-competitive selection based on the number of candidates that they deem to be eligible.

16. GS noted the EOI invitation will close on 20 March 2026 and advised the Panel members to get in touch if they any questions at industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk.

6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

17. CN advised that the GCDF meeting scheduled for 07 January was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

18. CN added the next GCDF will take place on 04 February and agenda items will include:

- Update on Guidance Notes – An update on work to improve Guidance Notes through process changes, standardisation and greater visibility.

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- System Restoration Proposed Grid Code changes post ESRS – A presentation outlining proposed code changes following from the introduction of the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS).
- Update to EDL Reason Codes: Introducing new 'ITB' code – A proposal to update the EDL Instruction Interface, valid reason codes with an additional code, ITB, to differentiate where an intertrip is armed for stability or thermal constraints.

7. New Modifications

GC0185 'Grid Code Changes for Mandatory Frequency Response (MFR) replacement'

19. TG delivered a presentation on GC0185 which aims to launch a new response service (Real-time Dynamic Regulation) in 2026/27 to replace Mandatory Frequency Response (MFR). It is expected that the two products will run in parallel to 2029 to enable transition, before phasing out procuring of MFR.

20. Several Panel members raised major concerns with the proposal, noting the defect focused only on the commercial need to stop procuring MFR, while the modification also introduces significant technical implications that they believed weren't clearly described.

21. There were also concerns from Panel members regarding the scope, as it was seen as blurred between what happens in 2026 (adding Dynamic Regulation (DR) as an alternative) and what happens in 2028 (full removal of MFR), and members said the proposal didn't clearly explain how Frequency Sensitive Mode (FSM), MFR and DR interact or how existing assets would be affected in the transition, with some Panel members querying whether the modification had a retrospective nature.

22. The Panel also highlighted risks of mixing technical and commercial drivers, requested clearer articulation of technical differences, and questioned whether the Workgroup Terms of Reference (ToR) covered the real issues.

23. The Panel agreed by majority that GC0185 lacks a clearly defined defect and scope. They also requested a clearer technical explanation before it is reconsidered at the February Grid Code Review Panel.

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8. Inflight Modification Updates

GC0155 'Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements'

24. LT presented the updated timeline for GC0155 to the Panel, noting that a further timeline extension is required due to quoracy issues at Workgroup meetings, which has resulted in a delay to the Workgroup reviewing the draft Workgroup Consultation document and draft legal text.

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

GC0164 'Simplification of Operating Code No.2'

26. LT presented the updated timeline for GC0164 to the Panel, advising that the Panel reviewed the Second Code Administrator Consultation on 25 September 2025 and referred it back to the Workgroup. The Proposer then discussed concerns with Panel members, and in response, Workgroups are scheduled for January and February to resolve issues and finalise the legal text.

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

GC0176 'Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code'

28. LT presented the updated timeline for GC0176 to the Panel, noting that additional time is required to allow for the consultation to conclude for the associated Distribution Code modification, to ensure both modifications are aligned.

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

GC0178 'Temporary Overvoltage - Specification of Limits and Clarification of Obligations'

29. BA presented the modification update for GC0178 to the Panel, stating that a pause on the Workgroups was needed to allow sufficient time for a consultant to be appointed.

30. Several Panel members raised concerns centred on lack of progress due to consultant and procurement delays, advising that an accountable procurement timeline and fallback plan were urgently needed before the Workgroup could continue.

31. A Panel member raised concerns about scope clarity, questioning if Transmission Owner (TO) responsibilities were fully captured. They requested the Proposer to return with a realistic plan for work that could proceed before a consultant was in place and

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asked the Proposer to outline a Plan B if a consultant was not appointed at the end of the procurement process, highlighting the risk of zero responses or extended procurement failure.

32. The Panel requested that the Proposer return to Panel next month with a procurement timeline and expected milestones. **(Action 483)**

GC0182 'Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity'

33. PE presented the modification update for GC0182 to the Panel, noting some issues were highlighted that still require consideration due to the complexity of the modification being larger than originally anticipated. The previous timeline did not allow time for actions raised to be concluded so 4 further Workgroup meetings have been added to the timeline.

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

9. Workgroup Reports

35. There were no Workgroup Reports presented to the Panel.

10. Electrical Standards

36. SB presented an update on the EDL Message Interface Specification and Governance of Data a Validation, Consistency and Defaulting Rules noting the EDL Message Interface Specification needs updating to support new GC0166 parameters (Maximum Delivery Offer/Maximum Delivery Bid), with vendors already engaged and changes due to be finalised following a short comment window. LT advised that the formal 20 Business Day review period for Panel members would close on 26 February.

37. LT advised that the Data Validation, Consistency and Defaulting Rules aren't formally governed as Electrical Standards and are Grid Code Associated documents, so the Panel agreed these will go through informal consultation via GCDF, ensuring industry awareness before implementation.

38. AJ advised that the Annex to the General Conditions needs a full tidy-up because references to Electrical Standards are inconsistent and some documents are in the wrong place. AJ advised they will return with a proposal on how to restructure and

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streamline the annex to make it clearer and easier to navigate, with any required modifications raised afterwards.

39. CGo advised the Panel there had been many comments on the GC0103 Applicable Electrical Standards document and that these would be referred to the TOs for resolution prior to being presented at a future Panel meeting to have the 20 Business Day window opened again for comments. The Panel agreed to this approach.

11. Draft Final Modification Reports

GC0103 'The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes'

40. CG presented the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0103 to the Panel, noting that 4 responses were received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation.

41. Panel members raised concerns that approving the modification would impose obligations on Users to comply with an Applicable Electrical Standard (AES) that was not yet final or agreed, with unresolved comments and drafting issues that required Transmission Owner updates, still outstanding.

42. A Panel member also warned that the default 10 Business Day implementation period was unsuitable and that Baseline table errors should be fixed via a housekeeping modification first, rather than as part of GC0103. **(Action 484)**

43. The Panel concluded that in order to complete the Panel Recommendation Vote, further work was required to the Applicable Electrical Standards so that they could consider the new obligations in their voting statements for the Final Modification Report.

12. Discussions on Prioritisation

44. The Panel reviewed the Prioritisation stack and noted concerns that high-priority items in the prioritisation stack, particularly GC0178 and GC0155 were not progressing despite being ranked as priorities, largely due to quoracy issues and delays in securing required resources such as the GC0178 consultant.

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45. Panel Members agreed to keep these modifications high on the stack but requested that Code Administration provide some clarity on timelines, resourcing and Workgroup scheduling to ensure momentum and avoid repeated delays. **(Action 485)**

The latest Prioritisation Stack can be found via the following [link](#).

13. Report to the Authority

46. There were no reports to the Authority.

14. Implementation Updates

47. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

48. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

16. Standing Items

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

49. AC advised there had not been a meeting since the last Panel.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

50. LT stated that JESG, scheduled for 13 January 2026, was cancelled, due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting will be held on 10 February 2026.

17. Updates on other Industry Code

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

05 December 2025 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

10 December 2025 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

11 December 2025 BSC [Panel Documents](#)

12 December 2025 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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18. Challenges to Modification Progress

52. There were no updates for the Panel.

19. Horizon Scan

53. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Code Administrator Update

54. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business

55. The Panel noted that the SDS is currently informal guidance until code managers are appointed, and its main relevance for now is that Panels should consider it when prioritising modifications. Panel members also recognised that formal prioritisation obligations will come later through forthcoming governance changes, with learning expected from earlier implementation in other codes.

22. Close

56. The Chair provided thanks to LT and GS for their time on the Panel, noting that KH would be taking over as Panel Secretary. GS advised that Shilen Shah would be the new Authority representative going forward.

57. 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 February** on Teams.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **11 February 2026**.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is **18 February 2026**.