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Grid Code Review Panel Headline Report

26 February 2026

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 January 2026 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 Proposal was presented to the Panel:

GC0186 ‘Proposed Grid Code Changes - Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)’

The purpose of this modification is to update the Grid Code in respect of the restoration requirements following the implementation of [GC0156](#), in particular (but not limited to) considering: the introduction of ‘Regional Restoration Plans’, the equitable treatment of National Grid Electricity Transmission, Scottish Power Transmission and Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Limited during a restoration, the ability for Network Operators to switch at sufficient speed, clarifications, improvements in testing, data requirements and correction of known errors.

The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0186 should follow the Standard Governance route and proceed to a Workgroup. The Panel agreed by majority the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup.

GC0186 documentation can be found [here](#).

New / Pending Authority Decisions

[Decisions since the last Panel](#)

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There have been no Authority decisions on Grid Code Modifications.

Awaiting Decisions

Modification	FMR submitted	Expected Decision Date
<u>GC0169 'Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136'</u>	07 October 2025	31 March 2026
<u>GC0173 'Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users'</u>	10 December 2025	31 March 2026

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](#).

Prioritisation Stack

The Panel discussed the prioritisation of the following Modifications:

Modification	Panel Comments	Position in Prioritisation Stack
<u>GC0186 'Proposed Grid Code Changes - Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)'</u>	The Panel noted its importance for system restoration clarity and resilience.	4

The latest prioritisation stack can be found [here](#).

In flight Modifications

GC0164 'Simplification of Operating Code No.2'

The Panel agreed that the comments raised in the first Code Administrator Consultation have been addressed and agreed for GC0164 to proceed to a

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second Code Administrator Consultation. The Panel were informed that the second Code Administrator Consultation would be published on 27 February and will close on 27 March.

GC0168 ‘Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models’

The Panel approved the new GC0168 timeline as submitted within the Panel Papers.

GC0178 ‘Temporary Overvoltage – Specification of Limits and Clarification of Obligations’

The Panel asked for a timetable to be brought to them for agreement in April, once a newly appointed consultant has scoped the work to be carried out.

GC0181 ‘Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting’

The Panel was told a further timeline update would be provided at the March meeting and therefore did not discuss the timeline before them.

The next Modification Tracker will be published on 09 March 2026.

Draft Final Modification Reports

The following Draft Final Modification Reports were presented to the Panel:

GC0139 ‘Enhanced Planning–Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning’

This modification seeks to increase the scope and detail of planning–data exchange between Network Operators and NESO to help facilitate the transition to a smart, flexible energy system.

The Panel concluded that in order to complete the Panel Recommendation Vote, Workgroup agreement was required to proposed legal text changes.

GC0139 documentation can be found [here](#).

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

This modification will make changes to OC6 to allow for the Demand Control Rotation Protocol (DCRP) to be formally recognised as a tool to manage shortfalls in electricity supply for short term use.

The Panel Recommendation Vote was deferred prior to the meeting to allow further engagement with the Energy Network Association on the definition of Load Lock.

GC0176 documentation can be found [here](#).

GC0179 ‘Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code’

Balancing Code No.4 (BC4) covers TERRE Processes. This modification seeks to remove this section from the Grid Code due to it being no longer required following the exit of Great Britain from the European Union. This modification will also remove references to TERRE from the Grid Code.

The Panel has recommended unanimously that the Proposer’s solution better facilitate the Grid Code Objectives. The Final Modification Report will be sent to Ofgem on 11 March 2026.

GC0179 documentation can be found [here](#).

Key Activities ahead of next panel

Grid Code Development Forum: **04 March 2026**

Modification Proposal Deadline for February Panel: **11 March 2026**

Papers Day: **18 March 2026**

Questions or feedback?

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