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# Meeting Summary

## Grid Code Development Forum – 04 March 2026

**Date:** 04/03/2026      **Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Start:** 09:00      **End:** 10:20

### Participants

Attendee	Company	Attendee	Company
Claire Newton	NESO (Chair)	Ola Atef	NESO
Graham Lear	NESO (Tech Sec)	Alan Creighton	Northern Powergrid
Kat Higby	NESO (Code Administrator)	Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	Ofgem
Thomas Goss	NESO (Presenter)	Nicola Barberis Negra	Orsted
Stephen Sommerville	Aurora Power Consulting	Ruth Kemsley	Our Footprints
Nishant Tyagi	Blake Clough Consulting	Devansh Gautam	PSC Consulting
Evan Stuber	CSE Storage	Chanura Wijeratne	RES Group
Nina Sanghera	Drax	Tim Ellingham	RWE
Paul Youngman	Drax	Isaac Gutierrez	Scottish Power
Phil Wilson	EA Technology	Stuart Kerr	Scottish Power
Bukky Daniel	EDF Renewables	Graeme Vincent	SPEN
Harry Burns	EDF Renewables	Jennifer Geraghty	SSE
Mohit Prajapati	EDF Renewables	Salim Temtem	SSE
David Monkhouse	National Grid	Andrew Larkins	Sygensys

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Frank Kasibante	NESO	Paul Crolla	Verdent Energy
Matthew Dixon	NESO	Xiaoming Li	Zenobe
Nisrine Kebir	NESO		

## Agenda and slides

A link to the Agenda and Presentations from the March GCDF can be found [here](#).

## GCDF

**Please note: These notes are produced as an accompaniment to the forum recording and slide pack presented and provide highlights only of discussion themes and possible next steps.**

### Meeting Opening – Claire Newton, NESO

The meeting was opened, with an overview of the agenda items that will be covered. The Chair noted the removal of a presentation that currently does not impact Grid Code, and the addition of a late additional proposal relating to ECC.6.4.5.1.

### Presentation: Code Administrator Update – Kat Higby

The Grid Code Administrator representative provided an update on new modifications, decisions, implementations, and consultations.

1. GC0186: Proposed Grid Code Changes – Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS). This was approved by Grid Code Review Panel to progress, but Workgroup nominations are on hold until after Distribution Code Review Panel where a parallel modification is being raised.
2. GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2. A second Code Administrator Consultation is open and closes 27 March 2026.

### Discussion themes / Feedback

A forum attendee asked for confirmation on the approach to GC0186 and the relevance of the Distribution Code modification proposal. The Chair confirmed that the intention was to hold joint Workgroups for Grid Code and Distribution Code modifications relating to this topic.

### Presentation: Update to Planning References – Proposal to remove redundant references from Grid Code – Thomas Goss

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The presenter outlined the following:

- The Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP) is being introduced, to cover information currently given in the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS).
- Primarily this proposal impacts the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC) and STC Procedures (STCPs) but there will be some changes to Grid Code and CUSC too.
- The intention is to remove reference to ETYS as well as older redundant processes and documents including the Seven Year Statement (SYS).
- Where relevant existing legal text will be reused where the CSNP processes align with ETYS.
- Where necessary, elements of legal text will be modified to make sure it is appropriate for differences under the CSNP.
- Completely redundant elements of legal text will be removed entirely.
- Specific impacted sections of Grid Code were outlined.

### Discussion themes / Feedback

An attendee asked for the proposed legal text changes across all impacted codes in a table to assist users of ETYS with their understanding of the impact. The presenter agreed and acknowledged ongoing work to produce this to be shared at STC Panel and Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP). This will appear as an annex to the proposal and will be publicly available.

Another attendee was pleased to see this work being progressed. They highlighted [an innovation project looking into optimisation of fault infeed](#) that has resulted in concerns regarding data used in ETYS relating to fault infeed from inverter-based sources. The attendee also noted issues with how fault level and short circuit level are defined in Grid Code. They pointed to the Distribution Code as having a more clearly defined explanation of short circuit level. The attendee noted that this was not a consideration for this modification, but that a future modification could be needed.

### **Presentation: Errors in ECC.6.4.5.1 legal text – Graham Lear, NESO**

The presenter outlined the following:

- GC0104: EU Connection Codes GB Implementation – Demand Connection Code introduced reactive power requirements at EU Grid Supply Points into the European Connection Code.
- The legal text was altered between Workgroup Consultation and Code Administrator Consultation in such a way that ECC.6.4.5.1 does not make sense.
- There is no explanation in the modification documentation for why this change happened.
- Differences between the legal text in Grid Code and the GC0104 Workgroup Consultation were outlined.
- The proposal is to raise a modification using the GC0104 Workgroup Consultation text for ECC.6.4.5.1 and progress straight to Code Administrator Consultation.

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### Discussion themes / Feedback

An attendee asked whether the presenter had discussed the issue with anyone from the GC0104 Workgroup, suggesting this change was likely made for a reason, even if the text doesn't make sense. The Chair noted that this modification had concluded a matter of years previously with a decision from the Authority in 2018 and it might not be possible to contact Workgroup members. The presenter agreed to investigate this.

Another attendee asked whether there were any records in the Workgroup papers. The presenter advised that they had looked through both Workgroup Consultation and Code Administrator Consultation documents and had found no reasoning.

An attendee suggested that the additional text referring to where Reactive Power range requirement values shall be met could represent a significant change for Generators. The presenter agreed to investigate this to confirm whether this applied for Generators. Another attendee observed that GC0104 primarily related to the Demand Connection Code and as such the changes were unlikely to impact Generators.

Several attendees offered to review their own information regarding GC0104.

### **AOB**

The Chair discussed proposed changes to obtaining the GCDF invite. The meeting download will be removed and text stating to contact [box.techcodes@neso.energy](mailto:box.techcodes@neso.energy) added to the site.

Attendees were reminded that the GCDF can be used by any industry party to present potential Grid Code changes and future agenda items are welcomed.

The dates for GCDF sessions are available on the [GCDF webpage](#).

The Chair thanked the attendees and presenters for their contributions and closed the meeting.

**The next GCDF will be held on the 01 April 2026 with the 20 March 2026 being the deadline for agenda items and presentations.**

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