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Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

26 February 2026

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 26/02/2026 **Location:** MS Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 13:30

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Panel Chair
Kat Higby	KH	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Hemus	AH	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Calum Watkins	CW	Authority Representative, Observer
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

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Graeme Vincent	GV	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
Jacob Snowden	JS	BSC Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Stuart McLarnon	SM	NESO, Observer

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Antony Johnson	AJ	Proposer, GC0186 and Presenter, Electrical Standards
Deborah Spencer	DS	Proposer, GC0164
Steve Baker	SBa	Presenter, EDL Message Interface Specification
Thomas Goss	TG	Presenter, ETYS Resolution

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Robert Longdon.

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2. SB declared a potential conflict of interest in modification GC0178, stating that their organisation is responding to the consultancy tender, meaning they may be involved as a bidder in the procurement process.
3. CN declared for transparency potential involvement with assessing the consultancy responses in the procurement process for modification GC0178. CN clarified that this was not necessarily a conflict but requested it to be recorded for awareness.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

4. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 29 January 2026 were approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments noted by the Panel.

3. Review of actions log

5. The Grid Code Review Panel reviewed the open actions, which can be found on the Actions Log
6. **Action 456:** The Panel discussed the status of the action relating to engagement with the Ofgem Energy Code Reform (ECR) Team, in the context of recent and forthcoming ECR publications, including updates on the Strategic Direction Statements (SDS) and associated consultation outputs.
7. It was noted that relevant ECR material has either recently been published or is expected shortly.
8. Panel members agreed that it would be more valuable to receive an update after these publications, once members have had an opportunity to review the documents and identify any specific questions or areas requiring clarification.
9. Panel members expressed that any future engagement with the ECR team should be focused and targeted, rather than a general update, to ensure the

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discussion is productive and addresses areas of interest or concern for the Panel.

10. It was agreed that the action will remain open, with its scope updated to reflect that Panel members will first review relevant ECR publications and outputs.
11. Following this review, the Ofgem ECR team may be invited to a future Grid Code Review Panel meeting to address specific questions or provide clarification, rather than a general milestone update.
12. **Action 465:** An update was provided that National Energy System Operator (NESO) work is ongoing, but that the relevant teams are not yet in a position to share further detail. The action is therefore monitored periodically through engagement with the commercial codes team.
13. The Panel agreed that Action 465 should remain open.
14. **Action 476:** The Panel agreed to close this action. The Panel noted that the Skip Rate Article has been circulated, with Panel member's amendments incorporated.
15. **Action 482:** The Panel agreed to close this action. An update was provided by Ofgem in the "Authority Decisions" section of this meeting.
16. **Action 483:** The Panel agreed to close this action. KH provided an update in the "Inflight Modification Updates" section of this meeting.
17. **Action 484:** The Panel agreed to leave the action open until the housekeeping modification is formally brought to Panel.
18. **Action 485:** The Panel agreed to leave the action. NESO confirm that an update will be provided to the Panel in March

4. Chair's update

19. The Chair updated the Panel on discussions with Ofgem regarding differing approaches to declarations of interest across industry codes. Ofgem is currently considering how to handle this in the new Code Manager role,

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including maintaining current practices, expecting the new Code Manager to oversee the process, or formalising it further.

20. JS noted that, under the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC), voting Panel members are independent of Elexon – this differs from arrangements in the Grid Code where NESO may vote on GC modifications..

5. Authority Decisions and Update

21. GC0169: Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136

DKc advised that GC0169 is with the Authority for a decision on 31 March 2026.

22. 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.

6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

23. CN shared updates from the GCDF meeting on 04 February.

24. System Restoration Proposed Grid Code Changes Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) – GCDF discussion focused on whether changes are retrospective, and the need to consider related items like the North Hyde Action Group and NESO Demand Expert Group.

25. Update to Electronic Dispatch Logging (EDL) reason codes: Introducing new 'ITB' code – NESO presented changes to reason codes for the Constraint Management Intertrip Service (CMIS), introducing a new code for EC5 boundary to differentiate thermal vs. stability reasons. The change only affects new contracts, with an industry briefing planned before go-live.

26. Update on Guidance Notes: NESO is conducting an internal review to standardise guidance notes (format, version control, authorship, template). Future phases will address governance. Stakeholders welcomed the work and raise concerns about guidance notes' use and accessibility.

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27. Review of GB Ramping Arrangements: NESO is reviewing ramping arrangements across all technologies post-GC154. Discussion included whether demand is covered, concerns from Distribution Network Operators about coincident battery swings, and the need to clarify the defect.
28. AA raised concerns about search engines linking directly to the NESO website documents rather than host pages, making it hard to confirm latest versions. CN agreed to pass this feedback to the NESO Website Team.

7. New Modifications

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

29. TJ delivered a presentation on GC0186 explaining that GC0186 originated from the need to ensure consistent treatment of NGET, SPT, and SHETL during system restoration events, particularly regarding autonomy and switching. The scope expanded to include regional restoration plans, testing requirements, obligations on switching speed, and confidentiality provisions.
30. TJ clarified that new testing will only affect Transmission Operators and not Generators.
31. TJ explained the difference between system restoration cold start times and planned outage cold start times.
32. JS highlighted a potential cross code impact in regard to BSC section G.
33. The Panel agreed that this Modification has a clearly defined defect and scope.
34. The Panel agreed that this Modification should proceed as a joint Grid Code/Distribution Code workgroup.
35. The Panel by majority agreed the Workgroup Terms of Reference subject to the revised Terms of Reference being circulated to the Panel. The Panel amended the Terms of Reference to avoid prescriptive wording, include

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cost/resource considerations, and consideration of future arrangements for CATO entities.

36. The Panel noted that there appear to be impacts on the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code

37. The Panel agreed that the timeline would need to be adjusted to accommodate Distribution Code Review Panel scheduling. The new timeline will be presented at a future Panel meeting.

8. Inflight Modification Updates

GC0164 'Simplification of Operating Code No.2'

38. DS presented the Second Code Administrator Consultation, noting the comments raised in the first Code Administrator Consultation have been addressed.

39. The Panel approved GC0164 to proceed to a second Code Administrator Consultation.

GC0168 'Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models'

40. KH presented the updated timeline for GC0168 to the Panel, noting that additional time is required to allow for one more Workgroup meeting to take place to review the Electrical Standard.

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

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

42. KH presented the modification update for GC0178 to the Panel, noting that consultants are expected to start work at the beginning of April.

43. The Panel requested for a timeline to be presented for agreement in April once a newly appointed consultant has scoped the work to be carried out.

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GC0181 'Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting'

44.KH shared that a further timeline update would be provided at the March meeting as the timeline shared within the Panel papers had since become invalid.

45.The Panel did not discuss the timeline before them and noted that an updated timeline will be considered in March.

9. Workgroup Reports

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

11. Draft Final Modification Reports

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

47.KH presented the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0139 to the Panel, noting that 8 responses were received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation.

48.KH presented four legal text queries for GC0139 received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation alongside the NESO response to these suggesting amendments to the legal text.

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

50.It was agreed that the Workgroup will be asked to approve the proposed legal text changes, and the Draft Final Modification Report will be presented to the Panel at a future meeting.

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

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51. KH noted 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.

GC0179 'Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code'

52. KH presented the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0179 to the Panel, noting that one response was received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation.

53. The Panel recommended unanimously that the Proposer's solution better facilitates the Grid Code Objectives.

12. Discussions on Prioritisation

54. The Panel reviewed the Prioritisation stack and agreed to add GC0186 to the prioritisation stack, placing it in position 4 between GC0178 and GC0117 based on its importance and expected impact.

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

13. Report to the Authority

55. There were no reports to the Authority.

14. Implementation Updates

56. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

57. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

16. Standing Items

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58.AC shared that work on Engineering Recommendation (EREC) G5 harmonics, relevant to the Grid Code, is ongoing.

59.AC shared that the EREC P29 Workgroup is revising scope to exclude transmission connections; this may affect Grid Code references, and the work is expected to progress after a long period of inactivity.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

60.KH stated that JESG took 10 February 2026 [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#). The next meeting will be held on 10 March 2026.

17. Updates on other Industry Code

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

28 January 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

30 January 2026 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

18. Challenges to Modification Progress

62.KH presented a summary of recent challenges to Modification progress, including the need for associated Modifications, proposer availability, and complexity, with Panel members highlighting the importance of effective scheduling and coordination.

19. Horizon Scan

63.KT presented the horizon scan for Panel review.

64.AC noted that likely Grid Code modifications are often not flagged early enough in the horizon scan, making planning difficult. AC recommended including items like Low Frequency Demand Disconnection (LFDD) and Restoration Standard Modifications earlier and ensuring Modifications that have been discussed are visible in the horizon scan.

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65.CN questioned whether the horizon scan should capture all potential modifications or just major cross-code programs and offered to review what should be included for future months.

66.KH asked for Panel feedback on what would make the horizon scan more useful.

20. Code Administrator Update

67. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Electrical Standards

68.SB provided a brief update on the EDL Message Interface Specification and Governance of Data Validation changes required in relation to GC0166.

69.SB shared that review period for these changes ends soon; if no comments are received, implementation will proceed as scheduled. SB noted that no feedback had been received at the time of the meeting.

70.AJ presented an analysis of inconsistencies between the Electrical Standards in the Annex to the General Conditions and those listed on The Company's website, highlighting regional differences, missing documents, and unclear categorisation of certain plans.

71. AC emphasised the need to avoid unintentionally making documents applicable to stakeholders where they currently are not, highlighting the importance of careful changes.

72. The Panel discussed the timing of any changes with AC suggesting a housekeeping Modification to update references before GC0103 is approved, with a more comprehensive update to follow after GC0103's outcome is known.

73. The Panel agreed that a housekeeping Modification should be raised to address immediate inconsistencies highlighted, with a more comprehensive update to follow the outcome of GC0103, ensuring alignment and clarity for stakeholders.

22. Any Other Business

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74. TG gave an informational update about an upcoming Modification to remove redundant references Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), Seven Year Statement (SYS), Network Options Assessment (NOA), Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS) from the Grid Code and STC, as these functions are being replaced by the new Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP). The last ETYS report will be published in summer 2026, with CSNP taking over its functions; most references will be replaced like-for-like, but some may need wording changes. The main impact is on the STC, with fewer changes needed for the Grid Code and CUSC.
75. TG expects to have the new Modification proposal ready for the March Panel.
76. Several Panel members raised concerns about potential changes to data table formats when transitioning from ETYS to CSNP, emphasising the need to avoid any unnecessary burden on industry processes.
77. AC highlighted the importance of aligning the Modification with ongoing Grid Code Modifications and questioned whether the CSNP would maintain the same 10-year outlook as ETYS, given dependencies with other industry submissions.
78. TG acknowledged the Panel concerns and committed to confirming data continuity and format consistency in the Modification proposal.

23. Close

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 March 2026** on Teams.

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

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