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Meeting Summary

Grid Code Development Forum – 06 May 2026

Date: 06/05/2026 **Location:** MS Teams

Start: 09:00 **End:** 10:30

Participants

Attendee	Company	Attendee	Company
Claire Newton	NESO (Chair)	Pritesh Patel	NESO
Graham Lear	NESO (Tech Sec)	Alan Creighton	Northern Powergrid
Simon Wilson	CWP Energy (Presenter)	Nicola Barberis Negra	Orsted
Amanda Rooney	NESO (Presenter)	Garry Cotter	Orsted
Mohamed Fawzy	NESO (Presenter)	Ruth Kemsley	Our Footprints
Stephen Sommerville	Aurora Power Consulting	Chanura Wijeratne	RES Group
Evan Stuber	CSE Storage	Claire Hynes	RWE
Paul Youngman	Drax	Andrew Allan	RWE
Nina Sanghera	Drax	Tim Ellingham	RWE
Leon Burdekin-Roberts	EDF Renewables	Isaac Gutierrez	Scottish Power
Bukky Daniel	EDF Renewables	Stuart Kerr	Scottish Power
Mohit Prajapati	EDF Renewables	Graeme Vincent	SPEN
Harry Burns	EDF Renewables	John Harrower	SSE
Nina Harrington	NGED	Nicholas Wyatt	SSE
Chris Smith	Natural Power	Xiaogang Wang	Sungrow-Emea

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Maria Lopez	NESO	Mustafa Kayikci	TNEI Group
Ola Atef	NESO	Martin Aten	Uniper
Antony Johnson	NESO	Nicolas Cifuentes	Wartsila
Frank Kasibante	NESO		

Agenda and slides

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

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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 (GCDF Chair), NESO

The meeting was opened with an overview of the agenda items that will be covered. The Chair noted that an additional item for discussion had been added on the day to discuss Generator Synchronisation Delays.

Code Administrator Update – Amanda Rooney

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

1. GC0168: Submission of Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) Models – Code Administrator Consultation is open for responses between 05 May and 08 June 2026.
2. GC0169: Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136 – the original solution was approved and will be implemented on 07 May 2026.
3. GC0173: Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users – the original solution was approved and implemented on 05 May 2026.
4. GC0182: Standardisation of Power Flow Metering Polarity – Workgroup Consultation is open for responses between 13 April and 11 May 2026.
5. GC0187: Grid Code Legal Text Corrections 2026 – A self-governance modification, the Appeals Window closes 20 May 2026.

[Discussion themes / Feedback](#)

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An attendee asked about the difference between compliance repeat plan in ECC and compliance report plan in CC resulting from GC0187. It was confirmed that this element of the GC0187 solution had been removed from the proposal. This naming issue is being reviewed further and may be actioned as part of another modification.

Presentation: Generator Synchronisation Delays – Simon Wilson

The presenter outlined the following:

- Generator synchronisation is being delayed by up to 3 months across GB.
- Processes relating to connection are outlined across multiple codes and other documents.
- Elements of the process don't appear to be codified and could be contributing to delays.
- NESO processes are complicated and at times changed without consultation with customers (e.g. where they sit outside of the Codes), with significant impacts to customers as a result.
- Generators want to achieve the earliest possible synchronisation date and want connection processes that align with user commissioning programmes.
- Code changes need to be explored to help with this issue.

The presenter provided contact details within the slides for those wishing to support this initiative.

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The Chair noted that, under the short timescales, the appropriate NESO teams were not on the call to discuss the topic, but that the issue had also been presented at TCMF and NESO were investigating.

An attendee asked why operational metering testing could only begin after the High Voltage System Change Certificate (HVSCC) completion. The presenter advised that this was a result of NESO's processes, but that it ought not to be the case, stating that NESO would not progress all works required until the HVSCC is enacted. The attendee suggested another route to bypass the issue, but the presenter advised this was not possible due to the size of the project. Another attendee advised this option was only open to embedded generators.

Attendees discussed the HVSCC and data set switches (DSSs) and the difficulties resulting from NESO processes, with the presenter suggesting that a requirement to have a draft HVSCC instead of the final one to progress works could solve the delays.

Other attendees noted their awareness of the same issues and supported the presenter progressing the issue, with one attendee providing guidance on how the issue could be articulated as a CUSC defect.

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The Chair noted that this issue may not impact the technical codes and suggested progressing discussions further with customers, appropriate NESO teams, and TOs.

Presentation: Update on Guidance Notes – Amanda Rooney, Mohamed Fawzy

The presenter outlined the following:

- NESO is overhauling Guidance Notes to improve useability and provide more consistency.
- The Guidance Note for Power Park Modules (PPMs) including Battery Storage has been updated, using a new template for Guidance Note changes, and NESO is looking for feedback on this.
- The changes have not introduced new requirements and target readability, clarity of existing requirements and useability, including checklists that have been developed through consultation with industry.
- The document also provides a version history.
- Previous versions of the documents will remain on the NESO website for transparency. The website will make clear which is the live version (but note that due to continued separation of NESO from NG previously shared services, these website changes may not take place until after this summer).
- Guidance Notes will now be published as an initial interim release, remaining live for 3 months whilst feedback is gathered.
- Following the feedback period changes will be made and a final updated document will be released, replacing the interim version, and subject to further review annually.
- A new Guidance Note – Metering Polarity Convention for Power Flow Data is also available.
- The work will continue to update all Guidance Notes.

The presenter also asked for feedback on Electrical Standards and how they are used by stakeholders.

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An attendee asked if this work only included engineering compliance Guidance Notes. The presenter advised that this was currently the case and the attendee asked that this be made clear to stakeholders (i.e. that there will be other relevant Guidance Notes).

An attendee noted that the naming of the Guidance Note could be clearer as the context of the guidance was for developers going through compliance and not explicitly guidance on the equipment. The presenter advised that the target audience is made clear at the outset of the document.

An attendee noted a section on software quality assurance and asked whether this topic would be covered within the Grid Code in future, as this currently points to information within Appendix F of Bilateral Connection Agreements. The presenters agree to investigate this.

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An attendee suggested guidance relating to [GC0141: Compliance Processes and Modelling amendments following 9th August Power Disruption](#) would be a good next step to work on as there is ongoing confusion relating to this. The presenters advised that this was currently being worked on.

An attendee asked how it would be clear which is the live version of the Guidance Note. The presenter advised that the website would make this clear, but noted that the website was currently being overhauled, and that this would hopefully be clarified soon. The attendee asked where to look for the documents and the presenter agreed to check to ensure they were showing in the correct area.

An attendee asked about the link between the Guidance Note – Metering Polarity Convention for Power Flow Data and the Grid Code modification GC0182. Another attendee advised that this was an interim solution ahead of the introduction of an Electrical Standard covering this subject.

Attendees were widely supportive of this work.

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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 the 2026 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 03 June 2026 with 22 May 2026 being the deadline for agenda items and presentations.
