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# Code Administrator Meeting

## Summary

Workgroup Meeting 1:

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**Date: 11 June 2026**

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### Contact Details

Chair: Claire Goult, [claire.goult@neso.energy](mailto:claire.goult@neso.energy)

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### Key areas of discussion

The Chair opened the first GC0186 Workgroup by setting out the agenda, which covered an overview of the Code Modification Process, a review of the current timeline, the Proposer's presentation, Draft legal review, agreement of the Terms of Reference, cross-code impacts, and next steps.

### Code modification Process

The Chair explained that the code modification process begins with the Workgroup refining the proposal, developing legal text, and ensuring the Terms of Reference are met. This is followed by a Workgroup consultation and further refinement, before a Workgroup vote, after which the outcome is submitted to Panel, progresses through a Code Administrator Consultation, and is ultimately decided by Ofgem.

### Timeline

The Chair presented the timeline as an initial plan for progressing the modification through a series of Workgroup meetings, noting that it may be refined as discussions progress. A specific amendment was highlighted, with Workgroup meeting 4 proposed to move from 26 August to 24 August to align with panel scheduling constraints.

### Proposers Presentation

The Proposer outlined that GC0186 builds on the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS) and previous cross-code modifications, aiming to improve how the system is restored following a total or partial blackout. The key focus is on enabling more consistent treatment of Transmission Owners, particularly giving NGET greater autonomy (aligned more closely with Scottish TOs), to support faster and more efficient restoration of supply to customers.

The presentation highlighted several proposed changes to the Grid Code, including the introduction of regional restoration plans to address a current gap between early-stage restoration (local joint restoration and distribution restoration zones) and full system recovery. It also covered updates to testing requirements (OC5), particularly simplifying restoration testing

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while maintaining assurance, and enhancements to operational processes (OC9) to improve clarity and coordination.

Additional areas included improving data consistency across the Grid Code and Data Registration Code, addressing feedback from ESRS implementation, introducing provisions for multi-site restoration control, and ensuring confidentiality where required. The proposer also noted that most of the legal text has already been drafted due to extensive pre-work, with further refinement needed and potential consequential changes to the STC/STCP and Distribution Code to align with the Grid Code changes.

## Legal Text Review

The proposer advised that a significant proportion of the legal text has already been drafted and circulated, reflecting extensive pre-work. This will now be refined based on Workgroup feedback, with comments reviewed, updates developed, and further drafting required to complete outstanding areas and align any consequential cross-code changes

## Questions form Workgroup members

Workgroup members raised questions focused on clarifying the proposed changes rather than challenging the overall scope. Discussion centred on the interpretation of cold start time definitions and data submissions, potential impacts on Generators, and whether wording changes could introduce unintended consequences. Additional questions focused on testing arrangements (particularly testing up to a circuit breaker), the approach for multi-site restoration contractors, and how these proposals would operate in practice, with members requesting further detail and potential follow-up discussion at future meetings.

## Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Workgroup reviewed the Terms of Reference in detail, with members confirming they were broadly appropriate but suggesting several refinements to improve clarity and ensure they did not unintentionally pre-determine outcomes. Key discussion points included clarifying wording (particularly around regional restoration plans and multi-site arrangements), ensuring the scope remained appropriate, and confirming the inclusion of considerations such as impacts on network operators and potential cost implications. Workgroup members also identified areas for minor wordsmithing and agreed amendments, with the final Terms of Reference largely accepted subject to these updates.

## Cross Code Impacts

Cross-code impacts were identified as an important consideration, with the Proposer noting links to the STC and STCPs, Distribution Code, and potential interactions with other codes such as the BSC. The Workgroup discussed the need to ensure alignment across these codes, with confirmation that consequential modifications may be required and should be progressed at the appropriate stage, while some impacts (such as BSC interactions) required further clarification at a future meeting.

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### Next Steps

The Workgroup agreed next steps to progress the legal text and ensure sufficient input from members, including providing a deadline for comments and continuing to refine drafting ahead of the next meeting. It was also agreed to develop further detail on key areas (such as testing proposals), engage relevant stakeholders, and progress consequential cross-code changes once the Grid Code solution is more developed.

### Actions

For the full action log, click [here](#).

Action Number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
1	1	AJ/SW	Review and respond to all legal text comments, update drafting and circulate revised versions.	WG2	Open
2	1	ALL	Review the draft legal text and provide comments	19 June	Open
3	1	AJ/GL	Engage with NGET to provide further detail and slides on testing proposals for a future meeting.	WG2	Open
4	1	SW	Send updated invites for the August Workgroup	WG2	Open
5	1	AJ/BG	Refine the wording of the Terms of Reference (specifically around the multi-site/control point drafting)	WG2	Open

### Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Claire Goult	CG	NESO	Chair
Sarah Williams	SW	NESO	Tech Secretary

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Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup member alternate
Antony Johnson	AJ	NESO	Proposer
Andrew Mcleod	AM	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup member
Andrew Urquhart	AU	SSE	Workgroup member alternate
Belinda Gonzales	BG	Scottish Power Renewables	Workgroup member alternate
Ben Green	BGr	Orsted	Workgroup member
Calum Watkins	CW	Ofgem	Authority Representative
Ethan Glennie	EG	Ocean Winds	Workgroup member alternate
Fyali Jibji- Bukar	FJB	NESO	Workgroup observer
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup member
Graham Lear	GL	NESO	Proposer alternate
Jeevan Dhaliwal	JD	Energy Networks	DCODE Representative
John Knott	JK	SP Energy Networks	Workgroup member
Kwaku Nti	KN	Perigus Energy	Workgroup observer
Leon Burdekin -Roberts	LBR	EDF Power Solutions	Workgroup member
Paul Swan	PS	SSEN Transmission	Workgroup member

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Paul Turner	PT	SP ENWL	Workgroup member
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Workgroup member
Tina Marshall	TM	Tina Marshall Consultancy	Workgroup observer
Thomas West	TW	National Grid Distribution	Workgroup member
Victor Ugbome	VU	NESO	Workgroup observer