

Grid Code Review Panel

Thursday 27 August 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

WELCOME

Purpose of Panel & Duties of Panel Members

The **Panel** shall be the standing body to carry out the **functions** referred to in the Governance Rules **(GR3.1.1)**

Functions (GR.3.2)

The **Panel** shall endeavour at all time to operate:

- In an **efficient, economical and expeditious manner**, taking account of the complexity, importance and urgency of particular Modification Proposals; and
- With a view to ensuring that the **Grid Code** facilitates **achievement of the Grid Code Objectives**.

Duties of Panel Members & Alternates (GR.3.3)

1. Shall act **impartially** and in accordance with the requirements of the **Grid Code**; and
2. Shall not have any **conflicts of interest**.

Shall not be representative of, and shall act without undue regard to the particular interests of the persons or body of persons by whom he/she was appointed as Panel Member and any Related Person from time to time.

Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the meeting held on 30 July 2026.

Action Log

Action No.	Status	Action	Owner	Comments and Updates
456	Open	Ofgem Energy Code Reform (ECR) team to be invited to a future Grid Code Review Panel to provide update around milestones	SS/DK C	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.
484	Propose to close	Baseline table errors to be fixed by a housekeeping modification first, rather than as part of GC0103.	AJ/CN	An email was circulated following last months Panel meeting to provide full clarity on this matter.
485	Open	Code Governance to provide some clarity on GC0178 timeline, resourcing and Workgroup scheduling to ensure momentum and avoid repeated delays.	SW	The Workgroups are re commencing on 14 September, and a revised timeline will be presented at the September Panel.

Chair's Update

Authority Decisions and Update (as of 19 August 2026)

Decisions Pending

There are no Grid Code modifications awaiting a decision.

Decisions Received

Modification	Final Modification Report Received	Decision Date
<u>GC0176: Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code</u>	01 June 2026	30 July 2026

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

Grid Code Development Forum – Update

Antony Johnson, NESO

The GCDF meeting on 05 August covered the following topics:

- **Alternate Reactive Power Capability (Tanmay Kadam)** – This topic aims to provide Grid Code compliance clarity when there is a need to agree on an alternative reactive power capability with a Generator by virtue of network operator's restrictions or system conditions. Still in the consultation phase as there needs to be agreement on the scope and specific application the modification will enact, not yet being taken forward as a formal modification.
- **Compliance Clarifications and Corrections Modifications (Amanda Rooney)** – An introduction to a suite of changes proposed in follow up to GC0187: Grid Code Legal Text Corrections 2026. Another Housekeeping modification, plus a change to include small, but material changes will be introduced. Feedback sought on what is included and what is considered a material change. as well as the governance route options available. Plan to submit the Housekeeping modification in the August Review panel.
- **AOB: Technical Requirements for Demand Connections (Graham Lear)** – An update on progress of the demand expert group. Further participation invited as there are still a number of issues to work through.

Presentation items and Minutes from the 05 August GCDF meeting can be found [here](#)

Next GCDF will take place on Wednesday 02 September

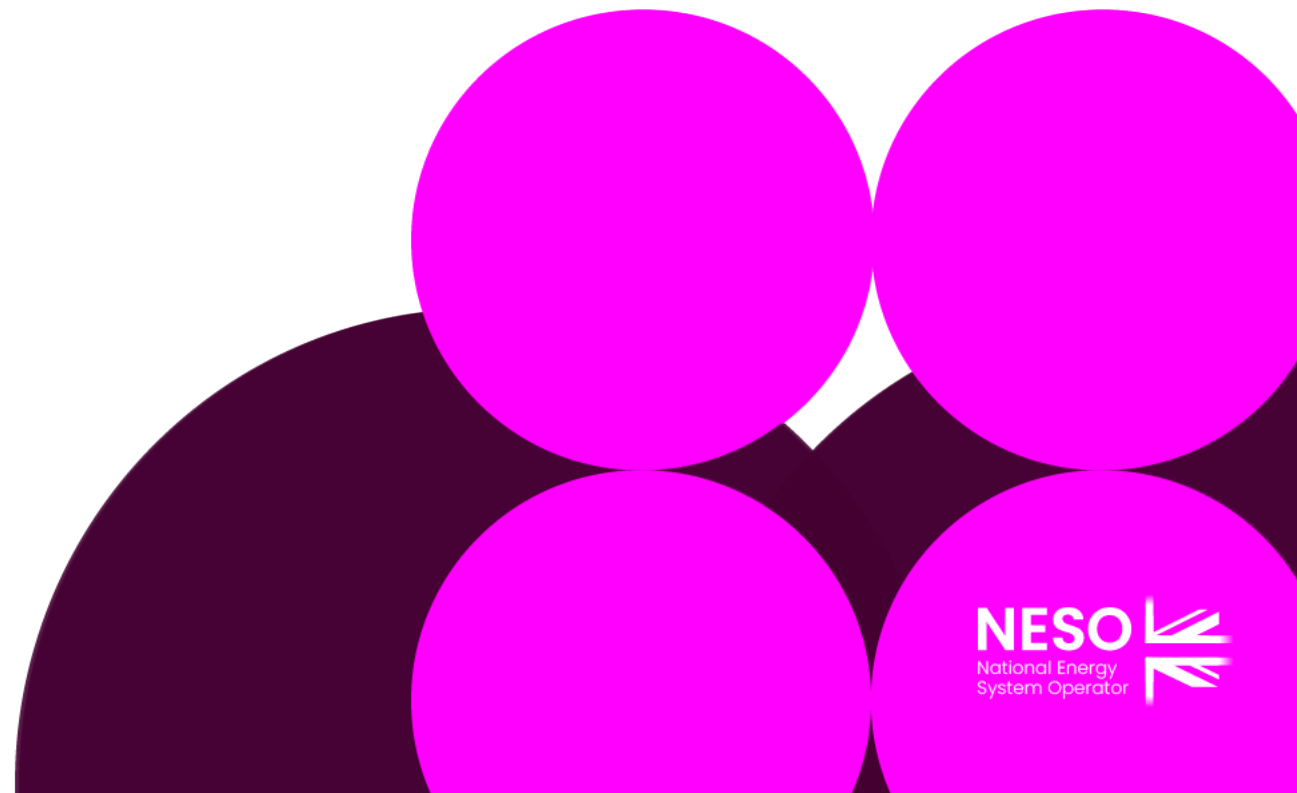
Deadline for September Agenda items – 27 August

Final Agenda items TBC.

New Modification

GC0189: Grid Code clarifications
(ECC and ECP)

Amanda Rooney, NESO



Critical Friend Feedback: GC0189

Code Administrator comments	Amendments made by the Proposer
Added the mod reference number, timeline details and code administrator contact details Added acronyms Changed the Governance route	Proposer agreed with suggested amendments.

GC0189 Proposed Timeline

Milestone	Date
Panel decision <i>Unanimous Panel agreement is needed for this to be implemented; otherwise Panel will agree a different governance route</i>	27 August 2026
Appeals Window (15 Business Days)	01 September 2026 to 5pm on 22 September 2026
Implementation Date (5 Business Days after closure of Appeals Window if no Appeals received)	06 October 2026

The Issue

- A number of small errors have been detected in the Grid Code
- This modification corrects a number of them

The Proposal

Proposed Solution:

- This modification proposes to update all small changes
- A full list is in the Annex, and later in this pack

Alternative Option considered:

- The only possible alternative is to continue to leave the errors within the code, as they are small and obvious
- All changes included in this modification had simple, single solutions

Legal text

Proposed legal text changes:

1) European C C

Section	Correction
ECC.6.3.7.3.4(iii):	Remove 'in no less than 0.5 seconds'. Add 'within'

2) ECP.A European Compliance Processes

Section	Correction
ECP.A.3.2.1(ii)	Add 'reference' to end of sentence for clarity
ECP.A.3.2.1(iii)	Add 'terminal voltage', remove 'voltage'
ECP.A.3.4.1(iii)	Remove 'voltage' Add 'in System voltage'
ECP.A.3.4.1(iv)	Remove 'voltage' Add 'in System voltage'
ECP.A.3.5.1 (ii), bullet (3)	'earth' changed to 'ground'
ECP.A.3.6 (title)	'and Frequency Sensitive Mode (FSM)' added to clarify both LFSM-O and FSM within this section

Proposed legal text changes:

2) ECP.A European Compliance Processes (continued)

Section	Correction
ECP.A.3.6.7 (first section)	Deleted: The above suite of simulation studies equally apply for Electricity Storage Modules when in an export mode of operation and should also demonstrate transition to an import mode of operation in line with the stated Droop characteristics of the Electricity Storage Module when in an import mode of operation. Three simulation studies need to be carried out: Added: The above suite of simulation studies in ECP.A.3.6.1 to ECP.A.3.6.5 equally apply for Electricity Storage Modules when in an export mode of operation. In addition, an Electricity Storage Module shall also demonstrate transition to import mode of operation in line with the stated Droop characteristics. When in an import mode of operation, three simulation studies need to be carried out:
ECP.A.3.6.7 (second reference)	Reference is erroneously repeated. Second reference changed to ECP.A.3.6.7.1
ECP.A.3.7.6	Add ' Power Park Module '
ECP.A.5.1.4	'E' added to erroneous reference which was just 'CP' to make 'ECP'
ECP.A.5.2.1	'Module' replaced with 'Unit' in Synchronous Power Generating Module (two instances)
ECP.A.5.2.2	'E' added to erroneous reference which was just 'CP' to make 'ECP'
ECP.A.5.1.4	'E' added to erroneous reference which was just 'CP' to make 'ECP'
ECP.A.5.7.4	Add 'of Synchronous Power Generating Module ', 'along with the', 'terminals of'. Remove ' Power ', change ' Module ' to ' Unit '. Remove 'terminals'. For clarity of section.
ECP.A.6.1.1 (very bottom)	Add 'For the avoidance of doubt, in case of Electricity Storage Modules, the tests shall be completed when Electricity Storage Module operates in a mode as to both export and import from the System.' For User clarity.
ECP.A.6.1.4	'E' added to erroneous reference which was just 'CP' to make 'ECP'
ECP.A.6.1.7	'E' added to erroneous reference which was just 'CP' to make 'ECP'
ECP.A.6.6.3	Remove reference to ECP.A.6.6.6, as not related
ECP.A.6.6.4	"ECP.A.6.6" added to specify 'Figure 1 below'
ECP.A.6.6.10(ii) and (iv)	'ECP.A.6.6' added to clarify the Figures referred to

Governance

Proposed Governance Route:

- The Proposer had requested Fast track Self Governance for this modification. Under GC.15.4, the Proposer is required to provide a view on whether or not (and to the extent) that the Grid Code Modification Proposal constitutes an amendment to the Regulated Sections of the Grid Code
- The Proposer notes that whilst regulated sections are impacted, the changes do not constitute an 'Amendment' to the sections as the changes are very minor and do not impact Users

Consideration for Fast-Track:

- We believe this meets the criteria, containing typographical and cross-referencing details, as well as obvious mistakes such as spelling, spacing and duplication of words
- Full fast-track criteria on next slide

Grid Code Fast Track Criteria

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Grid Code Self-Governance Criteria

Self-Governance Criteria	A proposed Modification that, if implemented, (a) is unlikely to have a material effect on: (i) existing or future electricity consumers; and (ii) competition in the generation, storage, distribution, or supply of electricity or any commercial activities connected with the generation, storage, distribution or supply of electricity; and (iii) the operation of the National Electricity Transmission System; and (iv) matters relating to sustainable development, safety or security of supply, or the management of market or network emergencies; and (v) the Grid Code's governance procedures or the Grid Code's modification procedures, and (b) is unlikely to discriminate between different classes of Users. (c) other than where the modification meets the Fast Track Criteria, will not constitute an amendment to the Regulated Sections of the Grid Code.
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GC0189 Asks of Panel

- **AGREE** that this Modification has a clearly defined defect, scope and solution
- **AGREE** that this Modification should follow Fast Track Self-Governance Criteria (Panel decision, which must be unanimous)
- **NOTE** the proposed timeline and that this Modification will be implemented upon conclusion of the Appeals window (if no objections are received from industry)

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Inflight Modification Updates

- GC0155: Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements
- GC0181: Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting

GC0155 'Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements' Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	19 August 2026	21 October 2026	11 November 2026	TBC	10 BD following Authority Decision
New timeline	20 January 2027	17 March 2027	06 April 2027	TBC	10 BD following Authority Decision

Rationale: Further Workgroups needed prior to Workgroup Consultation to finalise the Consultation document and review draft legal text. The Draft Workgroup Consultation will be presented to the Grid Code Review Panel for sign off at the October Panel meeting. The Workgroup will then need meetings post Workgroup Consultation.

Workgroups Remaining: 5

GC0155 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

GC0181 'Enhance the Effectiveness of System Incidents Reporting'

Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	16 September 2026	18 November 2026	26 November 2026	TBC	10 BDs after Authority Decision
New timeline	18 February 2027	20 April 2027	14 May 2027	TBC	10 BDs after Authority Decision

Rationale:

- Further Workgroups required before Workgroup Consultation based on Workgroup's input into development of the proposed solution
- An additional Workgroup planned following Workgroup Consultation based on learnings to date
- Some issues with quoracy of Workgroup which have hopefully been mitigated by the addition of a new Workgroup Member

Workgroups Remaining:

- 6

GC0181 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

Electrical Standard – EMT Model requirements (GC0168)

Frank Kasibante

GC0168 Electrical Standard Asks of Panel

- **VOTE** on approval of GC0168 Electrical Standard

Prioritisation discussion

Joe Henry – NESO

Standing Items

Updates on all developments relevant to Grid Code Panel e.g. potential for future governance changes or modifications

- Distribution Code Panel update (Graeme Vincent)
- JESG Update (information only)
 - Previous meeting – 11 August 2026 [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#)
 - Next meeting – 08 September 2026

Updates on other industry codes

10 July 2026 Special CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

28 July 2026 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

29 July 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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

13 August 2026 BSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

Challenges to Modification Progress

(February, May, August, November)

	May		June		July	
	Count	Mods Affected	Count	Mods Affected	Count	Mods Affected
Further review of legal text					1	GC0168
Allowance for development of AES					1	GC0103
Quoracy issues/Governance Route	1	GC0155				
Allowance for joint code discussions/ nominations			1	GC0186	1	GC0186
Modification complexity					1	GC0117

Horizon Scan

Joe Henry – NESO

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Grid Code Development Forum	2 September 2026
Modification Proposal Deadline for September Panel	9 September 2026
Papers Day	16 September 2026
Panel Meeting	24 September 2026

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over fields and trees. Long shadows are cast across the fields. In the bottom right corner, there are four overlapping pink circles. The background image is a landscape with fields, trees, and a distant town under a hazy sky.

Close

Anthony Pygram

Independent Chair, Grid Code
Review Panel