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Candidate Pack – 2026 Generator Grid Code Review Panel Election

Introduction

This document includes the details of the candidates standing in the 2026 election to sit as a Generator Panel Member on the Grid Code Review Panel.

There are five (5) candidates standing for election. The candidates are presented in this document alphabetically by their surname.

Each candidate has provided a biography to be published alongside the ballot papers. The biography of each candidate is reproduced as submitted to the Code Administrator in this document. The Code Administrator has made no alterations to the content of the biographies submitted.

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Candidate 1: Andrew Allan

Nominating Organisation: RWE Generation UK plc

Biography:

With Andrew's current role with RWE as Market Development Manager includes managing grid connections for operational generators and development projects across conventional and renewable generation, and storage technologies; and engaging in industry consultations on changes to codes and regulations across electricity and gas markets.

He graduated with Distinction from a joint Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Masters programme focused laterally on electrical Power Systems at the University of Strathclyde. He then began his career as an Electrical Engineer with RWE, supporting RWE's UK fleet of generators on all things Electrical Systems, up to and including point of connection to the electricity network, and associated grid code compliance.

Through his career he has been involved in power system design, health and safety risk management, delivering generator compliance testing, electrical projects for operational generators with grid code relevant interactions, contribution to the European Connection Conditions Grid Code revision including drafting revised exemplary generator performance charts, involvement in Grid Code Working Groups and laterally leading asset development projects which require to ensure Grid Code compliance in the design and development phase.

Andrew's career has consistently included governance activity, and with an eye for detail he is well placed to interpret the broader interdependencies and limit the possibility of unintended consequences of modifications, while delivering the code governance requirement to act impartially and in accordance with the requirements of the Grid Code, to ensure that the code continues to facilitate the UK's ambitions for our energy transition.

Andrew has sat as a Generator representative on the Grid Code Review Panel through 2025 and 2026, and would be pleased to continue to do so.

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Candidate 2: Dr Isaac Gutierrez

Nominating Organisation: ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited

Biography:

Dr. Isaac Gutierrez is a Principal Grid Integration Engineer and Power Systems specialist working for ScottishPower Renewables with over 20 years of experience in the renewable energy industry, specialising in renewable energy grid integration, GB Grid Code compliance, power system studies, and onshore and offshore wind generation. He has contributed to GB Grid Code workgroups for more than 16 years, supporting the development, interpretation, and practical implementation of technical requirements for the connection of generation and inverter/converter-based resources to the GB transmission system.

His areas of expertise include GB Grid Code compliance processes and testing, grid-forming inverter/converter technologies, onshore and offshore wind, HVDC transmission systems, STATCOMs, and power system modelling, with extensive experience in grid compliance studies in, RMS and EMT.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gutierrez has led GB Grid Code compliance testing and assessment for major onshore and offshore wind projects, including the witnessing and technical assessment of Dynamic Performance Testing (DPT) for HVDC-connected projects. His experience also encompasses the technical specification and review of wind farm Electrical Balance of Plant (EBoP) systems, including HV/MV switchgear, transformers, protection systems, and reactive power compensation equipment, together with the supervision and technical review of electrical design and grid connection activities.

He has also provided technical leadership for STATCOM projects ranging from ± 5 MVar to ± 215 MVar, covering the complete project lifecycle from procurement and technical specification through design review, Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT), Site Acceptance Testing (SAT), commissioning, and final GB Grid Code compliance testing.

Dr. Gutierrez is an active participant in several NESO GB Grid Code workgroups, where he contributes specialist knowledge in power systems, renewable generation, inverter/converterbased technologies, system performance, and Grid Code compliance. His experience combines the practical challenges of delivering major renewable generation projects with a detailed understanding of the technical requirements governing their connection and operation within the GB transmission system.

He has also made key contributions to innovative grid-forming technology projects, including the Dersalloch Grid Forming Project, involving a world-first demonstration of islanding and black-start capability using a wind farm. This work forms part of his broader experience in the development and application of grid-forming inverter/converter technologies and the evolving role of converter-based renewable generation in supporting power system stability.

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Candidate 3: John Harrower

Nominating Organisation: SSE Generation Ltd

Biography:

For the last 6 years John has been on the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) as a generator representative and brings a great deal of generator focussed experience to GCRP considerations.

John has over 23 years of experience within the electrical power industry with particular interest in the connection of renewable generation to the electrical grid, including Grid Code compliance testing, the interpretation of Grid Code requirements as applied to power generation and future Code modifications due to the changing generation and demand landscape.

Specific responsibilities have included:

- Grid connection aspects of SSE's portfolio of onshore development sites, including a HVDC connected remote island wind farm and a circa 1.3GW pumped storage site.
- Technical Authority for Grid Code compliance aspects of SSE Renewables portfolio of development, pre-construction and construction wind farm projects.
- Development and Construction experience of a portfolio of onshore wind farms, taking wind farms from concept design through to construction and final testing.
- Responsibility for the grid connection aspects of circa 3.6GW of HVDC connected offshore wind farm projects going through the detailed design stage.
- Connection reform implications on SSE's portfolio of renewable generation projects.

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Candidate 4: Joshua Lynas

Nominating Organisation: Drax Power Station Limited

Biography:

I am a Principal Electrical Engineer with 14 years of experience in the power generation sector, spanning hydroelectric power, thermal generation (Coal/Biomass) and renewable energy technologies, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). In my current role, I am responsible for the technical oversight of our hydro generation fleet, encompassing both pumped-storage and run-of-river assets, alongside undertaking technical due diligence for new-build BESS projects, including the assessment of Grid Connection Agreements and Grid Code compliance.

My experience includes maintaining ongoing Grid Code compliance through the delivery of relevant commissioning and testing activities, as well as the preparation and submission of Distribution Code Requirements (DRC) documentation, including Wk24 data submissions and Compliance Repeat Plans. I am also responsible for technical submissions supporting ancillary service contracts, such as system restoration, Stability Pathfinders and dynamic frequency services.

My broad experience across diverse generation technologies, combined with a strong understanding of Grid Code requirements and compliance processes, provides me with a well-rounded industry perspective. I believe this would enable me to make a valuable contribution to the Panel, representing industry interests and supporting its objective of ensuring that proposed Grid Code amendments are thoroughly and appropriately evaluated, with due consideration given to their technical implications and practical impact on industry.

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Candidate 5: Robin Prince

Nominating Organisation: West Burton Solar Project Limited

Biography:

Over the course of my career, I have worked across multiple parts of the electricity sector, providing me with a unique and balanced perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing Grid Connections today.

I began my career within the regulated distribution sector, progressing through commercial, delivery and leadership roles within the electricity networks industry. During this time, I was directly involved in the delivery of customer connections, framework procurement, commercial strategy, operational transformation and large-scale capital investment programmes. This provided me with a strong understanding of how network companies operate, the regulatory environment in which they work, and the practical challenges associated with delivering infrastructure safely, efficiently and at scale.

I subsequently joined Hitachi Energy, where I worked closely with utilities, transmission owners, developers and system operators across the UK and international markets. This provided extensive experience from the supply chain perspective, covering Distribution, Transmission, Offshore Wind, HVDC and renewable generation projects. Working for a global Tier 1 supplier gave me first-hand experience of manufacturing constraints, long lead-time equipment procurement, supply chain risk management, technical compliance requirements and the realities of delivering major energy infrastructure projects.

During this period, I also developed significant experience in user works delivery and the management of key interfaces between customers, network operators and equipment suppliers. In particular, I worked on the connection of large inverter-based technologies, gaining valuable insight into Grid Code compliance, power quality requirements and the assessment and mitigation of harmonic impacts associated with large-scale renewable generation.

Today, as Head of Grid at Island Green Power, one of the UK's leading solar developers, I am responsible for supporting the development of a portfolio exceeding 6GW of Gate 2 solar projects, all with relatively early connection dates. This places me at the forefront of the current connections reform process and provides direct experience of the challenges facing developers seeking to progress strategically important generation projects through the connections queue.

My role spans the full lifecycle of project development, from securing and maintaining viable grid connections through to supporting delivery and construction. Since joining Island Green Power, I have led commercial negotiations and delivery strategy for our first major projects, including West Burton and Cottam. This has involved transformer procurement, Grid Code compliance, user works development, connection delivery strategy and the management of critical interfaces with transmission owners, network operators and the wider supply chain.

Through this work, I have continued to build practical experience in connecting large inverter-based generation assets to the transmission network, including the challenges associated with harmonics, technical compliance and system integration. As these projects move towards construction, I am increasingly involved in the delivery of major infrastructure works, bringing me back to my roots in project delivery while combining the perspectives gained from the network, supplier and developer

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sides of the industry. This breadth of experience allows me to understand not only the policy and regulatory aspects of connections reform, but also the practical realities of designing, procuring, constructing and commissioning projects that must ultimately connect to and operate successfully within the electricity system.

I believe I would bring considerable value to the GC Panel through this combination of network, supply chain and developer experience. Having worked within regulated network businesses, a global equipment supplier and now a leading renewable developer, I understand the different drivers, constraints and priorities that exist across the industry. This enables me to provide balanced, pragmatic and informed contributions that consider the interests of all parties while maintaining a clear focus on efficient project delivery and the successful implementation of connections reform.

Few individuals have had the opportunity to gain first-hand experience from the network, supply chain and developer perspectives. This enables me to challenge constructively, bridge competing viewpoints and contribute practical solutions that support both effective connections reform and successful project delivery. I believe this combination of experience would allow me to be a strong and effective representative on the GC Panel, helping to ensure that discussions remain grounded in the practical realities of delivering the infrastructure needed to support the UK's energy transition.