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Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

19 May 2026

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 19/05/2026 **Location:** Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 11:47

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Panel Chair
Sarah Williams	SW	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
Claire Newton	CN	NESO Representative
Darshak Shah	DS	Alternate, Generator Representative
David Michie	DM	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
Robert Longden	RL	Supplier Representative
Shilen Shah	SS	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Bieshoy Awad	BA	Proposer, GC0155
Catia Gomes	CG	Presenter of Prioritisation Framework
Graham Lear	GL	Presenter, GC0155
Keren Kelly	KK	Presenter of Discussions on Industry resource
Lurrentia Walker	LW	Chair, GC0155

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Sigrid Bolik.

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2. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

3. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 23 April 2026 were not approved, the minutes will be reviewed again at the June Grid Code Review Panel following a review of the April meeting recording by SW.

3. Review of actions log

4. SW provided an update on the open actions noting that 456, 484 and 485 were recommended to remain open.

Action 456: No update (Action to remain open)

Action 465: CN read a prepared statement addressing process improvements for customer applications, which AP requested be circulated to all Panel members for further review and potential follow-up questions at future meetings. (Action closed)

Action 484: Panel agreed previously that the baseline table errors should be addressed via a future modification, potentially beyond housekeeping, and the action will remain open until a suitable modification is progressed. (Action to remain open)

Action 485:

- GC0178: Timeline update to be provided post-procurement exercise (update at June Panel). (Action to remain open)
- GC0155: Update was presented and next actions agreed. (Action Closed)

Action 486: A revised/prototype Horizon Scan presented. (Action Closed)

4. Chair's update

5. There was no update from the Chair.

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5. Authority Decisions and Update

6. GC0179: Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code SS advised that no Estimated Decision Date (EDD) has been confirmed; timeline remains dependent on alignment with BSC Modification P508, with decision date pending receipt of the P508 Final Modification Report (FMR).

7. GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning SS advised that GC0139 now has an EDD of 23 July 2026.

8. GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2 SS advised that GC0164 now has an EDD of 26 June 2026.

6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

9. CN advised that the GCDF meeting on 06 May 2026 covered the following topics:

- Generator Synchronisation Delays: CWP Energy presented on delays in the generator connection process, which have led to revenue loss and reduced clean generation. The issue is being addressed by NESO's commercial codes and code governance teams, with ongoing discussions and potential plans for a code modification.
- Guidance Note Updates: NESO provided updates on the review and consolidation of guidance notes, including a new template and a combined note for power park modules and battery energy storage systems, with a request for stakeholder feedback during a three-month consultation period.

10. GV requested that the generator synchronisation delay presentation be added to the GCDF meeting pack and made available online, which CN agreed to do.

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11. AA enquired about NESO's active involvement in resolving the synchronisation delay issue, and CN clarified that both NESO and industry are working on the matter, with some aspects potentially being a Transmission Owner (TO) process.

7. New Modifications

12. There were no new Modifications presented to the Panel.

8. Inflight Modification Updates

GC0155: Clarification of Fault Ride Through Technical Requirements

13. RW, GL and BA explained the ongoing difficulty in achieving quorum for GC0155 Workgroup meetings, which has stalled progress on the modification and noted that the most contentious issues had been moved to GC0178, leaving GC0155 primarily as clarificatory changes. Two options were presented:

- Option 1: Proceed to a Code Administrator Consultation without further Workgroups.
- Option 2: Continuing with a limited membership Workgroup.

14. The Panel discussed the merits of both options, with a strong preference for option 2 to ensure clarity and balanced input.

15. The Panel agreed Option 2 and for GC0155 to proceed with a limited membership Workgroup, with the process to invite additional members during the Workgroup Consultation period.

9. Workgroup Reports

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

10. Electrical Standards

17. There were no Electrical Standards presented to the Panel.

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11. Draft Final Modification Reports

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

18. SW presented the Draft Final Modification Report for GC0176 to the Panel, noting that 4 responses were received as part of the Code Administrator Consultation.

19. The Panel noted that GC0176 does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code

20. The Panel unanimously recommended GC0176 for implementation.

21. The Panel noted the following next steps:

- Final Modification Report to be circulated for Panel review between 22 – 29 May 2026
- Final Modification Report sent to Ofgem on 01 June 2026
- Ofgem decision date: TBC
- Implementation Date: 10 Business Days after Authority Decision

12. Discussions on Prioritisation

22. The Panel agreed to make changes to the Prioritisation Stack moving GC0178 up to priority 1, GC0186 up to priority 2 and moved GC0155 down priority 3.

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

Establishment of a harmonised prioritisation process within the Industry Codes

23. CG presented Ofgem's new Prioritisation Framework criteria for prioritising modifications—alignment with strategy, importance, and complexity—and explained the requirement to categorise modifications as high, or standard priority, which will be implemented into the Grid Code on 29 May 2026.

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24. AP asked Panel members to review the establishment of a harmonised prioritisation process within the Industry Codes guidance and consider how the new framework would affect current Modifications and send any feedback to SW for consolidation ahead of further discussion at the next Panel meeting.

13. Report to the Authority

25. There were no reports to the Authority.

14. Implementation Updates

26. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

27. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

16. Standing Items

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

28. AC advised there had not been a meeting since the last Panel.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

29. SW stated that JESG was held on 12 May 2026. The meeting materials can be found here.

30. The next meeting is scheduled for 09 June 2026.

17. Updates on other Industry Code

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

24 April 2026 CUSC Panel Papers and Headline Report

28 April 2026 SQSS Panel Papers and Headline Report

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

14 May 2026 BSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

15 May 2026 Special CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

18. Challenges to Modification Progress

32. SW presented challenges to modification progress sharing recent delays in modification timelines, attributing them to legal text reviews and modification complexity, and compared the current quarter's delays to the previous quarter, noting a reduction in the number of delayed modifications.

19. Horizon Scan

33. SW presented a new revised format for the horizon scan and invited Panel feedback. AA and CN expressed support for the new format.

20. Code Administrator Update

34. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business

Urgent Modifications and Resource Management

35. KK highlighted the exceptional number of CUSC urgent modification proposals and the increased number of Workgroups and sought Panel feedback. Panel members emphasised the importance of maintaining standards despite increased volume.

Electrical Standards Review and Governance

36. AC raised the review status of Electrical Standards linked to GC0168 and GC0103, requesting clarification on review periods and requested a future Panel session to discuss the governance interaction between Electrical Standards and Grid Code modifications.

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22. Close

37. 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 **25 June 2026**.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **10 June 2026**.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is **17 June 2026**.