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# Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

## 23 April 2026

### Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

**Date:** 23/04/2026      **Location:** Teams

**Start:** 10:00      **End:** 13:05

### Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Panel Chair
Kat Higby	KH	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Sarah Williams	SW	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	Generator, Alternate
David Michie	DM	Panel Member, 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
Shilen Shah	SS	Authority Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Vanessa Simpson	VS	Observer, NESO

## Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative

## Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Aiste Garneviene	AG	Presenter, Ofgem Sandbox Update
Amanda Rooney	AR	Proposer, GC0187
Claire Goult	CG	Workgroup Chair, GC0117
Frank Kasibante	FK	Presenter, Electrical Standards

## 1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Robert Longden.

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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 26 March 2026 were approved, subject to the incorporation of amendments from GV.

## 3. Review of actions log

4. KH provided an update on the open actions noting that 456, 465, and 484 485 and 486 were recommended to remain open.

**Action 456:** The Panel noted that no specific request has yet been made for the Ofgem ECR team to return. (Panel members agreed that the action is to remain open)

**Action 465:** Update on BEGA / Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreements remains pending, as internal work with Commercial Codes and the NESO Connections team is ongoing. (Panel members agreed that the action is to remain open)

**Action 484:** The required housekeeping modification has not yet been raised. The Panel requested an update to be given at the May Panel on when it may be progressed. (Panel members agreed that the action is to remain open)

### **Action 485:**

- GC0178: Timeline update to be provided post-procurement exercise (expected May).
- GC0155: The Panel requested an update at the next meeting.

## 4. Chair's update

5. The Chair advised that this was KH's final meeting as Panel Secretary due to moving into a new role. The Panel congratulated KH on her promotion and

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thanked her for her contribution. Arrangements for a replacement will be confirmed at the next meeting, with SW covering the May Panel as Panel Secretary.

## 5. Authority Decisions and Update

6. GC0169: Material changes arising from Grid Code Modification GC0136 SS confirmed that GC0169 was approved, and has been published on NESO’s website, and will be published on the Ofgem Website on 01 May 2026.

7. GC0173: Consistency of Technical and Compliance Requirements between GB and European Users SS advised that GC0173 has been approved and the decision has been published.

8. GC0179: Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code SS advised that this modification is linked to a Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) cost-recovery modification (P508). The intention is to take coordinated decisions on both modifications, with an indicative decision timeframe of around September 2026.

9. GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning SS advised that a lead policy contact has been assigned to GC0139, however no estimated decision date (EDD) has yet been confirmed. The Panel discussed the urgency of the modification and noted that GC0139 is ranked as the highest-priority post-Workgroup modification on the Panel’s prioritisation stack. The Panel highlighted that industry parties and NESO are already undertaking preparatory work at risk and that GC0168 contains contingent legal text dependent on the outcome of GC0139, increasing dependency risk. The Panel emphasised that an early decision would be preferable to reduce the risk of nugatory work. Ofgem agreed to return to the next Panel with a firm EDD, or, if this is not possible, an interim update on decision progress and direction.

## 6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

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10. The Panel was advised that no GCDF meeting was held in early April, as there were no items to progress at that time.

11. CN advised the next GCDF is planned for 6 May 2026. It is currently expected to include at least two, or potentially three, Grid Code Guidance Notes. This reflects work underway to review and improve guidance notes in response to stakeholder feedback, with GCDF being used as a forum to publicise changes and seek feedback. The deadline for additional agenda items was noted as imminent, and the meeting may be short if no further items are received.

## 7. New Modifications

### GC0187 'Grid Code Legal Text Corrections 2026'

12. AR delivered a presentation on GC0187, a housekeeping modification comprising a package of minor, non-material corrections to the Grid Code, including typographical errors, spacing, formatting, and incorrect cross-references.

13. Two proposed changes were removed following comments from Panel members last month, to avoid the possibility of material change. The proposer confirmed the remaining changes are non-material, do not impact Users, and therefore requested the Fast Track Self-Governance route.

14. Panel members queried the proposed change from "Compliance Repeat Plan" to "Compliance Report Plan", noting that existing NESO guidance refers to a *Repeat Plan*. Following discussion, it was agreed that this change should be removed from the scope of GC0187 and, if needed, addressed via a future housekeeping modification.

15. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0187 should follow the Fast-Track Self-Governance route and proceed to an appeals window ahead of implementation.

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GC0188: Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan

16. CN advised that due to the upcoming introduction of the Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP), several terms in the Grid Code need to be removed as the references are becoming outdated, including the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS), the Seven Year Statement (SYS) and the Offshore Development Information Statement (ODIS).

17. This modification was omitted from the Panel meeting after Ofgem announced a delay in the introduction of the CSNP. The modification will be presented to the Panel at a future meeting.

**8. Inflight Modification Updates**

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

18. KH presented an updated timeline for GC0176, noting that a further extension is required following the withdrawal of the Draft Final Modification Report (DFMR) due to a material response to the Distribution Code consultation impacting the legal text definition of ‘Load Block’. The Proposer now considers the resulting legal text changes to be minor, and the Workgroup will be reconvened to review the changes under GR.22.4(ii). If the Workgroup unanimously agrees the changes are minor, the DFMR will return to the May Panel for a decision; otherwise, a second Code Administrator Consultation will be required.

19. The Panel approved the new timeline as submitted in the Panel papers.

**9. Workgroup Reports**

GC0168: Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models

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20. KH gave a presentation on GC0168 which seeks to require certain Users to provide the ESO with EMT models to enable analyses such as system oscillation, inverter stability and Transient Over Voltage (ToV).

21. KH advised that the Workgroup had reconvened following Panel feedback and met five times to address outstanding issues. The Workgroup undertook further consideration of cost recovery (including interaction with CUSC modifications), legal text and Electrical Standards, DCUSA interactions, and flexibility where EMT models cannot be provided, and concluded that it had met its Terms of Reference.

22. The Panel agreed that the Workgroup has met the Terms of Reference of the modification and that it can proceed to Code Administrator Consultation, noting the proposed timeline and that any further material issues arising would be considered following Consultation.

## 10. Electrical Standards

GC0103: The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes

23. The Panel discussed the updated Applicable Electrical Standard associated with GC0103, noting that while significant work has been undertaken by the Transmission Owners to harmonise the standard, concerns remain among some affected Users regarding specific technical provisions and the limited opportunity for user engagement to date, as well as aspects of the drafting of the Electrical Standards.

The Panel discussed the governance process for Electrical Standards [post-meeting note: GC.11.3] and noted uncertainty regarding the current process position and whether all procedural steps had been followed. The Panel acknowledged that the formal 20-working-day review process has already

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been undertaken and recognised that no broad consensus had been reached and that the document had not been brought back to the next (January) Panel meeting. Further clarification of the governance route would be required before progressing. The Panel and Proposer agreed that there was a need for additional engagement (e.g. workshops) with the TOs to resolve outstanding issues.

Nonetheless some of the comments raised were shared with the Proposer, and it is understood that further drafting was progressed in response to these.

The panel requested the Code Administration team review and ensure that due process is followed, which might include The Company coordinating further consultation as described in GC.11.3(e), due to their being no broad consensus yet reached by the Panel on the draft new Electrical Standard.

### GC0168: Submission of Electro Magnetic Transient (EMT) Models

24. The Panel was advised that the Electrical Standard associated with GC0168 has been developed alongside the legal text and reflects extensive Workgroup discussion, including clarification of EMT model requirements, interactions with DCUSA, and flexibility where models cannot be provided within required timescales.

25. Minor editorial points were noted, while more substantive drafting and cost-recovery-related queries were acknowledged as matters to be considered through the forthcoming Code Administrator Consultation recognising that the governance arrangement of the Electrical Standard is different to that of the associated Grid Code modification. The Panel agreed that the Electrical Standard should proceed on this basis, with any further issues to be addressed following consultation and reported back to the Panel as necessary.

## **11. Draft Final Modification Reports**

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GC0103: The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes

26. The Panel discussed the GC0103 DFMR in the context of the associated Applicable Electrical Standard, noting that while the modification itself was unchanged, unresolved issues remain with the Electrical Standard and its governance process. Panel members highlighted the lack of broad consensus on the Electrical Standard, concerns from affected users regarding technical content, and uncertainty around the correct sequencing and consultation requirements.

27. Given these outstanding issues, the Panel agreed it was not appropriate to proceed to a vote on the GC0103 DFMR at this meeting and deferred consideration to the next Panel, pending further engagement with stakeholders and clarification of the Electrical Standards governance route.

GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2

28. KH presented the second Draft Final Modification Report for GC0164 to the Panel, noting that a second Code Administrator Consultation had been undertaken following earlier Panel feedback.

29. The consultation received one non-confidential response, which was supportive of the proposal and its implementation approach, with no issues raised.

30. The Panel held their Recommendation Vote for GC0164 and agreed unanimously that the Original Proposal better facilitates the Grid Code Objectives than the Baseline. The Final Modification Report will be issued to the Authority on 05 May 2026.

**12. Discussions on Prioritisation**

31. The Panel agreed no changes were needed to the Prioritisation Stack.

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

### **13. Report to the Authority**

32. There were no reports to the Authority.

### **14. Implementation Updates**

33. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

### **15. Governance**

34. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

### **16. Standing Items**

#### **Distribution Code Review Panel Update**

35. AC advised that work on Engineering Recommendation G5 remains ongoing. It was also noted that GC0176 continues to progress through the Distribution Code process, and that GC0186 (Restoration Planning) is expected to be taken forward as a joint Workgroup with the Grid Code.

#### **Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)**

36. KH stated that the meeting on 14 April 2026 was cancelled.

37. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 May 2026.

### **17. Updates on other Industry Code**

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

24 March 2026 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

25 March 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

27 March 2026 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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09 April 2026 BSC Panel Papers and Headline Report

## **18. Challenges to Modification Progress**

39. There were no updates for the Panel.

## **19. Horizon Scan**

40. There were no updates for the Panel.

## **20. Code Administrator Update**

41. There were no updates for the Panel.

## **21. Any Other Business**

42. AG presented an overview of Ofgem’s work on innovation adaptability mechanisms as part of the Energy Code Reform programme, highlighting the need for more flexible and timely ways to trial innovation as the energy system transitions to net zero. The presentation outlined existing approaches, including regulatory sandboxes, derogations, and delegations, and explained how sandboxes enable time-limited trials under controlled conditions, with learning used to inform enduring code change.

43. AG advised that it is working with Code Administrators to understand what innovation mechanisms already exist within codes and to explore whether more consistent, standardised approaches could be developed where appropriate. The Panel noted the update and the intention for further engagement with codes as this work develops.

## **22. Close**

44. 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 **19 May 2026** on Teams.

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New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **01 May 2026**.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is **11 May 2026**.