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Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

25 June 2026

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 25/06/2026 **Location:** Teams

Start: 10:00 **End:** 13:53

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
David Monkhouse	DMo	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKc	Authority Representative, Observer
Graeme Vincent	GV	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative

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Fraser Scott	FS	Alternate, Onshore Transmission Owner
Jacob Snowden	JS	BSC Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Shilen Shah	SS	Authority Representative
Sigrid Bolik	SB	Panel Member, Generator Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Darshak Shah	DS	Alternate, Generator Representative
David Michie	DM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Supplier Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Catia Gomes	CG	Presenter of Prioritisation Framework
Graham Lear	GL	Presenter, GC0184
Lilian Macleod	LM	Presenter, GC0188
Thomas Goss	TG	Presenter, GC0188

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1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from David Michie and Darshak Shah.
2. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

3. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panels held on 23 April 2026 and 19 May 2026 were approved.

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 484: Update provided; discrepancies between legal text and website identified, website corrected. Action not yet closed pending further clarification and traceability outputs. (Action to remain open)

Action 485: Remains open pending the consultant signature on the contract for GC0178. The contract has been reviewed by the relevant party but cannot progress further until executed. (Action to remain open)

4. Chair's update

5. There was no update from the Chair.

5. Authority Decisions and Update

6. GC0179: Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code SS advised that GC0179 now has an estimated decision date (EDD) of 20 July 2026.
7. GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning SS advised that GC0139 has an EDD of 23 July 2026.

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8. GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2 SS advised that GC0164 has been approved on the meeting day, 25 June 2026.

9. GC0176: Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code SS advised that GC0176 is aligned with DCRP/MP/25/01 so both decisions will be published on the same day, with a current EDD of 31 July 2026.

6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

10. CN advised that the GCDF meeting on 03 June 2026 covered the following topics:

- New EDL Reason Codes for Real-Time Dynamic Response – a proposal to introduce new EDL Reason Codes to enable Real-Time Dynamic Response (RTDX). Discussion at GCDF clarified that participants can engage in both existing Mandatory Frequency Response (MFR) services and the new real-time services concurrently. It was confirmed that provision of these services is open to all technologies, although current participation is largely from storage assets. Open points remain regarding testing requirements between MFR and the new services, with stakeholders encouraged to respond to a request for information. Clarification was also provided on the background and development of GC0185.
- GC0166 Technical Implementation: an update on the technical implementation of requirements introduced through GC0166 due for implementation later in the year. The update highlighted ongoing stakeholder engagement, including guidance development, testing activity, and industry events. It was confirmed that the modification applies to all asset owners; those without limited-duration characteristics will be required to utilise default parameter values.

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- Additional discussions covered the timing of international alignment work (including EU Network Code considerations) and the role of the Code Manager, with further updates to be provided at a future meeting.

11. AA raised concerns about the undefined use of 'limited duration' in NESO communications, suggesting it could lead to misinterpretation. CN acknowledged the feedback.

12. The Panel were advised that the next GCDF meeting has been rescheduled to 8 July and is expected to include agenda items on System Access Reform, potential changes to OC2, and a possible compliance-related modification.

7. New Modifications

GC0184 'Revising Minimum Reactive Capability Requirements within ECC.6.3'

13. GL presented GC0184, outlining the need to review and potentially revise the minimum reactive capability requirements in ECC.6.3.2, citing system operability concerns due to increased embedded generation and reduced synchronous plant. The proposal aims to ensure future system stability by updating requirements for new connections.

14. Panel members raised concerns about the technical feasibility and cost implications for different technologies, especially regarding requirements for reactive power capability at low or zero output. The Proposer clarified that the intention is to avoid imposing significant new costs and to focus on what is technically appropriate.

15. Several Panel members questioned whether the issue constitutes a defect in the code or if alternative solutions (such as procuring services or using other equipment) should be considered. GL argued that while alternative solutions may exist, GC0184 addresses a specific defect in the Grid Code's minimum reactive capability requirements. GL considered that, where those requirements

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no longer support future system operability, the issue can be remedied through amendment of the Grid Code, with a workgroup assessing whether that is the most appropriate solution and how it should be implemented.

16. The Panel refined the Terms of Reference ensuring they include consideration of technology limitations, cost implications, regulatory feasibility, and alignment with other code sections.

17. The Panel unanimously agreed that GC0184 has a clearly defined scope and defect and should proceed to workgroup under standard governance.

18. The Panel by majority agreed the GC0184 Terms of Reference were acceptable recognising that further refinement would be beneficial.

19. The Panel noted that there appear not to be any impacts on the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code.

20. The Panel noted the timeline and highlighted that as this workgroup should be a joint workgroup with the Distribution Code Review Panel this would impact the timeline.

GC0188 'Update for Centralised Strategic Network Plan'

21. TG & LM presented GC0188 detailing the need to update the Grid Code to replace references to the Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS) and other legacy planning statements with CSNP, in line with Ofgem's new long-term planning framework.

22. Several Panel members expressed concerns that removing ETYS references before the licence condition is revoked could inadvertently remove obligations or reduce data transparency, particularly regarding publication frequency and fault level data. LM clarified that the CSNP guidance document, governed by Ofgem, would cover these requirements, but agreed to provide a mapping of obligations,

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and take away the point about the timing of Licence condition changes to discuss with Ofgem.

23. The Panel by majority agreed that the GC0188 did not have a defined defect and scope and solution.

24. The panel agreed to defer a decision on the GC0188 until the mapping between ETYS obligations and the CSNP guidance document is provided and reviewed, and conversations had been held with Ofgem on the timing of Licence condition changes, ensuring that all current requirements are maintained and that there is no loss of user access to critical data.

8. Inflight Modification Updates

GC0186: Proposed Grid Code Changes – Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)

25. SW reported a delay in the GC0186 timeline due to coordination with the Distribution Code Review Panel.

26. The Panel expressed concern regarding the proposed delay to GC0186 and requested further clarification on whether the modification is intended solely to clarify existing GC0156 requirements or whether it could materially change requirements introduced by GC0156, particularly in relation to the interpretation of restoration and "cold start" related requirements.

27. The Panel requested consideration of whether the revised timetable could be accelerated and asked the Workgroup to provide further information on the interaction with GC0156 before the timeline is reconsidered at a future Panel meeting.

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9. Workgroup Reports

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

10. Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR)

GC0168: Submission of Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) Models

29. The Panel discussed the interaction between GC0168 and GC0139, raising concerns about how to integrate changes if both are approved.

30. The Panel requested the Workgroup, under GR.22.4(ii), to review the Legal text comments received from the Code Administrator Consultation; consider whether the changes could be treated as minor amendments; revisit the interaction between GC0168 and GC0139; and provide additional clarification where appropriate.

31. The Panel agreed to defer consideration of the GC0168 Electrical Standard to the July Panel meeting at the earliest to allow all comments received to date, including those submitted after the formal deadline, to be reviewed. The Panel acknowledged that this approach departs from the existing Electrical Standards governance process but agreed that, in the circumstances, a pragmatic approach was appropriate.

11. Discussions on Prioritisation

32. CG presented the new Prioritisation Framework spreadsheet for Grid Code modifications. CG explained the new framework, which requires the Panel to assess all in-flight Modifications with Workgroups against the criteria of SDS alignment, importance, and complexity, and to categorise them as High or Standard priority. The process is to be repeated quarterly and for new Modifications that are raised.

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33. The Panel led by AP discussed the workload and agreed to divide the assessment of all in-flight Modifications with Workgroups among themselves, with each member reviewing specific Modifications and sharing recommendations at the next Panel meeting.

12. Reports to the Authority

34. There were no reports to the Authority.

13. Implementation Updates

35. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

14. Governance

36. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

15. Standing Items

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

37. AC advised that the Distribution Code Review Panel had approved submission of the aligned Demand Control Rotation Protocol modification report to Ofgem.

38. AC noted that the first joint Grid Code/Distribution Code workgroup meeting for GC0186 had taken place and that work relating to Engineering Recommendation G5 remains ongoing.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

39. The Panel noted that JESG was held on 09 June 2026. The meeting materials can be found [here](#).

40. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2026.

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16. Updates on other Industry Code

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

20 May 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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

27 May 2026 SQSS [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

11 June 2026 BSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

17. Challenges to Modification Progress

42. There were no updates for the Panel.

18. Horizon Scan

43. There were no updates for the Panel.

19. Electrical Standards

44. SW led a discussion on improving the electrical standards process, including aligning governance with Grid Code modifications and allowing for iterative feedback.

45. CN outlined proposed changes to the Electrical Standards process, such as allowing more time for Panel review, enabling additional iterations before triggering a Panel Workgroup, and aligning the process for Electrical Standards linked to Grid Code modifications.

46. AC and AA supported the direction of travel, suggesting further clarity on iteration, consultation, and withdrawal provisions. GV emphasised the need to engage Transmission Operators, given their ownership of Electrical Standards.

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47. CN confirmed that further development and a draft Modification proposal would be brought to a future Panel meeting.

20. Code Administrator Update

48. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business

49. AA and SB raised concerns about the reduced pool of Generator Representatives and Alternates, noting the impact on Panel representation.

50. SW confirmed that the issue is being reviewed with the NESO Legal team and that upcoming elections may address the gaps.

22. Close

51. 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 **30 July 2026** (In person at Faraday House).

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **15 July 2026**.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is **22 July 2026**.