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Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP)

30 July 2026

Grid Code Review Panel Minutes

Date: 30/07/2026 **Location:** NESO, Faraday House, Warwick

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

Participants

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Pygram	AP	Independent Panel Chair
Sarah Williams	SW	Panel Secretary, Code Administrator
Ryan Baldwin	RB	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Hemus	AH	Panel Technical Secretary, Code Administrator
Andrew Allan	AA	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Alan Creighton	AC	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
David Michie	DM	Panel Member, Onshore Transmission Owner
Graeme Vincent	GV	Panel Member, Network Operator Representative
John Harrower	JH	Panel Member, Generator Representative
Robert Longden	RL	Panel Member, Supplier Representative
Anthony Johnson	AJ	Alternate, NESO
Arshad Syed Anwar	ASA	Authority Representative
Calum Watkins	CW	Authority Representative

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Darshak Shah	DS	Alternate, Generator Representative
Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKC	Authority Representative
Frank Kasibante	FK	NESO Representative
Jacob Snowden	JS	BSC Representative
Shilen Shah	SS	Authority Representative
Susan Brush	SB	Authority Representative

Apologies

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Claire Newton	CN	NESO Representative
David Monkhouse	DM	Panel Member, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative
Noel McGoldrick	NM	Alternate, Offshore Transmission Licensee Representative

Presenters

Attendee	Initials	Representing
Anthony Johnson	AJ	Presenter, Grid Code Development Forum
Catia Gomes	CG	Presenter of Prioritisation Framework
Frank Kasibante	FK	Presenter, GC0103

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Presenter, GC0103

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1. Apologies were received from Claire Newton, David Monkhouse and Noel McGoldrick.
2. No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

3. The meeting minutes from the Grid Code Review Panel held on 25 June 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 available; Ofgem to check internally and provide a future update. (Action to remain open)

Action 484: Baseline table errors will be corrected through a housekeeping modification rather than GC0103. (Action to remain open)

Action 485: All consultant contracts are signed and the next workgroup is expected in August, with a revised timeline to be presented to Panel next month. (Action to remain open)

4. Chair's update

5. There was no update from the Chair.

5. Authority Decisions and Update

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6. GC0176: Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code SS advised that GC0176 was due to be published on the day of the meeting and confirmed that the Authority decision was to approve the modification.

8. GC0164: Simplification of Operating Code No.2 SS advised that the Authority decision for GC0139 had been published.

9. GC0176: Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code SS advised that the Authority decision for GC0139 had been published.

6. Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF)

10. AJ provided an update on the July 2026 GCDF meeting, which covered the following topics:

- System Access Reform (OC2): An update was provided on proposals to modernise system access arrangements within OC2 to better reflect current network conditions. The proposed changes aim to reduce requirements on parties, improve outage planning processes, increase confidence in outage plans, and enhance proactive stakeholder communications.
- Consequential Changes from GSR035 and GSR036: A presentation outlined consequential Grid Code changes arising from SQSS modifications GSR035 and GSR036, which seek to introduce a more coordinated and flexible approach to system access. GCDF noted that these changes are not currently reflected in OC2 and that consequential Grid Code modifications will be required.
- Additional Updates: GCDF also received updates on alignment with EU requirements, Energy Code Reform activities, compliance challenges

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associated with low system strength, and a consultation on guidance documentation.

11. During Panel discussion, questions were raised regarding the progression of consequential Grid Code modifications required to support GSR035 and GSR036. Concerns were expressed that Grid Code changes should be progressed in a timely manner to align with the associated SQSS modifications and avoid governance misalignment between the codes. It was confirmed that a Grid Code modification is expected to be raised in August or September 2026.

12. The Panel were advised that the next GCDF meeting was scheduled for 6 August 2026 and was expected to include:

- Alternative Reactive Power Capability, considering arrangements where generator capability is constrained by DNO network restrictions.
- Compliance Clarifications and Corrections Modification, introducing a package of legal and housekeeping changes following GC0187 and other identified drafting issues.
- Technical Grants for Demand Connections, providing an update from the Demand Expert Group and associated future code development activities.

A planned presentation on Reactive Power Capability was also expected to be deferred pending additional development work.

7. New Modifications

13. No new modifications were presented to the Panel.

8. Inflight Modification Updates

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

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14. GC0103 was discussed in more depth following update on the other inflight modification updates.

GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements

15. The Panel considered a proposed two-month delay to GC0117. It was noted that review of the CBA query log and preparation of responses had taken longer than anticipated following the Authority's previous send-back request. The Panel agreed the revised timeline and no concerns were raised.

GC0168: Submission of Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) Models

16. The Panel considered a revised timeline for GC0168, including a proposed three-month delay. It was noted that the proposer had elected to wait for the Authority's decision on GC0139 (which had been approved on 27th July 2026) before progressing an additional Workgroup meeting to consider legal text comments received during consultation.

The Panel discussed the interaction between GC0168 and GC0139 and noted that the decision on GC0139 would provide greater clarity when considering the proposed legal text amendments. The Panel agreed the revised timeline and welcomed offers from Workgroup members to support alignment between the modifications.

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

17. AJ provided an update on the progress of GC0186, noting that two Workgroup meetings had been held, a further meeting was scheduled for 06 August 2026, and drafting of consultation and legal text was progressing.

The Panel revisited concerns raised previously regarding whether proposed clarifications to restoration and cold start provisions could be interpreted as introducing more onerous requirements than those established under GC0156. Panel members stressed the importance of ensuring that any clarifications did not inadvertently alter compliance obligations ahead of the ESRS implementation deadline.

The Panel agreed a revised timeline for GC0186 and approved amendments to the Terms of Reference, including an additional requirement for the Workgroup to consider whether any proposed clarifications could be perceived as more onerous than the existing requirements introduced through GC0156.

9. Electrical Standards

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

18. FK presented an update on GC0103, explaining that the Transmission Owners had completed work to develop a single harmonised Electrical Standard but

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considered that they had reached the practical limit of harmonisation without creating disproportionate impacts on parties. He noted that a number of stakeholder concerns remained unresolved, including drafting quality, consultation, and potential cost impacts arising from harmonisation.

Panel members discussed whether the proposed Electrical Standard was sufficiently developed to proceed. Concerns were highlighted regarding drafting quality, stakeholder engagement, and the potential impact of harmonised requirements on users. It was noted that while substantial progress had been made, further refinement and discussion may be required before the Standard could be approved.

Following a vote, the Panel concluded that there was not broad consensus to approve the proposed Electrical Standard. In accordance with the governance process, the Panel agreed that a Panel Working Group should be established to review the outstanding issues, undertake further engagement and consultation, and develop a recommendation. Discussion also highlighted the need to involve Transmission Owners and relevant industry expertise in that process.

The Panel requested that a proposed scope, membership and timeline for the Panel Working Group be brought back to the next Panel meeting. Members also noted that lessons from GC0103 should inform ongoing work to improve the governance arrangements for Electrical Standards.

10. Workgroup Reports

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

11. Draft Final Modification Reports (DFMR)

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

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20. The Panel noted confirmation from SS that, should GC0103 be approved before the associated Electrical Standard is resolved, the Authority would not publish a decision until the Electrical Standard process had concluded. The Authority also confirmed it would review the modification in the interim and provide feedback where appropriate.

21. The Panel discussed whether it was appropriate to vote on the Draft Final Modification Report ahead of approval of the associated Electrical Standard. Members noted that the Authority's position mitigated concerns that the modification could be approved and implemented before the Electrical Standard had completed the governance process.

22. The Panel proceeded to vote on the Draft Final Modification Report. The Panel unanimously agreed that the Original Proposal better facilitated the Applicable Grid Code Objectives and approved this.

23. The Panel noted that the Draft Final Modification Report would be circulated for final review of voting positions.

12. Discussions on Prioritisation

24. CG presented the prioritisation assessments completed by Panel members for all in-flight Grid Code Modifications with Workgroups. The Panel discussed the application of the new framework, including the interpretation of SDS alignment, importance and complexity criteria. Members noted that further guidance on SDS alignment and consistency across Codes would be beneficial.

25. The Panel reviewed each in-flight Modification against the prioritisation criteria and agreed that all Modifications reviewed should be categorised as Standard Priority.

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26. The Panel discussed the operation of the framework and raised concerns regarding the limited granularity available within the High and Standard categories. Members suggested retaining an internal ordering of Standard priority Modifications to assist with work planning while continuing to comply with the Authority's prioritisation framework. CG confirmed that such an approach would be acceptable provided it did not replace the formal prioritisation categories.

27. Representatives from the Authority advised that they would undertake their own assessment of the prioritisation outcomes and share feedback with the Panel where any material differences in interpretation were identified.

13. Reports to the Authority

28. There were no reports to the Authority.

14. Implementation Updates

29. There were no implementation updates for the Panel.

15. Governance

30. There were no Governance updates for the Panel.

16. Standing Items

Distribution Code Review Panel Update

31. The Panel noted that there had been no Distribution Code Review Panel meeting since the previous Grid Code Review Panel meeting and therefore no update was provided.

Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG)

32. The Panel noted that the previous JESG meeting had taken place on 14 July 2026.

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33. The Panel were advised that the next JESG meeting is scheduled for 11 August 2026.

17. Updates on other Industry Code

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

24 June 2026 STC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

19 June 2026 Special CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

26 June 2026 CUSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

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

09 July 2026 BSC [Panel Papers and Headline Report](#)

18. Challenges to Modification Progress

35. There were no updates for the Panel.

19. Horizon Scan

36. There were no updates for the Panel.

20. Code Administrator Update

37. There were no updates for the Panel.

21. Any Other Business

38. The Panel considered proposed meeting dates for 2027 and discussed amendments to the schedule. Revised dates of 23 March 2027 and 16 December 2027 were proposed in place of the originally scheduled meetings, and no objections were raised by Panel members.

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39. The Panel noted that the revised dates would be incorporated into the 2027 meeting schedule.

22. Close

40. 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 **27 August 2026**.

New Modification Proposals to be submitted by **12 August 2026**.

Grid Code Review Panel Papers Day is **19 August 2026**.