

Grid Code Review Panel

Thursday 30 July 2026

Online Meeting via Teams

WELCOME

Purpose of Panel & Duties of Panel Members

The **Panel** shall be the standing body to carry out the **functions** referred to in the Governance Rules **(GR3.1.1)**

Functions (GR.3.2)

The **Panel** shall endeavour at all time to operate:

- In an **efficient, economical and expeditious manner**, taking account of the complexity, importance and urgency of particular Modification Proposals; and
- With a view to ensuring that the **Grid Code** facilitates **achievement of the Grid Code Objectives**.

Duties of Panel Members & Alternates (GR.3.3)

1. Shall act **impartially** and in accordance with the requirements of the **Grid Code**; and
2. Shall not have any **conflicts of interest**.

Shall not be representative of, and shall act without undue regard to the particular interests of the persons or body of persons by whom he/she was appointed as Panel Member and any Related Person from time to time.

Approval of Panel Minutes

Approval of Panel Minutes from the meeting held on 25 June 2026.

Action Log

Action No.	Status	Action	Owner	Comments and Updates
456	Open	Ofgem Energy Code Reform (ECR) team to be invited to a future Grid Code Review Panel to provide update around milestones	SS/DK C	The Ofgem ECR team may be invited to a future Grid Code Review Panel meeting to address specific questions or provide clarification, rather than a general milestone update.
484	Open	Baseline table errors to be fixed by a housekeeping modification first, rather than as part of GC0103.	AJ/CN	Update provided; discrepancies between legal text and website identified, website corrected. Action not yet closed pending further clarification and traceability outputs.
485	Open	Code Governance to provide some clarity on GC0178 timeline, resourcing and Workgroup scheduling to ensure momentum and avoid repeated delays.	SW	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.

Chair's Update

Authority Decisions and Update (as of 22 July 2026)

Decisions Pending

Modification	Final Modification Report Received	Expected Decision Date
<u>GC0139: Enhanced Planning-Data Exchange to Facilitate Whole System Planning</u>	06 April 2026	23 July 2026
<u>GC0176: Introduction of Demand Control Rotation Protocol within Operating Code 6 of the Grid Code</u>	01 June 2026	31 July 2026

Decisions Received

Modification	Final Modification Report Received	Decision Date
<u>GC0179: Removal of Balancing Code No.4 from the Grid Code</u>	11 March 2026	20 July 2026

The Authority's publication on decisions can be found on their website below:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>



Grid Code Development Forum – Update

Claire Newton, NESO

The GCDF meeting on 8th July covered the following topics:

- Problem Statement 1 for GC OC2 review SAR OP4 workstream – A proposal to update System Access in the Grid Code to make it work for all users under modern conditions. (e.g., whether or not it is being taken forward as a formal modification)
 - Forum members gave a number of examples of improvements they seek in any Mod raised, especially concerning effective communication of outage changes and how changes are considered and plan. Users feel that the current process is too arbitrary and does not take into consideration the costs they incur.
- System Access Reform Grid Code Modification (GC0XXX – OC2) GCDF Engagement pre-raising modification
System Access Reform introduces a more co-ordinated and flexible approach to system access. These changes are not currently reflected within OC2, risking potential misalignment between SQSS policy and Grid Code processes
 - Forum members wanted to ensure there is clarity around exactly what changes are being proposed, and also that improvements are made concerning access of information

Presentation items and Minutes from the 8th July GCDF meeting can be found [here](#)

Next GCDF will take place on Wednesday 5th August

Deadline for August Agenda items – 23rd July

Final Agenda items TBC.

Inflight Modification Updates

- GC0103: The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes
- GC0117: Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements
- GC0168: Submission of Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) Models
- GC0186: Proposed Grid Code Changes – Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)

GC0103 ‘The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes’ – Timeline Update

	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	17 April 2026	14 May 2026	TBC	10 business days after authority decision
New timeline	30 Jul 2026	20 August 2026	TBC	10 business days after authority decision

Rationale: The timeline has been revised to allow GC0103 to progress whilst development of the AES continues separately.

Workgroups Remaining: 0

GC0103 – the asks of Panel

- **Vote on the recommendation**

GC0117 ‘Improving transparency and consistency of access arrangements across GB by the creation of a pan-GB commonality of Power Station requirements’ – Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	N/A	14 September 2026	21 September 2026	TBC	10 Business Days after Decision
New timeline	N/A	18 November 2026	30 November 2026	TBC	10 Business Days after Decision

Rationale: The previous timeline was indicative. The review of the CBA query log and preparation of responses took longer than originally anticipated.

Workgroups Remaining: N/A send back to include an updated and comprehensive reassessment of the CBA only and resubmit to the Authority.

GC0117 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

GC0168 ‘Submission of Electromagnetic Transient (EMT) Models’ – Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	N/A	17 June 2026	08 July 2026	TBC	10 Business Days after Decision
New timeline	N/A	19 August 2026	10 September 2026	TBC	10 Business Days after Decision

Rationale: The Proposer agreed to wait for the decision on GC0139 before progressing to the extra Workgroup agreed by the June Panel to consider legal text suggestions received through the Code Administrator Consultation. The Proposer felt that by waiting for the GC0139 decision the Workgroup would have better clarity when considering the suggested changes.

Workgroups Remaining: 1

GC0168 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

GC0186 ‘Proposed Grid Code Changes – Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)’ – Timeline Update

	Workgroup Report issued to Panel	DFMR issued to Panel	FMR issued to Ofgem	Decision Date	Implementation Date
Previous timeline	19 September 2026	18 November 2026	02 December 2026	TBC	TBC
New timeline	21 January 2027	22 April 2027	11 May 2027	TBC	TBC

Rationale: As this was a combined Grid code/DCODE modification we had to wait for the next DCODE Panel, which was April, to add their comments. Allowing for Workgroup nominations for the combined Workgroup also added to the delay.

Workgroups Remaining: 7

GC0186 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** revised timeline

GC0186 'Proposed Grid Code Changes – Post Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS)' – Request to change Terms of Reference

The Workgroup would like reflect the following within their Terms of Reference:

Amended Workgroup Terms of Reference

- f) Consider whether to introduce the concept of Regional Restoration Plans (RRPs) into the Grid Code drafting.
- k). Consider the arrangements to enable Restoration Contractors with one Control Point and multiple sites with Restoration Contracts to meet the requirements of their Restoration Contracts, particularly in terms of timescales
- s) Consider the implications for Network Operators and Transmission Owners of the modification proposal.
- u) Consider whether cost recovery is required for impacted parties as a result of this proposal.

GC0186 – the asks of Panel

- **AGREE** the amended/ additional points within Terms of Reference

Electrical Standard – Transmission Owners Applicable Electrical Standard (GC0103)

Frank Kasibante/Garth Graham/Julie Mcavoy

GC0103 Asks of Panel

- **NOTE** the current dilemma, TO's have indicated that the standards have been harmonised to the greatest extent practicable while still meeting the individual requirements of each TO.
- **VOTE** whether or not to recommend implementation

Draft Final Modification Report

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

Sarah Williams (Panel Secretary)

Solution and Workgroup Vote

Solution:

- To set out within the Grid Code the harmonisation requirement in the European Union (EU) Grid Connection Codes as they relate to Electrical Standards.

Summary of Workgroup Vote:

- The Workgroup concluded by majority (7 out of 8 votes) that the original better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

Code Administrator Consultation Responses

Summary of Code Administrator Consultation Responses:

Code Administrator Consultation was run from 03/12/2025 to 12/01/2026 and received 4 non-confidential responses [and 0 confidential responses]. Key points were:

- One respondent stated the proposal creates a level playing field whilst another felt it would facilitate a more consistent and efficient connections.
- Three respondents supported the implementation approach. One felt the implantation period of 10 Business was too short and suggested 90 calendar days would be more appropriate.
- One respondent provided several suggestions to the Applicable Electrical Standard in Annex 03 which have been forwarded to the Transmission Owners developing the document.
- One respondent proposed small number of minor editorial comments and suggestions to the following GC0103 legal text documents.

GC0103 Asks of Panel

- **NOTE** that this Modification does not impact the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 18 terms and conditions held within the Grid Code
- **VOTE** whether or not to recommend implementation
- **NOTE** next steps

GC0103 Next Steps

Milestone	Date
Final Modification Report issued to Panel to check votes recorded correctly (5 Business Days)	31 July 2026
Submission of Final Modification Report to Ofgem	10 August 2026
Ofgem decision date	TBC
Implementation Date	10 Business Days after Authority Decision

EBR Article 3 Objectives

For reference, the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EBR) Article 3 (Objectives and regulator aspects) are:

This Regulations aims at:

1. Fostering effective competition, non-discrimination and transparency in balancing markets;
2. enhancing efficiency of balancing as well as efficiency of national balancing markets;
3. integrating balancing markets and promoting the possibilities for exchanges of balancing services while contributing to operational security;
4. contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector while facilitating the efficient and consistent functioning of day-ahead, intraday and balancing markets;
5. ensuring that the procurement of balancing services is fair, objective, transparent and market-based, avoids undue barriers to entry for new entrants, fosters the liquidity of balancing markets while preventing undue market distortions;
6. facilitating the participation of demand response including aggregation facilities and energy storage while ensuring they compete with other balancing services at a level playing field and, where necessary, act independently when serving a single demand facility;
7. facilitating the participation of renewable energy sources and supporting the achievement of any target specified in an enactment for the share of energy from renewable sources.

Prioritisation discussion

Catia Gomes – NESO

Standing Items

Updates on all developments relevant to Grid Code Panel e.g. potential for future governance changes or modifications

- Distribution Code Panel update (Alan Creighton)
- JESG Update (information only)
 - Previous meeting – 14 July 2026 [Meeting materials and Headline Report](#)
 - Next meeting – 11 August 2026

Updates on other industry codes

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](#)

Any other business

2027 Panel dates

Activities ahead of the next Panel Meeting

Grid Code Development Forum	05 August 2026
Modification Proposal Deadline for August Panel	12 August 2026
Papers Day	19 August 2026
Panel Meeting	27 August 2026

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over fields and trees. Long shadows are cast across the fields. In the bottom right corner, there are four overlapping pink circles. The background image is a landscape with fields, trees, and a distant town under a hazy sky.

Close

Anthony Pygram

Independent Chair, Grid Code
Review Panel