

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
4 More London / Teleconference  
Commencing at 12.30pm

### Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks (Chair)	Deputy Chair (DNO)
Chris McCann	CMC	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Christian Hjelm	CH	National Grid Electricity Distribution	DNO
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Guy Nicolson	GN	Statkraft	Non-BM Generator
Peter Wilkinson	PK	Centrica	BM Generator
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Authority
Bieshoj Awad	BA	National Grid ESO	OTSO
Mike Robey	MR	National Grid ESO	OTSO
Frank Kasibante (Part)	FK	National Grid ESO	OTSO

### 1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to the December Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), held as a hybrid meeting at 4 More London and also via teleconference. General introductions made. The meeting was chaired by MW, as SC was unable to attend and had offered his apologies.

### 2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - DCRP 22 05 02

#### 2.1. Accuracy

A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was shared with the group and reviewed by members of the panel. Some minor editorial comments had been received and the minutes were approved on that basis. This version was then approved by the panel for publication.

**Action: CMC**

#### 2.2. Matters Arising

All matters arising have been included in the meeting agenda.

### **3. NGESO Presentation - Alignment, Simplification and Rationalisation (ASR)**

FK provided an update on the progress of Alignment, Simplification & Rationalisation workstream (ASR) elements from NGESO's digitalised Whole System Technical Code. This included the current timeline. He informed the panel that Grid Code OC2 had been re-drafted to make the obligations easier to understand. He added that that the set of Grid Code definitions are being considered. FK requested the views of the panel through a questionnaire that was shared on OC2 prior to the meeting.

A Grid Code Modification will be raised once the views of key industry players have been assessed.

### **4. NGESO Presentation - ALoMCP**

BA and MR presented a slide deck to the panel focused on the proposed approach to enforcement and costs so far. The generation capacity of sites still to be reviewed have been assessed but predicted final costs and benefits of the program are unclear at this time due to a number of factors. The panel then held discussions on the program.

NGESO will conduct a CBA for re-enforcement due to complete before April 2023. The panel proposed a 'check point' at each compliance level to review progress before continuing to the next lower level of enforcement. NGESO agreed this was a sensible approach.

Panel members discussed the possible disruption that pursuing lower threshold generators could cause to customers. It was also raised that as customers did not cause this situation the decision to ask them to fund any required changes needs to be reviewed.

SS indicated that as the compliance threshold reduces the risk of non-compliance increases, derogation will remain an option. The current funding for the program has now ceased, though the views of the Authority will need to be sought before a decision on continued funding could be made.

SS to return the views of the Authority to panel members on continuing the previous funding arrangements..

**Action: SS**

NGESO are pursuing periodic meetings to provide updates with DNOs and IDNOs. There is a possibility for members to receive re-imburement for their costs at set points in the program though this will need to be confirmed by the Authority.

It was proposed to have 'check points' at each stage in the enforcement process between circulating the letters to customers and receiving responses.

## 5. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

GC0117	Harmonisation of Large, Medium and Small Power Stations - Work group is currently agreeing the scope of a Cost Benefits analysis.
GC0139	Enhanced planning for Data Exchange - Work is ongoing, progress is being made.
GC0148	Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II - Work continuing. There are no implications on the DCode.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard - Public Consultation now open. It is due to close on 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.
GC0160	Firm Load Shedding during a Gas Supply Emergency. This is currently with the Authority for urgent modification.

## 6. EU Network Codes

### 6.1 *EREC P28 – Multiple BESS sites*

It was proposed to form a DCRP Workgroup to scope out areas of EREC P28 against requirements for BESS connections with Stakeholder involvement. The panel agreed the formation of this group.

CMC to circulate nominations for WG membership to the panel.

**Action: CMC**

## 7. DCode User Issues

### 7.1 *TTR Amendments*

An update was provided to re-enforce the progress with the TTR to assess and verify the large influx of device submissions since the changes to Storage were implemented back in September 2022. Updates will continue to be provided at future meetings.

## 8. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

### 8.1 *DCRP/MP/19/09 - EREC P24 Issue 2*

Work is ongoing in the drafting of EREC P24 and EREC P29. Once complete, these documents will be published simultaneously for consultation.

### 8.2 *DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange working group*

Work is progressing, drafting of the guidance document is ongoing. Further updates will be provided at future panel meetings.

### **8.3 DCRP/MP/22/02 - Emergency and restoration code and Distributed ReStart**

A public consultation paper has been prepared and was submitted to the panel for approval to consult in mid-December. The panel approved this request, and the release date is planned to be 12<sup>th</sup> December and will run until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Open and run consultation DCRP/22/02/PC. Provide updates at future meetings.

**Action: CMC**

### **8.4 DCRP/MP/22/03 / 04 - EREC P2, Issue 8 and EREP 130, Issue 4**

Final Reports to Authority have been submitted to the Authority. A predicted decision date has been published on the Authority website as 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

### **8.5 DCRP/MP/22/05 - Customer Islanding**

CMC provided update; Workgroup nominations have been sent and the initial WG meeting is scheduled for January 2023.

## **9. DCRP Update - Working Groups**

No significant update.

## **10. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed**

### **10.1 DCRP/22/02/PC - Electricity System Restoration Standard**

The panel approved the DCode consultation (Distributed Re-Start) to be run in mid-December. CMC will run this consultation and provide future updates.

### **10.2 DCRP/22/06/PC - Engineering Recommendation G12 Issue 5**

A draft consultation pack was shared with the panel. Agreement in principle to consult on this issue was approved in principle, some minor editorial changes need to be addressed before release.

CMC will provide a final version and consultation paper for the panel to review before the public consultation is opened.

**Action: CMC**

## **11. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update**

No current ongoing consultations.

## **12. DCode Qualifying Standards for revision**

### ***12.1 Engineering Recommendation G81 parts 1 > 7***

It was proposed to review EREC G81 parts 1 to 7 as a result of the Grenfell enquiry. The panel approved a TAS review in line with the 5-year review cycle of ERECs. This was agreed and will be relayed to ENA's technical author to start the work.

## **13. DCRP Headline Report**

No significant update.

## **14. Joint ESRS program**

No significant update.

## **15. DCRP Modification Reporting**

A copy of the December 2022 DCode modification Gantt Chart was circulated to the panel with up-to-date information regarding all current ongoing DCode modifications.

## **16. AOB**

### ***16.1 DCRP Panel Membership Document***

It was proposed to update the panel membership document to reflect Western Power Distribution's ownership change to National Grid Electricity Distribution and reflect and panel nomination changes since February 2022. The panel approved the update, and a revised document will be provided at the next panel meeting.

**Action: CMC**

## **17. Date of next Meeting**

The 2023 DCRP panel meetings were provided on the panel papers document (22\_06) and approved in principle. CMC will circulate meeting invites.

**Action: CMC**

## **18. DCRP Meeting Dates for 2023**

- DCRP/23/01 – Thursday 02 February 2023
- DCRP/23/02 – Thursday 06 April 2023
- DCRP/23/03 – Thursday 01 June 2023
- DCRP/23/04 – Thursday 03 August 2023
- DCRP/23/05 – Thursday 05 October 2023
- DCRP/23/06 – Thursday 07 December 2023