

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 91st Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 2nd December 2021
Teleconference
Commencing at 12.30pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks (Chair)	DNO
Mark Dunk	MD	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Chris McCann	CMc	Energy Networks Association	Code Administrator
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Christian Hjelm	CH	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Gurpal Singh	GSi	Ofgem	Regulator
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Generator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	Generator
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid ESO	Electricity System Operator
Hannah Rochford (Part)	HR	National Grid ESO	Electricity System Operator

1. Apologies and Introductions

MW welcomed members of the Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) held via teleconference due to Covid-19 travel restrictions and social distancing. General introductions made. Steve Cox (Chair) sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 7th October 2021 – DCRP 21 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. Grid Code Issues

GV provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 25th November.

GC0117	Harmonisation of large, medium and small power stations - Work on this modification is ongoing, currently there is a watching brief on the modification.
GC0139	Enhanced NGESO/DNO planning data exchange - Work is progressing on this modification.

An update on the current NGESO planning review consultations; Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS), and Assurance Framework were given. The closing date for the Assurance Framework consultation is 10th December 2021, with the ESRS consultation closing one week later on the 17th December 2021.

4. EU Network Codes

4.1 DCRP/21/08/PC - Fast Track Proposal

An update was provided to panel on the current progress of DCRP/21/08 'Fast Track' proposal. The consultation feedback is being collated, and the working group will reconvene in the new year to assess the comments and progress the modification.

5. DCode User Issues

5.1 BESS Discussions with Stakeholders

As a result of stakeholders requested raised under the DER Technical Forum, the creation of a EU Network Code Steering Group sub-group to discuss the practical implementation of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) has held its first talks in mid-November. The panel will be updated on any developments from this group.

6. Ongoing Dcode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

6.1 DCRP/MP/21/04 - EREC G12 Issue 4 Amendment 2

The working group returned a copy of the draft EREC amended to address Ofgem's comments and a copy of the document with a revised version of the final report to authority was submitted to Ofgem 23rd November for approval.

6.2 DCRP/MP/21/05 - DCode Compliance

A final report to authority has been circulated to the panel for comment, and a final version has been prepared for submission to Ofgem along with a draft copy of the Distribution Code of GB with the proposed new legal text included.

The documents will now be before the DCRP for approval, before being submitted to Ofgem for approval.

Action: CMc

6.3 DCRP/MP/20/06 - P18 Issue 2 'Complexity of 132kV Circuits'

A final version of EREC P18 Issue 2 was submitted to panel and approved under Annex 2 self-derogation. The engineering recommendation document now be re-titled as 'Complexity of Distribution Circuits Operated at or above 22kV' will be published shortly.

An updated version of the Distribution Code will be published, and the document released.

Action: CMc

6.4 DCRP/MP/19/09 - EREC P24 Issue 2

Publication of EREC P24 will be aligned with EREC P29. Comments from the consultation are being collated and assessed for EREC P24 and is approaching completion. As both documents are Annex 1 Consultations and RTAs will be submitted in parallel.

6.5 DCRP/MP/20/04 - Data Exchange working group

Work is progressing on this modification with further updates being provided as modification milestones are reached.

7 DCRP Update - Working Groups

No significant update.

8 DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to proceed

8.1 DCRP/21/07/PC - EU Exit Modification

A draft consultation document has been prepared with comments from the panel included on its drafting. A copy of the proposed legal text changes has also been prepared outlining the required amendments to all relevant DCode documents. The panel has had these documents and approved the modification to progress to public consultation in mid-December.

Action: CMc

9 Ongoing DCRP Consultations - Update

9.1 DCRP/21/02/PC - EREC G100 Issue 2

The public consultation is currently ongoing and will close Friday 3rd December. All comments received will be assessed by the working group in a meeting scheduled for mid-January 2022.

Due to early feedback received from the consultation so far panel members were asked to consider EREC G100's place within DCode, views from panel members will be collected offline and decision made on its classification.

Action: ALL

10 DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

10.1 EREC P2 / EREP 130

EREC P2 report has been submitted to Ofgem and a revised document prepared and issued to the working group for review and comment. EREP 130 will be submitted to Ofgem in parallel with EREC P2 once the consultation stage is complete.

The panel agreed in principle to publish the consultation documents if they have been prepared before the February DCRP meeting.

Action: MD

10.2 EREC G87

The panel discussed the approach to this document modification and agreed due to recent Government legislation on EV charger installations on all new build homes, and the phase 2 Grenfell report due, this modification will be halted for the time being until the findings of the report are known.

MD to contact Threewood and put on hold the current EREC G87 modification.

Action: MD

11 Loss of Mains Change Programme

11.1 DC0079

No significant update.

11.2 DG with Sensitive RoCoF

GS provided the panel with an update on the program, of the 26.5GW in scope, 19.6GW have been captured, so far, 13.2GW through payment and 6.4GW through self-derogation compliance. This leaves 6.9GW remaining. Predicted reporting is high for window 9, with positive engagement from generators regarding turbine settings.

Discussions on how to tailor the engagement with remaining generation towards the final stages of the ALoMCP was discussed, with DNO panel members agreeing a collaborative approach will be required.

12 DCRP Headline Report

No significant update.

13 DCRP Modification Reporting

13.1 DCRP Modification Gantt Chart

A recent (December 2022) copy of the Gantt chart was circulated to members in the meeting pack.

14 NGESO Presentation

14.1 Distributed ReStart

HR from NGESO presented a presentation to the panel on the Distributed ReStart program. Outlining aspects of the technical and commercial approaches. NGESO have partnered with SPEN on a DNO level and engaged with ENA Open Networks to progress the project so far.

It is planned that NGESO will lead on the initial stage of the program but as DNOs become more involved they may be asked to take a lead on the program.

The planned approach to IDNO engagement was raised in the discussions as a point to be considered.

15 AOB

15.1 CACoP Website

The panel agreed to have the dates of future DCRP meeting published on a code administrators' calendar, available through the CACoP website, on the ground that these will be maintained and updated when dates of meeting change.

The CACoP website will be updated with the 2022 DCRP meeting dates added.

Action: CMc

16 Date of next meeting

Next DCRP meeting – 3rd February 2022.

17 DCRP Meeting Dates for 2022

- 6th April 2022
- 1st June 2022
- 4th August 2022
- 6th October 2022
- 1st December 2022