

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 95th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 4th August 2022
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
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	Guest
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Shilen Shah	SS	Ofgem	Regulator
Peter Wilkinson	PW	Centrica	BM Generator
Bieshoy Awad	BA	National Grid ESO	OTSO
Frank Kasibante	FK	National Grid ESO	Guest
Lauren Preston	LP	National Grid ESO	Guest

1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to the August Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), held via teleconference. General introductions made. The Chair was represented by MW as Steve Cox was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 1st June 2022 - DCRP 22 03 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

FK and LP gave a slide presentation to provide an update on the progress of the digitalised whole system technical code project. The project has been divided into 5 areas, 2 have been deferred until later in the program, and 3 are currently being progressed;

DCode

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Progressing	Deferred
Digitalisation of the codes	Consolidation of the codes
Staff and user training program	Amendments to SQSS
Alignment of the codes	

A joint working group comprising Grid Code and Distribution Code representatives has held 2 meetings so far and will focus on producing a strawman document outlining the any proposed change to the codes. This will be circulated to DNOs for feedback, which will then be used to form focus groups. Sign off on this area of work is planned for spring 2023.

SM called for feedback from NGENSO gathered at a previous meeting with the IDNOs. FK to provide SM with NGENSOs feedback to the questions raised.

Action: FK

4. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held July 2022.

GC0117	Harmonisation of Large, Medium and Small Power Stations - the workgroup consultation is open until 5 th August.
GC0148	Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II - An update will be provided under item 14.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard - An update will be provided under item 14.

It was suggested that stakeholders may like to respond to the GC0117 consultation.

5. EU Network Codes

No significant update - next meeting is scheduled for late September.

6. DCode User Issues

6.1 Amendment to the DCRP Constitution and Rules

An updated version of the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP including the recently approved amendments in DCRP/MP/21/07 were circulated for approval. DCRP approved the proposed changes to the Constitution and Rules.

A copy will be sent to the Authority for approval before publishing.

Action: CMc

7. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

7.1 DCRP/MP/21/08 - EREC G99 Fast Track

The RTA has been provided to the authority for decision. Ofgem are expected to publish a decision by 9 September.

Further communication required to plan publishing and implementation dates required

Action: SS/CMc

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

Work is ongoing in the drafting of EREC P24, in-line with EREC P29. Once complete, these documents will be published simultaneously.

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

Work is progressing on this modification. Engagement with IDNOs on the modification work in underway. A report on this modification will continue to be provided at future meetings.

7.4 DCRP/MP/22/01 Emergency and restoration code and distributed ReStart

Due to any DCode modifications for Distributed ReStart being transferred to DCRP/MP/22/02, the panel agreed to the withdrawal of this modification proposal.

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

The parallel consultations relating to EREC P2 and EREP 130 closed 29th July 2022. Responses are currently being assessed.

A Report to Authority will be drafted.

Action: CMc

8. DCRP Update - Working Groups

No significant update.

9. DCRP Consultations - Approval of Panel to Proceed

No significant update.

10. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

No ongoing consultations at this time.

11. DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

No significant update.

12. Loss of Mains Change Programme

The timeline for enforcement was discussed, as the ALoMCP will finish 31st August. The panel discussed a number of possible approaches on engaging with any remaining non-compliant generation from 1st September onwards. After a discussion, the following actions were agreed:

- 1) Review the LoM data and provide feedback on the calculated threshold below which it is not economically advantageous for DNOs to pursue compliance.
Action: BA
- 2) Provide further clarity from the Authority on an acceptable position when engaging with non-compliant generation.
Action: SS
- 3) Produce a letter to the Authority proposing a staged implementation of the enforcement process, to be accepted and confirmed by the Authority through a return document.
Action: MD/CMc
- 4) Provide an approach to a blanket derogation across all DNOs for non-compliant generation.
Action: ALL

13. DCRP Headline Report

No significant update.

14. Joint ESRS program

14.1 General Discussion

A paper providing the panel with updates on the activities of joint DCRP and GCRP working groups on GC0148 and GC0156 (DCRP/MP/22/01 and 22/02 respectively) was discussed. The Terms of Reference for these groups was included in the paper which the panel then agreed.

15. DCRP Modification Reporting

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

16. AOB

16.1 Grenfell Stage 2 Report

A paper outlining the activities of the Grenfell enquiry was shared with panel. This will continue to be monitored and reported on as it may affect any planned modification to EREC documents.

16.2 Intentional Customer Islanding

The panel approved the formation of a working group looking into the operational effects and behaviour characteristics of customer islanding in the event of a loss of supply.

WG nominations will be circulated to the members of the DCRP to begin the formation of this working group.

Action: MD/CMc

17. Date of next Meeting

Next DCRP meeting – Thursday 6th October 2022 – Face to face at 4 More London.

18. DCRP Meeting Dates for 2022

- 1st December 2022