

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 96th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

Thursday 6th October 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
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

1. Apologies and Introductions

Members were welcomed to the October Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), held via teleconference. General introductions made. The Chair was represented by MW, with CMC leading the meeting, as Steve Cox was unable to attend.

2. Minutes of DCRP meeting held 4th August 2022 - DCRP 22 04 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

No NGESO, Whole System Technical Code presentation was given at this meeting.

4. Grid Code Issues

AC provided a short update on the items of interest from the latest Grid Code meeting held 29th September 2022.

DCode

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GC0117	Harmonisation of Large, Medium and Small Power Stations - Work group consultation has closed, Workgroup meeting rearranged due to period of mourning for the late Queen.
GC0139	Enhanced planning for Data Exchange - Work is progressing with progress being made.
GC0148	Emergency and Restoration Code Phase II - RTA is due to be submitted shortly. There are no implications on the DCode.
GC0156	Electricity System Restoration Standard - 4 joint subgroups being formed with subgroup reports due 20 th October. Legal text is currently being drafted.
GC0159 (New)	Competitively Appointed Transmission Owners - Draft legal text has been circulated, further DNO assessment required.
GC0160 (New)	Decision on Urgency - SSE Generation raised commercial concerns around Gas shortages as gas generation may be asked to stop generating as a result.

The panel was notified of an upcoming BEIS / Ofgem public consultation on Energy Code Reform.

5. EU Network Codes

5.1 DNO BESS Assessments

An update on an EU Network Codes subgroup's activities focusing on BESS sites connecting to the Distribution Network was provided to the panel.

6. DCode User Issues

6.1 TTR Amendments

An update was provided to the panel regarding the recently implemented change to the Type Test Register. A new classification for devices has been implemented to cover devices which do not meet the requirements of the changes relating to storage devices, first published in EREC G98 and G99 September 2021. These devices are suitable for continued operation in existing installations but non-compliant for use in equipment commissioning after September 1st 2022.

7. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications - Updates

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

This modification was approved by the Authority 9th September 2022 with an implementation date of 9th November 2022. The panel approved the removal of this modification update from future meeting documents.

7.2 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.

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

Work is progressing on this modification. Drafting of the guidance document (EREC G111) is ongoing. Further updates will be provided at future panel meetings.

7.4 DCRP/MP/22/02 - Emergency and restoration code and Distributed ReStart

DCode legal text is being prepared. A public consultation on amendments to the code will be run in parallel with the GC0156 consultation due later this year.

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

Final Reports to Authority have been prepared, the panel agreed in principle to submit these reports to the Authority once some final immaterial editorials have been made.

Submit EREC P2 and EREP 130 Reports to Authority.

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 current ongoing consultations.

11. DCode Qualifying Standards for revision

ITCG Discussion - The group discussed a paper submitted outlining some perceived issues with the current version of EREC P28, in relation to BESS sites connecting to the network. The view from the panel was that the scope for the step voltage change figure (currently 3%) and the application of P28 to different types of connected equipment need to be re-assessed.

12. Loss of Mains Change Programme

It was agreed that an update request will be issued to the LoM Working Group to provide an update to the panel on its progress since the last DCRP meeting.

Issue Update request to Working Group.

Action: CMC

13. DCRP Headline Report

No significant update.

14. Joint ESRS program

No significant update.

15. DCRP Modification Reporting

A copy of the October 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 Standard Application Form (v9)

A copy of version 9 of the Standard Application Form (SAF) was circulated to the panel. This document will be published in October 2022.

17. Date of next Meeting

Next DCRP meeting - Thursday 1st December 2022, arrangements for face to face meeting at 4 More London will be prepared.

18. DCRP Meeting Dates for 2022

- 1st December 2022