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Unconfirmed Minutes of the 80th Meeting of the GB Distribution Code Review Panel

6th February 2020
Meeting held at ENA, 4 More London Riverside SE1 2AU
Commencing at 1.00pm

Attendees:

Name		Company	Representing
Steve Cox	SC	Electricity North West (Chair)	Chair
Mark Dunk	VH	Energy Networks Association (Secretary)	Code Administrator
Martin Queen	MQ	Ofgem	Regulator
Alan Creighton	AC	Northern Powergrid	DNO (Observer)
Graeme Vincent	GV	Scottish Power Energy Networks	DNO
Peter Wilkinson (Phone)	PW	Centrica	Generator
Matt White	MW	UK Power Networks	DNO
Tim Ellingham	TE	RWE	Generator
Nigel Turvey	NT	Western Power Distribution	DNO
Graham Stein	GS	National Grid	Transmission Operator
Steve Mockford	SM	GTC	IDNO
Mark Horrocks	MH	WSP	
Mark O'Connor	MOC	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	DNO
Peter Williams	PWill	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	DNO

Apologies:

Caroline Farquhar	CF	Citizens Advice	Customers
Paul Graham	PG	Semb Corp	User

1. Introductions

SC welcomed the Panel members to the meeting of the GB DCRP (the Panel). General introductions were provided, and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous DCRP meeting 08 August 2019

2.1. Accuracy

The meeting minutes for 12th December 2019 were accepted.

2.2. Matters Arising

Matters arising were discussed as agenda and update items

3. Grid Code Issues

AC provided an update from the latest Grid Code review panel held on 30th January 2020:

GC0096 – a decision is to be made at end-February

GC0107/113 – consultation to be re-opened 10th February 2020

GC0127/128 Blackstart – approved by Authority 5th February 2020

4. EU Network Codes

Limited progress has been made since the last meeting concerning GB/UK equipment certificates although discussions continue with DNVGL.

Discussion was had regarding the use of data and outputs being produced by WSP as part of their review of the G98/99 Type Test Register.

MD agreed to provide details of manufacturers submissions highlighted as “Assessed” or “Pending” to ITCG members and review options for hosting the list (updated at periods to be agreed) on ENA webpage and/or modify Type Test Register to show “Assessed” or “Pending” status.

Note “Assessed” and “Pending” status and definitions to be agreed.

Action: DCode Admin

5. DCode User Issues

No significant issues raised or noted

6. Ongoing DCode/Grid Code Modifications – Updates

6.1 DCRPMP/17/01/03 - The introduction of harmonised Applicable Qualifying Standards in 5.2 DCode to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes.

Approved in June 2018 – remove from future agendas

Action: Dcode Admin

6.2 DCRPMP/17/05 - Provision for Energy Storage Devices in the Distribution Code.

A discussion was had as to the progress of this modification.

It was agreed that MD would approach Ricardo to ascertain and gather the information produced regarding translation of GCode requirements.

Action: Dcode Admin

MD to provide update to DCRP

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Storage Group to be reconvened to develop scope, agree ToRs and progress modifications

Action: Dcode Admin /MW

6.3 DCRP/MP/18/03 - Revision of Engineering Recommendation (EREC) P2 – Security of Supply

P2/7 Approved June 2019 – remove from future agendas

Action: Dcode Admin

6.4 DCRP/MP/19/04 – Modifications to the Distribution Code and Associated Documents for a No Deal EU Exit

EU Exit has now been implemented, modification paper to remain with Ofgem until end of negotiation period – 31st December 2020

6.5 DCRP/MP/18/08 - DC0079 - Frequency Changes during Large Disturbances and their Impact on the Total System

EREC G59/3-7 was approved in August 2019 and implemented 1st September 2019 in line with the commencement of Loss of Mains Change Programme – remove modification from agenda but continue to provide updates on programme.

GS provided an update confirming good continuation of application response in Window 2 of the programme and that engagement was ramping-up.

- No applications with a longer lead time than 18 months (Spring 2021) have been accepted
- Discussions with inverter manufacturers regarding ability to change settings is ongoing but there is further work to be undertaken
- Stakeholder events / Workshops to be set up to promote programme and gather feedback

A discussion was had in response to the BEIS report of the 9th August event which included actions to understand embedded generator compliance and to review the ALoMCP programme.

Action 3: The E3C, in collaboration with relevant trade associations and the DCRP, to review embedded generators' understanding of, and compliance with, the Distribution Code; and assess whether the current governance, monitoring and enforcement processes are fit for purpose.

Timing: E3C to provide a progress report to BEIS and Ofgem by March 2020.

Action 4: The ESO and DNOs through the Energy Networks Association (ENA), should review the timescales for the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme, and consider widening its scope to include distributed generation that unexpectedly disconnected or de-loaded on 9 August. **Timing: The ENA to put forward recommendations to the E3C by April 2020.**

DCRP to provide a letter to the Authority detailing what the requirements of DC0079 were and also detailing what is the DCode requirement of the current Loss of Mains programme.

Action: SC/GS/ Dcode Admin

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6.6 DCRP/MP/19/08 Modifications to EREC G99 to reflect the scope in EU 2016/631 in respect of existing power generating modules

MD advised that the RTA for minor modifications to G99 had been submitted to Ofgem on 29th November. MQ confirmed that this is with the Authority.
MD confirmed to MQ that there would be no further modifications to G99 until at least late Q2/Q3 2020 to enable the current version to be assimilated into generator / customer practices.

6.7. DCRP/MP/19/05 - Modifications to The DCode and EREC G99 of the requirements for FFCI

Approved 29th October 2019 and implemented 14th November 2019 – remove from future agendas

Action: Dcode Admin

6.8 DCRP/19/07/PC - P18 Issue 2 Complexity of 132kV documents

Consultation carried out in June – July 2019 with 1 response (NPg) received.

Issue 2 (Housekeeping modification to be forward to Authority for approval)

Action: Dcode Admin

Review and agree Issue 3 Terms of reference and convene working group to deliver modification

Action: MW/ Dcode Admin

6.9 DCRP/MP/19/10 (revised to DCRP/MP/20/01) - EREP 131 - Update

Alan Creighton has completed modifications to the document and supporting calculation sheet (see items attached to email with agenda) following consultation with ICL. Approval to go to formal stakeholder consultation confirmed once expected additional comments have been collated.

Action: AC(completed post-meeting)/Dcode Admin

6.10 DCRP/MP/19/03 – EREC G5/5

Approved 17th December 2019 for implementation 17th June 2020
Work to commence on ETR122

6.11 DCRP/MP/19/09 EREC P24 Issue 2

Final Document and consultation pack being prepared for public stakeholder consultation

7. DCRP Consultations- Approval of Panel to proceed.

7.1. Annex 1 & 2 documents

Acceptance of the proposal was given to progress the review and revision of DCode Annex 1 and 2 documents in order to better manage the review process. See item 6.1.

Action: DCode Admin

8. Ongoing DCRP Consultations – Update

See 6.9

9. DCode Qualifying Standards Review

See 6.6

10. Code Administration Update

With regards to a proposal to review the management of the codes (consultation was undertaken July to September 2019) National Grid ESO have produced a short proposal in which they have proposed to manage both GCode and DCode as outlined in ITCG 20/03 200206 Proposal by NGENSO regarding Code Management

11. DCRP Headline report

MD provided an update of key working groups and modifications and recorded in Section 6 of these minutes

12. AOB

No AOB

Action: None

13. Date of next meeting

9th April 2020 commencing 1.00pm

14. Meeting Dates for 2020

4th June 2020
6th August 2020
8th October 2020
3rd December 2020

All meetings to be held at ENA 4 More London Riverside.