

## SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE SONI GRID CODE REVIEW PANEL MEETING

EirGrid Offices, Shelbourne Road, Dublin

Thursday 18 October 2018, 12:30 - 1.30pm

Present:

<b>Members/Alternates</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Position on the GCRP</b>
Raymond Skillen	TSO	Chairperson
Sam Matthews	TSO	Member
Ian Bailie	NIE Networks (DNO)	Member
Ronan McKeown	NIE Networks (TO)	Member
Sam Gibson	Moyle Interconnector	Alternate
Jody O'Boyle	UR	Member
Brian Mongan	Generator	Alternate
Claver Chitambo	Renewables	Alternate
Daniel McSwiggan	TSO	Alternate
Ian Stevenson	TSO	Alternate
Julianne Scullion	TSO	Secretary

## **Chairperson's Introduction to the Meeting**

- I. The Chairperson welcomed the Panel attendees and gave an overview of the meeting agenda.
- II. The Chairperson noted that apologies were received from: Karen O'Doherty, Joseph Coyle, Tony McElroy, Angela Blair, , Stephen Hemphill, Tim Steele.
- III. Minutes and Actions of the previous GCRP meeting held on 2 May 2018 were presented.

## **Modification Proposals**

None

## **Discussion Items**

The Chairperson noted that the modifications to Grid Code to take account of the Requirements for Generators (RfG) and Demand Connection Code (DCC) will flow through to the GCRP in due course.

## **Updates**

### ***IV. Net Mast***

It was noted that the second phase of the study involving NIE Windfarms is ongoing and is expected to be complete by end Q1 2019. The approach in respect of whether the report document will be an internal or an external document is not agreed however the Chairperson confirmed that the views of the GCRP will be incorporated.

It was noted that the action for the TSO to investigate SNSP at the GCRP meeting of 2 May 2018 was for discussion and not action. This falls under System Services and this DS3 System Services query lies outside the governance of Grid Code.

V. **Grid Code Constitution and Membership Review**

The consultation was presented, discussed and agreed at the GCRP meeting in January 2017. A letter was issued to the Members on 6 April. A public consultation was issued on the SONI website on 28 September 2018 and will close on 26 October.

VI. **New Grid Code Update**

The Grid Code was last updated in August 2015 and there are currently 10 approved modifications awaiting incorporation into the Grid Code. These modifications will be incorporated into the Grid Code in advance of the incorporation of the more voluminous Network Codes.

A discussion was held on whether the modifications will be “bolted” on to or “incorporated” into the Grid Code and it was confirmed that the Network Codes will be applicable from the date of entry and not retrospective. Jody O’Boyle confirmed UR is satisfied with either approach provided it is readable by the User.

***Action: TSO to publish final version updated Grid Code on website and circulate to Members when complete***

***Action: Ian Bailie to confirm the approach of NIE Networks in respect of the Distribution Code and send to the Chairperson who will forward to UR.***

VII. **UR Update**

No update.

**Any Other Business**

The Chairperson raised the “deemed existing” dates for the purposes of Network Codes and sought clarification from UR on whether it has been postponed and further whether there had been any discussions with NIE in terms of alignment with GB. UR confirmed they maintain alignment with GB.

Brian Mongan queried how many derogations have been issued on termination / notice of closure. UR confirmed that the UR website is updated to reflect derogations granted. Brian Mongan to refer to UR website.

Brian Mongan queried UR as to whether Northern Ireland is fully signed up to the Fuel Security Code.

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**Action: Jody O'Boyle to follow up with the appropriate Fuel Switching colleagues within UR.**

Brian Mongan noted that there is a requirement for the provision of a second form of electronic communications with TSO to make declarations for Grid Code and commercially.

**Action: Sam Matthews to liaise with EirGrid TSO on this point.**

There was a discussion around the balancing responsibilities in the new market and a concern around short term fluctuations.

The next meeting of the SONI GCRP is due to take place in Belfast.  
Date and venue to be confirmed